

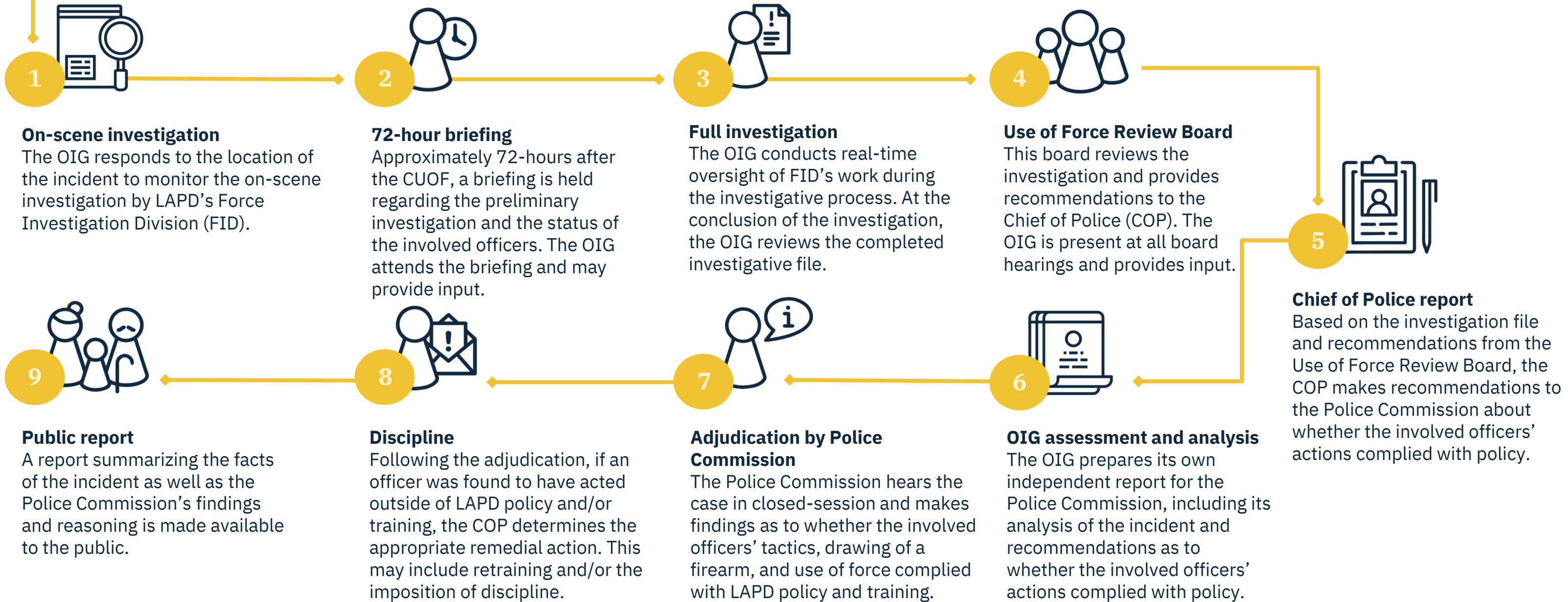
# When a Categorical Use of Force occurs, the LAPD and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) take the following steps:

## What constitutes a Categorical Use of Force (CUOF)?

Any incident involving the use of deadly force by an officer, as well as any incident in which a person is admitted to a hospital as the result of a use of force or dies while in police custody.

## What qualifies as deadly force?

Deadly force is any use of force that creates a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury. This includes officer-involved shootings, head-strikes with an impact weapon, and neck restraints.



## Categorical Uses of Force | Roles & Responsibilities

Multiple stakeholders are responsible for the investigation into, and oversight of, all Categorical Uses of Force by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department

The **Board of Police Commissioners** is the head of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD or Department), setting policies for the Department and overseeing its operations. It is comprised of 5 civilian volunteers, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, who serve a maximum of 2 five-year terms.

The **Chief of Police (COP)** is the general manager of the LAPD and is responsible for the planning, administration, and day-to-day operation of the Department. The COP is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Police Commissioners and the City Council. COPs are eligible to serve a maximum of 2 five-year terms.

The **Office of the Inspector General (OIG)** is an independent entity responsible for monitoring, auditing, and investigating the Department. The Inspector General reports directly to the Board of Police Commissioners and is not in the chain-of-command of the COP. Among other duties, the OIG oversees the LAPD's investigations into Categorical Uses of Force by officers.

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The mission of the Office of the Inspector General is to: 1) provide strong, independent, and effective oversight of the LAPD; 2) ensure that all LAPD employees act with honesty, dignity, and respect toward the public; and 3) conduct community outreach to educate the public about the OIG, the Board of Police Commissioners, and the LAPD.