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.



#### **On-scene investigation**

The OIG responds to the location of the incident to monitor the on-scene investigation by LAPD's Force Investigation Division (FID).



#### 72-hour briefing

Approximately 72-hours after the CUOF, a briefing is held regarding the preliminary investigation and the status of the involved officers. The OIG attends the briefing and may provide input.



#### **Full investigation**

The OIG conducts real-time oversight of FID's work during the investigative process. At the conclusion of the investigation, the OIG reviews the completed investigative file.



#### **Use of Force Review Board**

This board reviews the investigation and provides recommendations to the Chief of Police (COP). The OIG is present at all board hearings and provides input.





#### **Public report**

A report summarizing the facts of the incident as well as the Police Commission's findings and reasoning is made available to the public.



### Discipline

Following the adjudication, if an officer was found to have acted outside of LAPD policy and/or training, the COP determines the appropriate remedial action. This may include retraining and/or the imposition of discipline.



The Police Commission hears the case in closed-session and makes findings as to whether the involved officers' tactics, drawing of a firearm, and use of force complied with LAPD policy and training.



#### OIG assessment and analysis

The OIG prepares its own independent report for the Police Commission, including its analysis of the incident and recommendations as to whether the involved officers' actions complied with policy.



Based on the investigation file and recommendations from the Use of Force Review Board, the COP makes recommendations to the Police Commission about whether the involved officers' actions complied with policy.



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Although the length of time taken to complete each investigation can vary based on the complexity of the incident, investigations must generally be completed within one year.

# 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.

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.