

TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to require a time of administrative leave for any officer involved in a use of force incident which results in serious bodily injury or death.

SECTION 2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department that any officer involved in a use of force incident which results in serious bodily injury or death will be placed on administrative leave while the matter is investigated.

SECTION 3 PROCEDURES

- A. The on-duty supervisor shall immediately notify the Division Commander whenever an officer uses force against any person and the force either intentionally or unintentionally causes serious bodily injury or death (including motor vehicle crash).
- B. Employees who use force which either intentionally or unintentionally results in serious bodily injury or death or have been involved in a traffic accident that has resulted in serious injury or death of a person will be immediately removed from line duty and will be placed on administrative leave or in an alternate assignment as decided by the Chief of Police pending a review of the incident by the Office of Professional Responsibility. The Department will offer post-incident debriefing or counseling to the employee(s) involved.
- C. RESPONSIBILITY
 - 1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.
 - 2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.