

**Burleson Police Department  
Administrative Policy and Procedures**

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I. Policy

The Burleson Police Department will utilize the following protocol upon notification of an officer-involved critical incident. This protocol may not be all-inclusive based on the nature of the events but should serve as a guide for staff to rapidly respond to a critical incident, request additional resources, manage the scene, release information to media / public, and initiate the incident management protocol as dictated by the nature, size and complexity of the event. The priorities are life safety, incident stability, and property conservation.

- A. Critical incidents include, but are not limited to:
1. Officer-involved shootings
  2. Serious injuries or death of departmental employees
  3. In-custody deaths or serious bodily injury of any person involving Burleson Police Department personnel.
  4. Officer-involved motor vehicle accidents resulting in serious injury(s) or death involving Burleson Police Department personnel.

Definitions:

**Officer-involved shooting (OIS)** – An officer’s discharge of a firearm that results in the physical injury or death of a person, even if it is an accidental discharge.

**Suspect injury or death (SID)** – any serious bodily injury or death of any person involving Burleson Police Department personnel.

**In-custody Death** – The death of an individual while in custody or while attempts to effect custody are being made by Burleson Police Department personnel.

II. Procedures

It is the policy of the Burleson Police Department to investigate officer-involved critical incidents thoroughly, professionally, and impartially.

All personnel involved in a critical incident shall refer inquiries from the media to the Chief of Police or their designee.