

Louisville Metro Police Department

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1.9 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

1.9.1 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION COMMANDER (Major)

The Special Investigations Division (SID) Commander of the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) is appointed by the Chief of Police and reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police/Chief of Staff.

The SID Commander coordinates the activities of the following units (KACP 3.3):

- Public Integrity Unit (PIU)
- Professional Standards Unit (PSU)

The SID Commander assists in officer reinstatement when the officer is returning from certain types of leaves (refer to SOP 2.5, SOP 2.11, and SOP 8.12).

1.9.2 PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT (PIU)

The PIU is responsible for conducting criminal investigations of departmental members, as well as conducting criminal investigations of Louisville Metro employees suspected of committing a felony or an offense involving the physical or sexual abuse of a minor. If a criminal investigation of a departmental member has already been initiated by another law enforcement agency, the PIU is responsible for monitoring the investigation. The PIU will be notified when a departmental member or Louisville Metro employee has been charged with a crime or is alleged to have committed a crime.

The PIU is also responsible for investigating:

- Officer-involved incidents resulting in the death or serious physical injury to persons while in the custody of departmental personnel or while incarcerated at the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections (LMDC), including inmates on the Home Incarceration Program (HIP) (KACP 1.11b).
- All traffic-related deaths, or serious physical injuries, resulting from pursuits or other officer-involved traffic collisions. These incidents will be investigated in conjunction with the Traffic Unit. The Traffic Unit will investigate all other injuries involving pursuits or other officer-involved traffic collisions.
- Incidents where an officer's actions resulted in the death or serious physical injury to the public or to another officer (KACP 1.11b).
- Other officer-related incidents resulting in the death or serious physical injury to the public (KACP 1.11b).
- Incidents resulting in the death or serious physical injury to a departmental member while in the performance of their official duties.
- Incidents involving the discharge of firearms by an officer, regardless of injuries. The only exceptions are departmental members discharging firearms for target practice or the shooting of animals (KACP 1.11a).
- Incidents involving the discharge of a firearm at an officer, regardless of injuries.

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1.9.3 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT (PSU)

The PSU is responsible for conducting internal, administrative investigations of departmental members and administering the department's drug testing program. A record of all disciplinary actions issued by the Chief of Police is maintained by the PSU (refer to SOP 2.11).