

# RIO GRANDE COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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<b>Subject:</b> Officer Involved Shooting	<b>Reference: 16-2.5-301; 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Critical Incident Team Protocol</b>	<b>Re-evaluation Date:</b> Annually as required
<b>Distribution:</b> ALL PERSONNEL	<b>Related CALEA Standards:</b> 1.3.2; 1.3.5; 1.3.6; 1.3.8	

This order consists of the following numbered sections:

1. Purpose
2. Policy
3. Definitions
4. Procedures

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy and Procedure is to establish and routinely update Officer Involved Shooting procedures and protocol for the Rio Grande County Sheriff Office and each of its components.

## 2. POLICY

It will be the policy of the Rio Grande County Sheriff Office to establish, annually update, and periodically evaluate the procedures and protocol within the Sheriff's Office and the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Protocol (See Attached).

## 3. DEFINITIONS

- A. OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING – Any shooting involving a deputy of the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office in the discharge of a firearm resulting in bodily injury or death.
- B. PROTOCOL - A system that explains the correct conduct and procedures to be followed.
- C. CRITICAL INCIDENT TEAM – 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Critical Incident Team.

## 4. PROCEDURES

### A. Goal

1. The agency will maintain specific protocols and procedures to guide organizational components toward the complete and thorough Officer Involved Shooting investigation.
2. Once an Officer Involved Shooting has occurred, immediate notification will be made to all command levels.
3. Incident scene security will be paramount, request for assistance will be immediately made to surrounding law enforcement agencies.

### B. Objectives

1. Each investigative component involved in the investigation will submit a completed report.
2. During the investigation process, a fair and unbiased accounting will be maintained by all agencies.
3. The report will be submitted through the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District CIT Coordinator, District Attorney to the Sheriff.
4. All information will be maintained in confidentiality until completion of the investigation.

### C. Notifications

1. Sheriff and Undersheriff will be notified immediately.
2. Request assistance from surrounding agencies and Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Alamosa in securing the incident scene.
3. Request assistance from 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District CIT Coordinator in the conduct of the investigation.
4. At least one other agency, other than the Rio Grande County Sheriff Office, will conduct the investigation, evaluation, and review of the incident involving the discharge of a firearm by any peace officer of the Rio Grande County Sheriff Office that resulted in injury or death.
5. 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District CIT will follow their protocols and procedures for the investigation.
6. All reports will be forward to the Sheriff and/or Undersheriff upon completion of such.
7. The CIT will provide a briefing IAW the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District CIT Protocol.