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IID MEDIA RESPONSE

The IID will make every effort to inform the public upon initial notification of an incident by the local LEA. The OAG Communications Unit will post to the OAG social media accounts preliminary information about a critical incident, to include:

- Notifying the public when the IID is on scene of an incident;
- Providing the location of the incident using the hundred block address and the name of city or town;
- Providing general information about the incident (shooting, collision, etc.);
- Providing contact information for the on-duty IID PIO;
- Providing media staging area information when warranted.

The IID will endeavor to issue a media advisory or press release with preliminary information about the incident as soon as is practical.

The IID will release, without exception, the first and last names of every subject officer along with their rank, current duty assignment, and years of service within two business days of the incident. However, that two-day period may be temporarily extended if an officer is injured, or if the IID has a specific reason to believe that an officer's safety is at risk. A local LEA may release this information prior to the IID doing so, after consultation with the IID.

If there is a delay in identifying involved officer(s) or decedent(s), the IID, in keeping with its commitment to transparency, may release partial information within the first two business days and provide an update as soon as any additional identifications are confirmed, and proper notifications have occurred.

Video Footage Release

The IID will generally release body-worn and/or dashboard camera footage within 20 business days after the incident. There may be situations where more than 20 business days are necessary, including, but not limited to: investigators needing more time to complete witness interviews; technical delays caused by the need to redact information that raises privacy or safety concerns; or allowing family members or subject officers to view the video before it is released to the public. There may also be situations where the IID releases video sooner than 20 days where there is a substantial public interest in doing so.

If the release of video is delayed, the IID will notify the public there's been a delay and state the reason for the delay.

At times, the IID may obtain video footage recorded by an individual or business not associated with the government, such as privately owned surveillance or cellular phone recordings. Generally, the IID will not publicly release this type of video while an investigation



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and/or prosecution is ongoing, unless there is a substantial public interest in doing so. A substantial public interest could exist, for example, in cases where no other video footage reasonably shows a critical part of the incident under investigation or where releasing the footage could prevent an impending public safety issue. In the event of such a release, the IID will make every effort to consult with the individuals or entities who recorded and/or provided the footage and consider any legitimate safety or privacy concerns prior to release. The IID will also consider potential legal and ethical concerns that could impact a subsequent prosecution. Finally, if the footage was obtained through legal process, the release must comply with any applicable laws and procedures for public dissemination of such material.

All video footage released by the IID will be linked on the IID's website.

A LEA can publicly release any video footage relevant to the incident, however, it shall consult with the IID to ensure any such release does not interfere with the IID's investigation.

Public Release of Information at Conclusion of Investigation

At the conclusion of any investigation, if the IID determines that criminal charges are not warranted, or if a grand jury is presented with an indictment and declines, the IID will publicly release an investigative report within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation and the end of any collateral prosecution associated with the incident. The involved law enforcement agency is never involved in the IID's decision of whether to prosecute a case.

If the IID obtains charges against an involved officer, the IID will publicly release that information to the media as soon as permitted by law. The IID will also provide updates to the media and the public upon the completion of any criminal case, to include the disposition and, where applicable, sentencing information.