



Use of Force

Investigating Supervisor Scene Guide

1. Respond to the scene (if feasible)

- Screen for medical response
 - Taser (probe deployment or 3 or more applications)
 - LVNR (Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint)
 - Indications of excited delirium
 - Elderly, pre-adolescent, visibly pregnant
 - Document any medical treatment

2. Secure the scene (as necessary)

3. Screen the arrest

- Legal authority for the officer to be present at the location
 - Public area, consent, warrant, exigency, community caretaking (involuntary treatment)
- Lawful purpose of the contact or detention
 - Social contact, Terry stop, custodial arrest
- Direct an officer to give Miranda warnings to subject, if not already done

4. Screen the Use of Force

- Type I-continue the investigation
- Type II-continue the investigation
- Type III-hold scene and consult with the on-call FIT commander

5. Canvass the area for witnesses and private video

- Private citizens, area business employees, 911 callers
 - If they saw the contact and/or use of force
 - Audio record interviews if possible
 - Name, DOB, address, contact phone number
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- Seattle Fire Medics and Firefighters
 - If they saw the contact and/or use of force
 - Name, station number, contact phone number
 - Audio record interviews if possible
 - Do not ask about medical treatment or condition
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- American Medical Response
 - If they saw the contact and/or use of force
 - Name, address , contact phone number
 - Audio record interviews if possible
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- ICV interviews are also acceptable for all witnesses
 - Flag with case number
- Obtain copy of private video if possible
 - If refused, document location and attempts to obtain

6. Process the scene

- Place a placard at any items of evidence
 - Taser cartridges, blood spots, other items
- Photograph the scene
 - Overall, detail
- Collect, package and place into evidence