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POLICY 310 Officer-Involved Shooting

310.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish policy and procedures for the investigation of an officer-involved shooting. The intent of this policy is to ensure that such incidents be investigated in a fair and impartial manner.

310.2 INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBILITY

This department conforms to the Spokane Regional Investigative Response (SIRR) Officer Involved Critical Incident Protocol for investigating officer-involved shootings.

310.3 TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS

Officer-involved shootings involve several separate investigations. The investigations may include:

- (a) A criminal investigation of the involved officer(s) conducted by an outside agency in accordance with the SIRR Protocol
- (b) An administrative investigation conducted by the involved officer(s)' agency to determine if there were any violations of department policy.

The Spokane Police Department will adhere to the SIRR Protocol. The criminal investigation will be performed by the Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR), and will take priority over the administrative investigation.

310.4 THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS

The procedures for investigating an officer-involved shooting are contained within the SIRR Protocol and should be adhered to as guidelines in any case in which an officer is involved in a shooting. The SIRR Protocol clearly details the actions that should be taken by all participants who have a role in the process of the investigation, including media relations.

310.5 INTERNAL AFFAIRS RESPONSE

A member of Spokane Police Department Internal Affairs Unit will respond to the scene for all Officer-Involved Shootings. Internal Affairs personnel shall complete a supervisory Use of Force Report in Blue Team.

The administrative investigation shall commence after the criminal investigation is completed; however, officer interviews shall take place only after the prosecutor has delivered a finding or by direction of the Chief of Police after consult with the bargaining units.