

Member Involved Death or Serious Injury

333.1 GENERAL

It is the policy of this office to immediately refer to the Orange County District Attorney's Office, all cases wherein the conduct of a Member of this Department is related to the death or serious injury which may result in the death of an individual or where the deceased or seriously injured was in the custody of this Department at a time related to the death or serious injury.

333.1.1 MOTOR VEHICLE

In cases where the death or serious injury is related to the operation of a motor vehicle, the California Highway Patrol or the designated law/traffic enforcement agency shall also be called for the purpose of conducting the on scene investigation.

333.1.2 AUTOPSY

Upon request of the District Attorney, the Sheriff Coroner shall permit any necessary autopsy to be performed by a pathologist under contract to the District Attorney. Duplicate tissue samples, slides, specimens, reports, and other items of evidence shall be released as permitted by law for examination and/or testing by independent experts when requested by the District Attorney.

333.1.3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The District Attorney shall be requested to monitor the Coroner's inquiry into the medical cause of death in such cases as directed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

333.1.4 COOPERATION

This Department shall provide assistance in all referred cases as requested by the District Attorney.

333.1.5 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY

In the event of an on or off duty incident described in the above policy statement, any Department Member having knowledge of the incident shall immediately notify their supervisor and the Department Commander.