

Louisville Metro Police Department

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2.35 FORCE INVESTIGATIONS REVIEW UNIT (FIRU)

2.35.1 POLICY

The Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) recognizes the significance of interactions resulting in the use of force between officers and citizens. It is imperative these interactions occur in a constitutional manner that follows LMPD policy. Accurate and consistent first-line investigations, documentation, and assessments of incidents involving use of force are vital to guiding officers in making proper decisions during these interactions. Moreover, the Administrative Incident Reports (AIRs) on reportable use of force incidents must be timely and comprehensive.

The Force Investigations Review Unit (FIRU) will create a standardized methodology for supervisory investigations and documentation of use of force. The unit will facilitate first-line supervisor training related to investigating, articulating, and assessing use of force incidents. The FIRU will manage the internal review process to make sure objective, thorough, and timely investigations of all reportable use of force incidents are completed, via the BlueTeam link, located on the LMPD Intranet. In addition, the FIRU will review incidents to verify that both the officer(s) and supervisor(s) complied with proper reporting procedures and evaluate whether the review of each incident is thorough and complete.

The FIRU will also determine whether there are tactical, equipment, or policy considerations to be addressed.

The FIRU is comprised of one (1) lieutenant, one (1) sergeant, and one (1) Legal Advisor. The FIRU reports directly to the Assistant Chief of Police/Accountability and Improvement Bureau (AIB).