



# DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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## Major Incident Response Team Investigations Bureau

The Investigations Bureau has established the Major Incident Response Team. The team, made up of Investigators, is designed to respond, and when necessary, lead the investigative aspects of a major incident. Major incidents include, but are not limited to mass casualties, active shooter/attackers, terrorist attacks, workplace violence, life threatening injuries to a member, and any incident at the direction of the Commander or Deputy Chief of the Investigations Bureau.


The Major Incident Response Team would lead the investigation unless existing protocol would place the responsibility to another unit within the Investigations Bureau, Department or an outside agency.

Additionally, if an incident requires a large coordinated investigative response, the Major Incident Response Team should be activated. In incidents where existing protocol dictates a specific unit would handle, yet calls for a major coordinated effort, the Major Incident Response Team would be available to assist and support the lead unit.

The Major Incident Response Team amends the Department's current I-Cell concept. In the case of a critical incident (e.g. hostage, sniper, barricaded subject), the unit ultimately responsible for the follow up investigation shall be required to deploy Investigators through the Department Operations Center. The Investigator's role is to serve in the I-Cell capacity of gathering information and background on the suspect and incident until the situation is resolved (e.g. SVU for Domestic Violence, Homicide, etc.). For major incidents, the Major Incident Response Team will be activated.

The Major Incident Response Team is comprised of members in the Investigations Bureau. The Lieutenant from the Burglary/Auto Unit serves as the current Officer in Charge of the team.

Further details of the Major Incident Response Team are outlined in Investigations Bureau General Order 20-01, which can be accessed in PowerDMS.

  
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