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## 1-59 IMPACT TEAMS

### Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)

[1-53 Homicide Unit \(Currently 5-3\)](#)

[1-87 Scientific Evidence Division \(Currently 5-5\)](#)

[2-60 Preliminary and Follow-up Criminal Investigations](#)

[2-91 Investigation of Violent Crimes](#)

B. Form(s)

None

C. Other Resource(s)

None

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

SO 20-02 Violent Crimes Reduction Division – Impact Taskforce Pilot Initiative

### 1-59-1 Purpose

The purpose of the Impact Teams is to assist Field Services Bureau (FSB) sworn personnel in conducting follow-up felony investigations for violent crimes, property crimes, and white-collar crimes under \$10,000, as needed.

The Impact Teams help to alleviate follow-up felony case investigation responsibilities for FSB sworn personnel, in order to allow them to respond to calls for service and begin all preliminary investigations. The Impact Teams also act as advocates in the community for individuals who have been victims of violent crimes, property crimes, and white-collar crimes under \$10,000.

### 1-59-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) to establish rules and responsibilities for the Impact Teams in each area command.

### 1-59-3 Definitions

A. Serious Crime

For the purposes of this policy, any criminal offense resulting in grievous bodily harm (GBH) with the potential of death or permanent disfigurement.



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B. Serious Crimes Call-Out

A serious crimes call-out is generated when an individual sustains a life-threatening injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes death or serious and protracted disfigurement, or impairment of the function of any bodily organ or limb.

**1-59-4 Rules and Responsibilities**

A. The Impact Teams have case responsibility on follow-up felony investigations that meet the following criteria for assignment:

1. Aggravated assault not involving a firearm;
2. Aggravated battery not involving a firearm;
3. All burglaries;
4. Felony larceny that requires a warrant or follow up investigation;
5. Felony criminal damage incidents not involving a firearm that requires a warrant or follow up investigation;
6. Domestic violence involving the use of a firearm;
7. Felony-level domestic violence when a search and/or arrest warrant is required;
8. Serious crimes call-outs;
9. White collar investigations (under \$10,000); and
10. Any investigation or activity the Criminal Enforcement Division chain of command assigns.

B. At the discretion of the Impact Teams supervisor, the Impact Teams will assist FSB sworn personnel with the following:

1. Obtaining arrest and search warrants;
2. Felony case follow-up; and
3. Case investigation guidance.

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C. Impact Teams Case Assignment

1. Cases will be assigned by the Impact Teams Sergeant to a detective for follow-up when the case meets initial Impact Teams case criteria as listed in Subsection 1-59-4 A., as well as each of the subcategories listed below:



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- a. The case holds viable investigative leads;
- b. There is sufficient evidence to support probable cause; and
- c. The case involves a cooperative victim who agrees to participate in prosecution.

2. When an Impact Teams Sergeant is evaluating cases for assignment and has consulted with the Bernalillo County Second Judicial District Attorney's Office and they decline to prosecute a case prior to or after assignment, the case may be closed pending further leads.

3. For cases in which an Impact Teams Detective responds to a call-out and has consulted with the Bernalillo County Second Judicial District Attorney's Office and they decline to prosecute, the case may be closed pending further leads.

D. Call-Out Procedures/On-Call (Non-Serious Crimes Call-outs)

1. For incidents that meet criteria outlined in Subsection 1-59-4 A., primary Impact Teams Detectives shall:

- a. Determine if a call-out meets a case assignment criteria or if the case will be forwarded for follow up investigation;
  - i. Respond when an incident requires obtaining an arrest warrant and/or search warrant, an immediate case follow-up, or at the direction of the affected Impact Teams supervisor.
- b. Respond to the scene within one hour upon notification if a call-out is determined; and
- c. Notify the affected Impact Teams supervisor if the incident does not meet case assignment criteria.

2. For incidents that do not meet case assignment criteria, the affected Impact Teams supervisor or designees shall:

- a. Notify the appropriate unit responsible for case responsibility or call-out activation, ensuring the information is captured in the computer-aided dispatch (CAD).

E. Field Services Bureau Case Responsibility

1. FSB sworn personnel will complete the case and forward to the District Attorney when the case meets any of the following criteria:

- a. A person is in custody and they have probable cause for an arrest;
- b. A case includes identification of the suspect(s) and there is no further investigation needed; and/or
- c. No search or arrest warrant is needed.