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Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):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

- [1-19 Shield Unit](#)
- [1-50 Gun Violence Reduction Unit](#)
- [2-60 Preliminary and Follow-Up Criminal Investigations \(Formerly 2-24\)](#)

B. Form(s)

None

C. Other Resource(s)

None

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

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, property, and white-collar crimes for under ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000), as needed.

The Impact Teams help alleviate follow-up felony case investigation responsibilities for FSB sworn personnel, allowing 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, property, and white-collar crimes for under ten-thousand dollars (\$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.

N/A 1-59-3 Definitions

A. Serious Crime

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

B. Serious Crimes Call-Out



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A call-out that is generated when an individual sustains a life-threatening injury.

7 1-59-4 **Rules and Responsibilities**

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

1. Aggravated assault;
2. An aggravated battery that does not involve a firearm;
3. Burglary investigations when:
 - a. A warrant is needed;
 - b. Department personnel identify multiple victims;
 - c. Multiple individuals are on-scene; or
 - d. The complexity of the case is time-intensive.
4. Felony larceny that requires a warrant or follow-up investigation;
5. Felony criminal damage incidents that requires a warrant or follow-up investigation;
6. Domestic violence involving the use of a firearm;
 - a. Sworn personnel shall refer cases of domestic violence involving a non-house hold member as outlined in SOP Domestic Violence (refer to SOP Domestic Violence for sanction classifications and additional duties) to the Gun Violence Reduction Unit (GVRU)
 - b. Sworn personnel shall refer cases of domestic violence involving a non-household member charged with aggravated battery involving bullet-to-skin contact to the GVRU (refer to SOP Gun Violence Reduction Unit for sanction classifications and additional duties).
7. Felony-level domestic violence when a search and/or arrest warrant is required;
8. Serious crimes call-outs;
9. White-collar investigations under ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000); and
10. The FSB chain of command assigns any investigation or activity.

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

1. Obtaining arrest and search warrants;



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2. Felony case follow-up; and
3. Case investigation guidance.

N/A

C. Impact Teams Case Assignment

1. The Impact Teams Sergeant shall assign cases to Impact Teams Detectives for follow-up when:
 - a. The case meets initial Impact Teams case criteria as described in this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP); and
 - b. The case meets the solvability factors as outlined in SOP Preliminary and Follow-Up Criminal Investigations (refer to SOP Preliminary and Follow-Up Criminal Investigations for sanction classifications and additional duties).
2. For cases in which an Impact Teams Detective responds to a call-out and has consulted with the District Attorney (DA)'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 the criteria outlined in this SOP, primary Impact Teams Detectives shall:
 - a. Determine whether a call-out meets case assignment criteria or if they shall forward the case for follow-up investigation;
 - i. The primary Impact Teams Detective shall 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 within one (1) 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 their designee shall notify the appropriate sworn personnel responsible for the case or the call-out and ensure the information is captured in the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

E. FSB Field Officer Case Responsibility

N/A

1. FSB sworn personnel shall complete the case and forward it to the DA through the Shield Unit when the case meets any of the following criteria (refer to SOP Shield Unit for sanction classifications and additional duties):
 - a. When an individual is in custody and sworn personnel have probable cause for an arrest;



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- b. A case includes identification of the individual(s) suspected of committing the crime(s), and there is no further investigation needed; and/or
- c. No search or arrest warrant is needed.