## **Utah Transit Authority Police Department**

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# Officer Involved Critical Incidents (OICI)

#### 314.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides the process by which UTA PD will select an investigating agency if an officer-involved critical incident occurs in its jurisdiction and one of its officers is alleged to have caused or contributed to the officer involved incident. It also provides the protocols UTA has adopted to ensure that investigations of officer-involved incidents occurring in its jurisdiction are conducted professionally, thoroughly, and impartially.

#### 314.2 DEFINITIONS

**Incident**: Includes (1) the use of a dangerous weapon by an officer against a person that causes injury to any person; (2) any physical altercation, mutual combat, or domestic violence in which the police employee is acting in a private citizen capacity and occurs within the jurisdiction of UTA; (3) a fatal injury to another person, except the officer, resulting from the use of a motor vehicle by an officer; (4) the death of a person who is in law enforcement custody, but not including deaths that are the result of disease; natural causes, or conditions that have been medically diagnosed prior to the persons death; and (5) a fatal injury to a person resulting from the efforts of an officer attempting to prevent a person's escape from custody, make an arrest, or otherwise gain physical control of a person.

Jurisdiction: Includes Transit Vehicle and Transit Facilities. See §17B-2a-822(3).

**Transit Facility**: A Transit Vehicle, transit station, depot, passenger loading or unloading zone, parking lot, or other facility leased by or operated by behalf of UTA; and related to the public transit services provided by UTA, including railway or other right of way, railway line, and a reasonable area immediately adjacent to a designated stop on a route traveled by a Transit Vehicle. See §17B-2a-802 (9).

**Transit Vehicle**: A passenger bus, coach, railcar, van, or other vehicle operated as public transportation by UTA. See §17B-2a-802(11).

#### **314.3 POLICY**

The selection of an investigating agency and protocols for investigating Incidents occurring in UTA's Jurisdiction shall be determined by the officer involved incident protocol in place for the county in which the Incident occurs as follows:

- Incidents occurring in UTA's Jurisdiction in Salt Lake County shall be governed by the policies and protocols established in the Salt Lake County Officer Involved Critical Incident Protocol.
- Incidents occurring in UTA's Jurisdiction in Utah County shall be governed by the policies and protocols established in the Utah County Officer Involved Critical Incident Protocol.

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- Incidents occurring in UTA's Jurisdiction in Davis County shall be governed by the
  policies and protocols established in the Davis County Officer Involved Critical Incident
  Investigation Protocol.
- Incidents occurring in UTA's Jurisdiction in Weber County shall be governed by the policies and protocols established in the Weber County Officer Involved Shooting Protocol.
- Incidents occurring in UTA's Jurisdiction in Box Elder County shall be governed by the policies and protocols established in the Box Elder County Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigation Agreement.
- Incidents occurring in UTA's Jurisdiction in Summit County shall be governed by the policies and protocols established in the Summit County Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigation Agreement.