

Tooele County Sheriff's Office

Policy Manual

Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths

310.5.4 STATUTORY MANDATES RELATED TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS OF CRITICAL INCIDENTS

The Shift Sergeant shall notify the [District/County Attorney] as soon as practical if the following critical incidents occur within the jurisdiction of the Tooele County Sheriff's Office, whether or not an involved law enforcement officer is a department member (Utah Code 76-2-408):

- (a) Use of a firearm that caused an injury by a law enforcement officer or any other use of a weapon by a law enforcement officer in a manner that could have caused death or serious injury (e.g., a blow to the head of a person with a baton).
- (b) A fatal injury to any person that could have been caused by a law enforcement officer or while the person was in the custody of a law enforcement agency.

The Sheriff or authorized designee and the [District/County Attorney] shall jointly designate an agency to criminally investigate the actions of a law enforcement officer involved in a critical incident, as appropriate, and may jointly designate a lead agency if more than one agency will be involved. An agency other than the Tooele County Sheriff's Office will criminally investigate the actions of members who may have caused or contributed to a critical incident (Utah Code 76-2-408).