

Arlington Police Department Critical Incident Process

Notification

By law and under APD general orders, two separate investigations are initiated whenever an officer utilizes deadly force:

Criminal Investigation

Required by Constitutional Law

Review by Criminal
Detectives

- Collect Evidence; and
- Conduct Interviews; and
- Ballistics Report (if applicable); and
- Autopsy/Toxicology (including Medical Examiner Report in event of death)

Submit Findings to District
Attorney's Office

Grand Jury Investigation

- Indict; or
- Not Indict

Criminal Case Proceedings, if
applicable

Administrative Investigation

Required by APD General Orders

Review by Internal Affairs
Investigators

- Gather Evidence; and
- Conduct Interviews;
- May Review Ballistics Report (if applicable);
- May Review Autopsy/Toxicology (including Medical Examiner Report);
- May Review Grand Jury Investigation Findings

Internal Affairs
Recommendation

- Sustained; or
- Unfounded; or
- Exonerated; or
- Not Sustained

Discipline Decision
Conducted by Chain of
Command