

**INJURED SUBJECTS****KAMRAN AFZAL - DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE****POLICY STATEMENT**

Incidents may occur wherein an officer accidentally injures or immobilizes a person who is not in the officer's custody and not the focus of an investigation or arrest attempt. Incidents may also occur when a suspect is in custody and intentionally injures themselves by their own actions either by continuing to resist their custody or in attempting to escape their custody. In addition, suspects may be arrested with injuries they received prior to contact with officers. These incidents must be reported to a supervisor and investigated to assure that the injured citizen receives appropriate medical attention, and to protect the officer and the Department from false or exaggerated claims at a later date. This policy does not apply to a person injured due to traffic accidents, uses of force, chemical irritants or TASERS.

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I. ACCIDENTAL INJURY

- A. No written policy can outline every instance where a BlueTeam Injured Subject Report will be needed to document an accidental injury. The following examples provide guidance:

- 1. An officer chasing a person on foot rounds a corner and collides with a citizen.
- 2. A bicycle officer runs over a citizen's foot.
- 3. A suspect intentionally kicks out a cruiser window cutting his foot.
- 4. A suspect tries to break away and run while handcuffed and falls, scraping his forehead.

B. Reporting and Investigatory Procedures

- 1. Officers who accidentally injure someone or have someone in custody that accidentally injure themselves must:
 - Make arrangements for any needed medical treatment as soon as possible.
 - Contact a supervisor as soon as practicable (immediately if the person is in custody).
 - Before the end of the tour of duty, the officer involved in the accidental injury must complete any associated DIBRS reports, or at a supervisor's direction, a Special Report fully describing the situation.
- 2. Supervisors will:
 - Promptly respond to the scene to investigate the incident.
 - Take written statements from the injured person and any witnesses, if safe and feasible to do so.
 - Photograph the scene and the injured person. The same protocol used to photograph force recipients will be used to photograph persons who were accidentally injured.
 - For accidental injuries only, provide the injured person with the telephone number of the Law Department (937-333-4100).
 - Review the officer's DIBRS report and/or Special Report and initiate a BlueTeam Injured Subject



Administrative Investigation.

- Forward the Administrative Investigation and all attachments via BlueTeam through the appropriate Division Commander to the Professional Standards Bureau.

II. SELF-INFLICTED INJURY

- A. If while in police custody, a subject sustains a self-inflicted injury, officers will make arrangements for any needed medical treatment and contact a supervisor, who will respond to the scene. The supervisor will interview the subject regarding their injuries and visually document the subject's injuries with their BWC (Body Worn Camera). The BWC video file will be tagged Administrative and marked at the time the interview took place.
- B. If the subject's injury does not require hospital treatment, no Blue Team Injured Subject report is required; however, the injury will be documented in the DIBRS arrest report. If the arrest does not require a DIBRS report, the injury will be documented with a FIC (Field Interview Card).
- C. If the subject's injury requires hospital treatment, the supervisor will complete a BlueTeam Injured Subject Report to document the self-inflicted injury. The same protocol used to photograph force recipients will be used to photograph persons who injure themselves through their own actions. Any associated video will be saved in a case file in Evidence.com.
- D. If an injured subject alleges the injury was caused by an officer, an Alleged Use of Force report must be completed.

III. INJURIES PRIOR TO ARREST

- A. When an officer arrests a subject with pre-existing injuries, they will contact a supervisor, who will respond to the scene. The supervisor will interview the subject regarding their injuries and visually document the subject's injuries with their BWC (Body Worn Camera). The BWC video file will be tagged Administrative and marked at the time the interview took place.
- B. If the subject's injury does not require hospital treatment, no Blue Team Injured Subject report is required; however, the injury will be documented in the DIBRS arrest report. If the arrest does not require a DIBRS report, the injury will be documented with a FIC (Field Interview Card).
- C. If the subject's injury requires hospital treatment, the supervisor will complete a Blue Team Injured Subject report for Injuries Prior to Arrest. Any associated video will be saved in a case file in Evidence.com.
- D. If an injured subject alleges the injury was caused by an officer, an Alleged Use of Force report must be completed.