

## **DEPARTMENT BULLETIN**

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## Officer-involved Shooting and Discharge Investigations

Revision to Definitions in DGO 8.11

As originally adopted, Department General Order 8.11, Section II.A defined an Officer-involved Shooting (OIS) and an Officer-involved Discharge (OID). The definitions are revised as follows:

## **DEFINITIONS:**

- Officer-involved Shooting. An officer's intentional discharge of a firearm to stop a threat (as described in Department General Order 5.02.I.C.a, b, and c)—whether or not physical injury or death results—shall be investigated as an Officer-involved Shooting. A negligent discharge that results in the injury or the death of a person shall also be investigated as an Officer-involved Shooting.
- Officer-involved Discharge. The discharge of a firearm intended to kill a dangerous or wounded animal (as described in DGO 5.02.I.C.d) or to signal help for an urgent purpose, when no other reasonable means exists (as described in DGO 5.02.I.C.e) shall be investigated as an Officer-involved Discharge. An officer's unintended discharge of a firearm that does not cause injury or death to a person also falls into this classification.

These incidents shall be investigated in accordance with these definitions, using the Department's corresponding OIS or OID protocols.

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