

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU**

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TO: All Commanding Officers

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator

SUBJECT: MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COLLISION INVESTIGATION TEAM
CALL-OUT CRITERIA REVISED

PURPOSE

This Notice outlines revisions to the Multi-Disciplinary Collision Investigation Team (MCIT) call-out criteria and cadre.

BACKGROUND – PRE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

On August 15, 2012, the MCIT was established to improve the quality of critical traffic investigations. Currently, MCIT is primarily responsible for critical traffic investigations, traffic reconstruction and teaching collision investigation schools. Currently, the MCIT response criteria is delineated in Volume IV, Section 412 of the Department Manual and requires MCIT to respond to the following critical traffic collisions:

- Any traffic collision that results in a verified critical (“A”) or fatal (“K”) injury and involves a City-owned or a City-mileage vehicle or was being influenced by City property or a City employee acting within the scope of his/her employment and has the likelihood of substantial liability to the Department; or,
- Any major unusual traffic occurrence, when requested by the concerned traffic division watch commander and with the approval of the Officer in Charge, Traffic Coordination Section (TCS); or,
- Any request by a commanding officer, with the approval of the Commanding Officer, Emergency Operations Division (EOD.)

Prior to the Department reorganization, the MCIT call out team was comprised of the following personnel:

- (2) Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau and Commanding Officer, EOD;
- Department Risk Manager or representative;
- Lieutenant II;
- Detective III;
- Sergeant II;
- Detective II;
- Police Officer III;
- Automotive Supervisor or higher rank supervisor designated by the Commanding Officer, Motor Transport Division, as an adjunct member; and,

- Traffic Engineer, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, as an adjunct member.

UPDATED PROCEDURE – POST DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

A review of current policies and procedures revealed a need to increase efficiency. MCIT callouts will now be classified into three categories. Additionally, the required response of MCIT personnel will be dependent upon the category. Effective immediately, the following changes have been made to the MCIT call out response and the staff required to respond;

- Category I call out:
 - *Defined:* A traffic collision that results in a fatality or great bodily injury that was the direct result of some action that could subject the City of Los Angeles to significant liability. The following are examples of such incidents:
 - Vehicle pursuit that results in a fatality to an uninvolved third party.
 - Department of Sanitation vehicle fatal collision with a pedestrian.
 - Los Angeles Department of Transportation directing traffic that influences a collision with severe or fatal injuries.
 - *Required response:*
 - Commanding Officer, Traffic Group;
 - Department Risk Manager or representative;
 - Officer in Charge, MCIT (Lieutenant II or Sergeant II);
 - Detective Officer in Charge;
 - (2) Detective II;
 - Team leader;
 - (2) Team Assistants;
 - Automotive Supervisor or higher rank supervisor designated by the Commanding Officer, Motor Transport Division, as an adjunct member.
- Category II call out:
 - *Defined:* A traffic collision that exposes the City to less liability and meets the existing call out criteria. The following are examples of such incidents:
 - Los Angeles Fire Department involved in a single party collision resulting in a broken leg, wrist and multiple lacerations with no extenuating circumstances and no great bodily injuries.
 - Motor officer skids on debris, loses control of motor and collides with roadway causing broken leg and multiple lacerations with no great bodily injury.
 - *Required response:*
 - Detective Officer in Charge (Detective III);
 - Team leader (Police Officer III);
 - Team Assistants (Police Officer III or Police Officer II);
 - Automotive Supervisor or higher rank supervisor designated by the Commanding Officer, Motor Transport Division, as an adjunct member.

- Administrative call out:
 - *Defined:* A traffic collision that meets the criteria, but the Department is not the lead agency handling the investigation. The following are examples of such incidents:
 - Vehicle pursuit on the freeway resulting in fatal collision and California Highway Patrol handling.
 - Off-duty Metropolitan Officer driving home involved in a collision outside of the City of Los Angeles where the allied agency assumes investigative control.
 - *Required response:*
 - Detective Supervisor (Detective II);
 - Team Leader (Police Officer III).

CONCLUSION

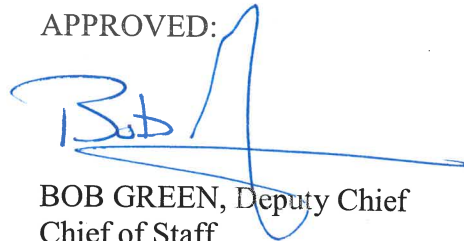
The Officer in Charge of MCIT and the Commanding Officer of Traffic Group will assess each incident to determine the appropriate personnel response based on the specifics of the incident. The revised MCIT call out response will improve workplace efficiencies without minimizing the quality of the traffic collision investigation. These changes will enable the MCIT to continue to respond to select critical traffic collisions and ensure these collisions are properly handled.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Traffic Group, at (213) 486-0690.



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