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412. MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COLLISION INVESTIGATION TEAM. The Multi-Disciplinary Collision Investigation Team (MCIT) is responsible for critical traffic investigations, traffic reconstruction, and teaching collision investigation schools. The MCIT shall also respond to and handle the following incidents:

- Any traffic crash that results in a suspected serious injury or fatal injury and involves a City-owned or a City-mileage vehicle or was influenced by City property or a City employee acting within the scope of their employment and has substantial City liability;

Note: Suspected serious injury is defined as a serious, incapacitating injury which normally requires hospitalization, other than for observation, and prevents the victim from walking or driving.

- Any major unusual traffic occurrence, when requested by the concerned traffic division watch commander and approved by the Officer in Charge (OIC), Traffic Coordination Section (TCS), with the concurrence of the Commanding Officer, *Traffic Coordination Division*; or,
- Any request by a commanding officer, with the approval of the *Director, Office of Support Services*.

The traffic division watch commander or on-call traffic division detective of the concerned geographic bureau must contact the OIC, TCS, for approval prior to requesting the MCIT.

Note: When TCS is closed, the Department Operations Center (DOC) shall be notified and requested to contact the on-call MCIT supervisor assigned to the TCS. Upon notification of an MCIT incident, DOC shall initiate the MCIT notification process. In the event of an MCIT call-out, the MCIT supervisor shall request that DOC coordinate the response of the aforementioned personnel. The MCIT supervisor may call upon resources from the respective geographic traffic division, as needed, to assist in various aspects of an investigation.

Multi-Disciplinary Collision Investigation Team. The MCIT is comprised of the following personnel:

- *Director, Office of Support Services;*
- *Commanding Officer, Traffic Coordination Division;*
- *Lieutenant II, Officer in Charge (OIC), MCIT;*
- *Sergeant II;*

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- (5) Detective II;
- (4) Police Officer III; and,
- Automotive Supervisor or higher rank supervisor designated by the Commanding Officer, Motor Transport Division, as an adjunct member.

The OIC of MCIT, the Commanding Officer of *Traffic Coordination Division*, and the Department Traffic Coordinator will assess each incident to determine the appropriate response of MCIT personnel based on the specific facts of the incident. The *Director, Office of Support Services* may deviate from the criteria and response guidelines listed above as deemed necessary and based on articulable circumstances.

Multi-Disciplinary Collision Investigation Team Responsibilities. The MCIT is responsible for the following:

- Completing critical traffic crash investigations;
- Imaging a vehicle's Event Data Recorder and Power Control Module;
- Conducting follow-up investigations;
- Conducting compelled interviews of Department employees when applicable and in accordance with Government Code Section 3300;

Note: Prior to conducting the compelled interview, the MCIT interviewer shall ensure that the involved employee(s), when practicable, review the relevant Digital In-Car Video System footage captured during the incident, consistent with Department Manual Section 3/579.13, as well as the relevant Body Worn Video footage, consistent with Department Manual Section 3/579.15.

- Conducting recorded interviews of all involved parties;
- Conducting recorded interviews of all witnesses;
- Conducting vehicle examinations;
- Filing cases with the District or City Attorney's Offices;
- Handling all traffic crash reconstructions;
- Handling arrests and bookings, any follow-up investigation and criminal filing for a critical traffic crash only when it involves a traffic related crime(s) and/or when all connected reports are traffic-related;
- Presenting the facts and evidence of the traffic crash at the Chief of Police *Critical Incident Executive Briefing*; and,
- Teaching Department collision investigation traffic schools.