Under California law, peace officers may use deadly force to protect themselves from the threat of death or great bodily harm and to use reasonable force in making an arrest. In accordance with Penal Code Section 196, peace officers may use deadly force in the course of their duties under circumstances not available to members of the general public. Irrespective of any laws applicable to situations where peace officers use deadly force in accomplishing their duties, the law of self defense is available to any person. Homicide is justifiable in accordance with Penal Code 197 when resisting any attempt by a person to commit great bodily injury on or kill any person.

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### Scene of Officer-Involved Shootings

- Homicide Unit
- Internal Affairs
- District Attorney

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### 1. Homicide Unit

- Conducts criminal investigation
- Forwards to the District Attorney, Internal Affairs and City Attorney.

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### 2. District Attorney

- Conducts an independent criminal review of incident.
- Issues written findings.

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### 3. Internal Affairs

- Conducts an independent administrative investigation to determine if policies and procedures were followed.

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### 4. Citizens Review Board (CRB)

- Conducts an independent administrative review to determine if policies and procedures were followed.

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### 5. Shooting Review Board (SRB)

- Conducts review for tactics and training

**Internal Affairs Ops Manual - Shooting Review Board Procedures**