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Incidents to be Reviewed by a Board of Review

1. **Incidents to be Reviewed.** Those incidents which require a Board of Review (Board) to be established are as follows:
 - A. Any death or serious injury resulting from:
 - (1) the use of force by Bureau of Reclamation law enforcement or security personnel acting in the performance of official duties;
 - (2) any incident, in the performance of official duties, that results in the death or serious injury of Reclamation law enforcement or security personnel;
 - (3) any incident that involves the death or serious injury to anyone in the custody or detention of Reclamation law enforcement or security personnel;
 - (4) any vehicle pursuit involving Reclamation law enforcement or security personnel that results in death or serious injury to an individual; and/or
 - (5) the discharge of a firearm or explosive device, or use of force, by any Reclamation law enforcement or security officer during the course of a multi-agency task force that results in serious injury or death.
 - B. Any intentional or unintentional discharge of a firearm or explosive device by Reclamation law enforcement or security personnel, either on or off duty.
 - (1) The following exceptions apply to the intentional discharge of a firearm under Paragraph 1.B. of this Appendix:
 - (a) training where there is no injury involved;
 - (b) the authorized destruction of animals or other resource management activities, where there is no human injury involved; and
 - (c) recreational activities, such as hunting or sport shooting, where there is no human injury involved.
 - (2) The unintentional discharge of a firearm that occurs at an authorized training location that does not involve an injury need not be the subject of a Board if the lead or site firearms instructor conducts a review of the incident.
 - C. Any police canine deployment where a bite occurs.

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- D. Any incident deemed appropriate by the Director, Security, Safety, and Law Enforcement (in consultation with the appropriate regional director) or the Department of the Interior's Director, Office of Law Enforcement and Security.
2. **Preliminary Inquiries.** The Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC) and the Chief of Police at Hoover Dam will initiate and conduct a preliminary fact finding inquiry into circumstances surrounding an incident that may result in a Board. These fact finding inquiries are not in lieu of, nor do they replace, any of the procedures required in this Directive and Standard associated with a Board. All information resulting from the preliminary inquiry is to be provided to the Board. If a preliminary fact finding inquiry is conducted, the Director, SSLE, must determine if a formal Board is required, and after review by the SAC, accept the preliminary determination as a final on the incident.