MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

650 – VEHICLE CRASHES

GENERAL ORDER: 2025-22 **ISSUED:** April 25, 2025	**EFFECTIVE:** April 25, 2025	**REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:** Assistant Chief Steven Johnson **DATE:** March 10, 2025
ACTION: Amends General Order 2023-39 (June 2, 2023)		**WILEAG STANDARD(S): 6.2.7, 6.2.8**

ROLL CALL VERSION
Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.

650.10 CRASH SCENE PROCEDURES (WILEAG 6.2.8)

Police members responding as primary units or assisting units in vehicle crashes shall abide by the following procedures and file the appropriate reports as outlined in 650.15 and 615.20.

G. If members encounter any safety hazards as a result of the crash such as a gas leak or vehicle fire, the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) should be contacted through the ~~department's Technical Communications Division (TCD)~~ Department of Emergency Communications (DEC).

H. Members shall alert the Department of Public Works (DPW) if there is any roadway debris as a result of a crash by submitting an on-line request through the city of Milwaukee's online portal to ensure the debris is collected in a timely manner. Upon entering the request, the member shall provide the ~~emergency communication operator II~~ dispatcher with the case ID number provided by the online portal so it can be added to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) record or they can document this in the add info section of CAD.
(WILEAG 6.2.8.1, 6.2.8.2, 6.2.8.3, 6.2.8.4, 6.2.8.5)

650.30 FATAL OR SERIOUS INJURY CRASH INVESTIGATIONS (WILEAG 6.2.7)

C. ~~Upon authorization for a call-up of the CRU personnel, the authorizing supervisor shall contact the TCD supervisor at extension [redacted], who shall arrange for CRU personnel to respond to the scene.~~ The request for the CRU may be made by a district or division shift commander through a Specialized Patrol Division supervisor at extension [redacted] or [redacted] between 7:00am – 11:00pm. If the CRU is needed on scene between 11:00pm – 7:00am, the district or division shift commander shall contact a DEC supervisor at extension [redacted] who will contact a Specialized Patrol Division supervisor via call-up protocol.

D. The supervisor from the CRU shall be in charge of the scene, in the event no CRU supervisor is available, the on-scene supervisor will remain in charge.

E~~D~~. Upon arrival, CRU personnel shall coordinate with the scene supervisor in the recovery of evidence.
(WILEAG 6.2.7.1)

F~~E~~. TELETYPE / WISCONSIN CRIME ALERT NETWORK ALERTS REQUIRED

650.40 CRASHES INVOLVING DEPARTMENT VEHICLES (WILEAG 6.2.7)

A. INVESTIGATING SUPERVISOR

1. Department members shall immediately report to their supervisor any crash with a department motor vehicle operated by them or in their charge. The supervisor shall respond to the scene of all crashes involving a department vehicle.

4. The supervisor shall file a squad accident report via the Administrative Investigations Management (AIM) system detailing the facts of the investigation. The AIM report shall be prepared using the following guidelines:

b. Reports are to be completed and tracked to the designated supervisor or shift commander within ~~(3) three~~ 8 days of the incident.

c. ~~Each subsequent review by the shift commander/commanding officer shall be completed and tracked in a expeditious manner.~~ The squad accident report shall be reviewed by the supervisor / shift commander within 10 days following the receipt from the supervisor who completed the report (within 18 days of the incident). The squad accident report shall then be tracked by the supervisor / shift commander to their commanding officer.

d. The squad accident report shall be reviewed by the commanding officer within 17 days following the receipt from the supervisor / shift commander (within 35 days of the incident).

e~~d~~. Reports shall be thoroughly completed and reviewed within ~~30~~ 35 days following the date on which the incident occurred and then tracked to the Internal Affairs Division.

f. The Internal Affairs Division shall review the reports within 21 days following the receipt from the commanding officer of the work location.

C. COMMANDING OFFICER

2. Commanding officers shall ~~be responsible for filing a summary of the crash investigation on the AIM system, including any~~ provide recommendations for further action or investigation (if needed), and they shall forward the AIM system report ~~directly to the appropriate supervisor of~~ to the Internal Affairs Division.

650.45 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL (WILEAG 6.2.7)

As a result of vehicle crashes members may encounter materials they deem to be hazardous to themselves or to the environment. This may include vehicles transporting hazardous materials or a vehicle leaking gas following a crash. If a member determines a hazardous material leak or concern they shall contact the ~~TCD~~ DEC who, in turn, will contact MFD (Hazardous Material Unit).

(WILEAG 6.2.7.5)

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