PURPOSE: To provide guidelines to investigate assaults on officers of the Cleveland Division of Police and officers of other jurisdictions.

POLICY: The Division of Police shall immediately commence a thorough investigation of assaults against law enforcement officers coming to the attention of the Division. The Use of Deadly Force Investigation Team (UDFIT), the Homicide Unit, or a district detective bureau, pursuant to the following guidelines shall investigate such assaults.

PROCEDURE:

I. A supervisor shall have the Communications Control Section (CCS) notify the UDFIT when:

   A. A shooting incident causes an injury and involves a law enforcement officer.

   B. A deadly force incident causes serious physical harm and requires professional medical attention.

   C. The Chief of Police or the Chief’s designee assigns a case.

II. A supervisor shall have CCS notify the Homicide Unit when:

   A. A law enforcement officer fires their weapon at a suspect and it does not cause injury.

   B. The use of deadly force causes injury to an officer, a citizen or suspect.

   C. The Chief of Police or the Chief’s designee assigns a case.
III. District detectives shall investigate Felonious Assault incidents against law enforcement officers when there are no injuries from the incident.

IV. The Chief, the Chief's designee or the Deputy Chief of Special Operations may grant administrative leave to an officer involved in a deadly force incident.