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This policy applies to The City Of Jackson's release of information following an officer-involved shooting. This policy is intended to balance the integrity and credibility of an investigation with public transparency

**1. The City Of Jackson Will Issue a Statement as Soon as Feasible to Inform the Public of the Investigatory Timeline and Process**

(define Feasibility here or use more specific language )

**2. Information Released by The City Of Jackson Will Be Factual and Will Not Contain Any Pre-Judgment**

The City Of Jackson will not compromise the investigatory timeline in order to expedite the release of information.

**3. The Public Affairs Unit Coordinates the Release of Information Related to Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS) as Approved by the Chief of Police or Designee**

Investigative units will provide all relevant information to the Public Affairs Unit.

**4. Except as Otherwise Required by Law, The City Of Jackson Will Not Release the Subject's Criminal History, Unless it was Relevant to the Incident and Known to the Involved Officer(s) Prior to Engagement**

**5. Within 48 Hours of an Officer Involved Shooting, The City Of Jackson Will Release the Names of any Officers Who Discharged a Firearm, Absent Exigent Circumstances**

Exigent circumstances must be established through evidentiary means.

1. If an officer is a part of an undercover investigation
2. Evidence must be specific and arising out of the action of the specific case at hand.

*Note(Determine/Discuss whether the body to assess the evidence presented will be an independent body created for the purpose of reviewing and addressing issues like this or possibly a Municipal Court Judge – weigh and assess the options)*

**6. Within 72 Hours of an OIS, The City Of Jackson Will Release Video That Provides a General Overview of What Occurred, if Any Such Video Has Been Identified**

This includes both Department-produced video (ICV, etc.) and private video (store security camera, etc.) The City Of Jackson will not necessarily release all video related to an incident, just a representative and relevant sample.

**7. Within 72 Hours of an OIS, The City Of Jackson Will Release Photos of Relevant Evidence, if Any Such Evidence Has Been Identified**

Exception: The City Of Jackson will not release evidence that may compromise an investigation.

**8. The Chief of Police Will Neither Approve Nor Condemn the Actions of Officers During an OIS Incident Until The City Of Jackson's Process of Investigation and Review has Concluded**

**9. Except in Narrow Circumstances, all Information is Presumptively Releasable at the Conclusion of an Investigation**