

Force Investigation Process

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Force Investigations Unit (FIU) conducts independent, thorough investigations when police officers use deadly force.

Force Incident Occurs

FIU agents & crime scene personnel respond to the scene.

They gather evidence, take photos, and speak to witnesses. Body camera video is reviewed.

The public is informed about the incident.



Initial Investigation: First Week

FIU agents interview the officer(s) involved or collect statements from them. Agents also interview the person involved.

If the incident was fatal, the medical examiner conducts an autopsy and identifies the person killed.

More information is released, including the names of the officer(s) and people involved.

Complete Investigation: Two Months

Video of the incident is thoroughly reviewed, including body, squad, and surveillance camera video.

FIU agents conduct follow-up interviews.

Forensic evidence is processed.

FIU agents gather relevant records, including training, discipline, and department policy records.

Investigation Concludes

The goal is to complete the investigation in 60 days.

FIU agents present the investigation results to a county attorney.

The county attorney decides whether to file charges against the officer(s) involved.

