

## **3-01/030.37 - Unnecessary/Inappropriate Interference in an Investigation**

Deputy personnel have a positive responsibility to take police action when appropriate and are not to be restricted in the lawful performance of their duties.

Department members shall not knowingly interfere or unnecessarily interject themselves beyond the scope of their responsibilities into any investigation or other matter that is the responsibility of another Department member, another Department unit, another law enforcement agency, or any other governmental agency.

For purposes of this section, investigation shall include, but is not limited to, any criminal, civil, or administrative investigation, review, inquiry, inquest, hearing, trial, or similar activity conducted by representatives of this Department or any other governmental agency.

Department members learning of information pertinent to such investigations shall notify their unit commander and report the information to the concerned member, Department unit, or concerned law enforcement agency in a timely manner.

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