

Champaign County Multi-Jurisdictional Investigative Team

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Presentation Overview

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Purpose of CCMIT

- To investigate serious use of force cases and in-custody deaths involving law enforcement in the Champaign County area, pursuant to chief/sheriff request
- Unbiased and independent investigation and review
- Sharing of resources and personnel to enhance the capabilities of law enforcement agencies
- Standardized responses
- Adds an element of integrity by removing any involved agencies from critical steps in the investigative process

History of Team

- In practice as a multi-agency effort since 1990s in varying formats
- Idea of collective unit formalized in 1999 as Serious Use of Force Response Team, later renamed CCMIT
- Most recent inter-agency agreement, established in January 2013, focused on a concept led by the Illinois State Police
- ISP does these investigations independently throughout the state for other jurisdictions; very experienced
- Locally, desire was to have ISP lead with local agencies involved to bring knowledge of the community to the investigation
- Requesting agency hosts; does not take active role

CCMIT Structure

2013 Inter-Agency Agreement - Original Implementing Members

1. Champaign Police Department
2. Champaign County Sheriff's Office
3. Champaign County State's Attorney's Office
4. Illinois State Police
5. Mahomet Police Department
6. Parkland College Police Department
7. Rantoul Police Department
8. University of Illinois Police Department
9. Urbana Police Department

CCMIT Structure - continued

Team Leadership

“It is agreed that the Illinois State Police Zone 5 will provide leadership for the team in the form of a Team Commander and will have functional and operational control over those investigators assigned to the Team while the Team is activated.”

- Chapter 1, Article III, Section 1 of Inter-Agency Agreement

CCMIT Structure - continued

Team Resources

- ISP special agents
- Local police detectives
- County sheriff investigators
- Crime scene investigators from both ISP and local agencies
- State's attorney investigator
- Assistant state's attorneys
- Champaign County Coroner's Office (if applicable)

Investigation

1. Subject – statement from involved subject(s)
2. Officer – statement from involved officer(s)
3. Witness – statement from witness(es)
4. Evidence – scene examination, video recordings, records/documents, lab work, etc.

Investigation - continued

Parallel investigation – investigation of a prior or related event that led to the use of force incident for which team is requested

Example: Bank robbery occurs in Rantoul. Suspects confronted in Urbana where shootout ensues. Rantoul would investigate the bank robbery, and the CCMIT would investigate the shootout in Urbana.

In most cases, the two investigations will overlap. As time and distance between the two events decreases, the team may take a more active role in the initial investigation. In the end, the SAO will review the entire matter, both the originating event and the use of force incident.

Review Types

- Champaign County State's Attorney's Office – state law
- Police department/sheriff's office – policy compliance, training needs
- City/county legal departments – legal/liability concerns
- Champaign County Coroner's Office – inquest
- Department of Justice/FBI – civil rights violations

