

FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: Line of Duty Investigations

1. Purpose: To provide guidance on line of duty investigations for Fort Campbell.

2. Facts.

a. Reference AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty and Memorial Affairs and Line of Duty Investigations, dated 18 Sep 86 (superseded; however, per HQDA message 132017Z dated Apr 95, subject: AR 600-8-1, parts 3, 4 and 5 will remain in effect until AR 600-8-4 is published).

b. A line of duty investigation is conducted to investigate circumstances of disease, injury or death of a service member. When an incident occurs on the installation, the line of duty investigation is initiated from Blanchfield Army Community Hospital (BACH) on DA Form 2173, Statement of Medical Examination and Duty Status. When the incident occurs off post, the receiving hospital contacts BACH. In both instances BACH initiates/relays the line of duty investigation to the ACofS, G1. G1's Personnel Operations Branch notifies the soldier's commander/S1 (verbally and in writing) to provide an Investigating Officer (IO) for the case. Once appointed, the IO reports to 2640 27th Street where he/she is briefed on all pertinent information relating to the case and a suspense/timeline for completion is provided.

c. The two types of investigations are:

(1) Formal – an impartial IO is appointed to examine/explore the possibility of suspected misconduct or negligence in the event of death or serious injury. The IO will gather all facts connected to the incident (military and civilian reports/documents, maps, diagrams and/or medical examination reports), prepare DD Form 261, Report of Investigation, and report the basis for findings. Formal line of duty investigations have 75 days from the time of the incident to completion. Once completed the case is forwarded to SJA for review, to the ACofS, G1 for signature, and to HQDA for final resolution.

(2) Informal investigations are conducted by the chain of command when no misconduct or negligence is indicated and must be completed within 30 days. Once DA Form 2173, Statement of Medical Examination and Duty Status (blocks 19-35) is completed by the unit, the Chief, Personnel Operations Branch reviews and signs and the case is mailed to HQDA.

3. Points of contact are the Chief, Personnel Operations Branch, 798-5555, or the line of duty clerk, 798-2582.

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