

Louisville Metro Police Department

<h2>Standard Operating Procedures</h2>	SOP Number: 1.4
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Chapter: Departmental Organization	
Subject: Chief of Police	

1.4 CHIEF OF POLICE

1.4.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief of Police is appointed by the Louisville Metro Mayor and reports directly to the Mayor.

The Chief of Police is empowered as the highest authority in the department. Per Louisville Metro Ordinance 36.02, the Chief of Police has the ultimate control over all aspects of departmental operations and command authority over all bureaus, divisions, sections, units, squads, groups, teams, or any other components of the department (KACP 4.1). Additionally, the Chief of Police is responsible for all fiscal matters of the department (KACP 8.1, 8.3).

The Chief of Police directly supervises the following personnel:

- Deputy Chief of Police/Chief of Operations (refer to SOP 1.5)
- Deputy Chief of Police/Chief of Accountability and Improvement (A&I)
- Legal Advisor
- Special Investigations Division (SID) Commander
- Media and Public Relations (refer to SOP 3.3)
- Chief's Adjutant Lieutenant

In the event of an extended absence, the Chief of Police will designate, in writing, an "acting authority."

1.4.2 LEGAL ADVISOR (KACP 2.1)

The Legal Advisor provides general legal advice to the department and acts as a liaison between the department and the Jefferson County Attorney's Office. The Legal Advisor is appointed by the Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, and reports directly to the Chief of Police.

1.4.3 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION COMMANDER (Major)

The SID Commander of the LMPD is appointed by the Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, and reports directly to the Chief of Police.

The SID Commander coordinates the activities of the following units:

- Public Integrity Unit (PIU)
- Professional Standards Unit (PSU)

The SID Commander assists in officer reinstatement when the officer is returning from certain types of leaves (refer to SOP 2.5, SOP 2.11, and SOP 8.12).