
	<b>LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> <b>Ardmore, Pennsylvania</b>	
	<b>Policy 3.9.5</b>	
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<b>Child Abuse</b>		<b>All Sworn Personnel</b>
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By Authority of:		
		<b>Superintendent of Police</b>

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to ensure compliance with the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law (23 Pa C.S.A 6301 et seq).

### POLICY

It is the policy of this Department that all officers thoroughly investigate and report any allegation of child abuse in accordance with § 6311 and 6313(a) of the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law. **(PLEAC 4.6.1)**

### PROCEDURE

All officers will thoroughly investigate and document any allegation of child abuse. If upon investigation there is reasonable cause to suspect child abuse, with supervisory approval, the investigating officer is to notify the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth Services (OCY) hotline at 610-278-5800 immediately by telephone and in writing within 48 hours. **(PLEAC 4.6.1)**

### RESPONSIBILITY

- A. A patrol supervisor will respond to all child abuse incidents to ensure compliance with this order and provide any resources necessary to assist the OCY representatives to protect the welfare of the child. The supervisor will immediately forward copies of all reports to the Investigations Unit Supervisor and will ensure that OCY is notified in writing within 48 hours. Copies of the written notification are to be scanned into the investigative report.
- B. The Investigations Unit Supervisor shall review the case file and assign an investigator to conduct the follow up case management and assist the OCY representatives as necessary.

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