



**DEP 290
Internal Investigations**

POLICY MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATOR: Inspector General
PURPOSE/SCOPE: To establish the purpose, authority, and responsibilities of the Inspector General investigative function.

AUTHORITY

The Internal Investigations Section operates within the Agency’s Office of Inspector General under the authority of Section 20.055, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

[Section 20.055, Florida Statutes](#)
[Section 112.3187 through .31895, Florida Statutes](#)

POLICY

- It shall be the policy of the Office of Inspector General to conduct, supervise and coordinate investigations or inquiries designed to detect, deter, prevent and eradicate fraud, waste, misconduct, mismanagement and other abuses in the department.
- It shall be the policy of the department to have all formal or more serious allegations of misconduct investigated by the Internal Investigations Section of the Office of Inspector General. This is not to preclude directors from initiating informal inquiries into lesser administrative violations or employee performance matters. Managers are encouraged to pursue the quickest and most efficient course to address minor administrative violations and performance matters at the lowest management level with the authority to take the necessary steps to correct the problem.
- All internal investigations shall be conducted in accordance with Sections 110.201 - 110.233, F.S., Career Service System; 119.01 - 119.15, F.S., Public Records; 120.62, F.S., Agency Investigations; Florida Administrative Code; and any recognized collective bargaining agreements or contracts.
- In accordance with Subsection 20.055 (5) (c), F.S., the Inspector General and staff shall have access to any records, data, and other information of the Agency deemed necessary to carry out his or her duties.

Complaint Forms are accessible via the DEP/OIG website.

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