**Purpose**

To provide the Indiana University Police Department (IUPD) with guidance surrounding firing a firearm at or from a moving vehicle.

**General Order (7.1.4)**

IUPD officers are prohibited from discharging a firearm at or from a moving vehicle unless deadly force is considered necessary and objectively reasonable given the totality of the circumstances.

**Additional Considerations**

Discharging a firearm at or from a moving vehicle often presents an unacceptable risk to innocent bystanders and officers. Should the driver be wounded or killed by shots, the vehicle might continue under its own power or momentum, creating another hazard, including proceeding out of control and becoming a serious threat to anyone in the area.

Discharging a weapon accurately from a moving vehicle is extremely difficult and unlikely to successfully stop a threat.

Officers will not place themselves in front of a moving vehicle to justify the use of deadly force. The officer’s first option should be to move safely out of the path of the moving vehicle. A moving vehicle alone will not presumptively constitute a threat that justifies an officer’s use of deadly force.

Officers must weigh the need to use deadly force in these situations against the potential harm to bystanders that may result from the use of force.

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