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INVESTIGATIVE CASE PRIORITY

Overview

This section provides general information on the priority to be given to various investigative matters. In every investigation, the significance of the alleged violation or irregularity and the availability of investigative resources will be considered in determining the priority assigned to it. The priority of each case will be determined by the IG after consultation with the Deputies.

High-Priority Cases

Investigative resources are limited and should be used to achieve the greatest effect in deterring fraud, abuse, waste, and mismanagement, and in improving the effectiveness and integrity of City government and its employees. The priority that is assigned to an investigation will ultimately depend on its facts and is subject to change during the investigation. However, examples of cases that are usually considered high-priority investigations include cases that involve:

- A. Matters where significant City decisions are awaiting completion of the investigation;
- B. Complex criminal activity and/or multiple subjects;
- C. High-level City employees;
- D. High-visibility programs;
- E. Significant monetary savings/recoveries/losses;
- F. Multiple criminal and/or administrative violations