

# INSPECTOR GENERAL FACT SHEET

## OVERVIEW

The Inspector General (IG) serves as an extension of the commander's eyes, ears, voice, and conscience. The IG provides the commander with a sounding board for sensitive issues and serves as a fair, impartial, and objective fact-finder and problem solver. The IG informs the commander of findings, and impressions on all aspects of the command.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Performs investigative, inspection, evaluation, assistance, teaching and training functions as directed by the Commander and makes inquiries into any matter within the scope of the Commander's authority, consistent with DOD directives, and the IG Act of 1978.
- Monitors and reports on Intelligence oversight programs in units/organizations assigned, attached, or under the administrative control of the Commander.
- Reports directly to the Commander or Deputy Commander. The command and reporting relationship may not be further delegated.

## 4 BASIC FUNCTIONS

**Assistance** - Anyone may submit a complaint or request for assistance to an IG concerning matters of interest to the Department of Defense.

**Inspection** - IGs conduct inspections at the direction of the commander. An IG inspection may focus on organizations, functions or both and may or may not be compliance oriented.

**Investigation** - IGs only conduct investigations when directed by the commander. The investigation will focus on violations of policy or regulations. The commander may also direct an investigation into alleged mismanagement, unethical behavior or misconduct.

**Teaching and Training** - Teaching and training is an integral part of the first three functions. IGs by their very nature, possess a wealth of knowledge and experience. They use this knowledge and experience when assisting, inspecting and investigating to teach subordinates and leaders at all levels about policies and procedures.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

All IG authority is derived from the Commander and that authority can only be delegated to the Deputy Commander.

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