



***PEACE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS
2016 ANNUAL REPORT***

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Pursuant to Articles 2.139 and 2.1395 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (“Code”) enacted pursuant to HB1036 by the 84th Legislature, Texas law enforcement agencies are required to report information regarding peace officer involved shootings. These reports are made to the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”). The OAG is then required to create an annual report summarizing the information in the submitted law enforcement reports. Under the Code, the OAG annual report is submitted to the Governor, and to the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over criminal justice matters.

The annual report for 2016 provides the following information:

- a) The number of peace officer involved shootings from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 as well as some brief statistical breakdown of those incidents; and
- b) An attachment of copies of the actual reports submitted to the OAG.

Summary of Peace Officer Involved Shootings: 1/1/16 - 12/31/16

From January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016, there were one hundred sixty-six (166) separate incidents¹ statewide involving peace officer shootings with a firearm that caused injury or death.² Those incidents resulted in seventy-six (76) deaths and ninety (90) injuries to individuals. Additionally, thirty-one (31) peace officers were injured and six (6) were killed.

Of the individuals (non-peace officers) who were either injured or killed in these incidents, sixty-three (63) were Caucasian, fifty (50) were Hispanic, forty-nine (49) were African-American, two (2) were Asian or Pacific Islander, one (1) was American Indian or Alaska Native and one (1) was of another nationality or race. One hundred thirty-seven (137) of these incidents involved individuals who were reported to be carrying a deadly weapon; twenty-nine (29) did not. The reason for the officers’ involvement are broken down as follows: seventy-one (71) Emergency Calls or Requests for Assistance; twenty-seven (27) involving

¹ A separate incident is defined based on the individual who was injured or killed by a use of a firearm. For example if one person is shot by two officers, this would count as one incident, even though two reports were filed. (i.e. one report for each officer who fired their weapon).

² Due to the 30 day reporting requirement, agencies may have to report an incident prior to their investigation being completed. Upon completion of the investigation, ballistics or other evidence may indicate that the officers were not responsible for causing the injury or death through the discharge of a firearm and a retraction of those reports has been made. Therefore, some reports that have been submitted have not been included in the statistical breakdown due to their retraction.

Execution of a Warrant; eighteen (18) Hostage, Barricade and Other Emergency Situations, seventeen (17) Traffic Stops, and fifty-three (53) other uncategorized situations.³

³ Agencies may report more than one explanation for the peace officer involvement, therefore the total of these exceed the number of incidents.