

PEACE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS 2018 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 2018 provides the following information:

- a) The number of peace officer involved shootings from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 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: 1/1/18 - 12/31/18

From January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018, there were one hundred seventyfour (174) separate incidents¹ statewide involving peace officer shootings with a firearm that caused injury or death. Those incidents resulted in one hundred four (104) deaths and seventy (70) injuries to individuals.² Additionally, twenty-two (22) peace officers were injured and three (3) were killed.³

Of the individuals (non-peace officers) who were either injured or killed in these incidents, sixty-six (66) were Hispanic, fifty-six (56) were Caucasian, forty-seven (47) were African-American, two (2) were Asian or Pacific Islander, two (2) were of another nationality or race and one (1) was not available. One hundred forty-six (146) of these incidents involved individuals who were reported to be carrying a deadly weapon; twenty-eight (28) did not. The reason for the officers' involvement are broken down as follows: eighty-one (83) Emergency Calls or Requests for Assistance; eighteen (18)

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² Two reports submitted to the OAG were duplicates and were withdrawn. They were Officer Involved Shooting Reports from San Antonio Police Department and Lubbock Police Department. They are included with the attached pdf reports, but were not included in the statistical breakdown due to their retractions'.

³ Two reports submitted to the OAG were not required to be submitted pursuant to the Code. It was a Report of Injuries to or Death of Peace Officer from La Grange Police Dept. which resulted from a stabbing of the officer and not the discharge of a firearm. The other report was from League City Police Dept., which resulted from a soft tissue injury and not the discharge of a firearm. They are attached with the attached pdf reports, but were not included in the statistical breakdown due to their retractions'.

involving Execution of a Warrant; twenty-three (23) Hostage, Barricade and Other Emergency Situations, twenty-five (25) Traffic Stops, and forty-four (44) Other Uncategorized Situations.⁴

⁴ Agencies may report more than one explanation for the peace officer involvement, therefore the total of these exceed the number of incidents.