



***PEACE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS
2020 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 2020 provides the following information:

- a) The number of peace officer involved shootings from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 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: 1/1/20 - 12/31/20

From January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020, there were one hundred ninety-four (194) separate incidents¹ statewide involving peace officer shootings with a firearm that caused injury or death. Those incidents resulted in one hundred ten (110) deaths and eighty-four (84) injuries to individuals.² Additionally, twenty-nine (29) peace officers were injured and six (6) were killed.³

Of the individuals (non-peace officers) who were either injured or killed in these incidents, sixty-seven (67) were Hispanic, sixty-three (63) were Caucasian, sixty-one (61) were African-American, one (1) was Asian or Pacific Islander, one (1) was not available and one (1) was of another nationality or race. One hundred seventy-six (176) of these incidents involved individuals who were reported to be carrying a deadly weapon; eighteen (18) did not.

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² Seven reports submitted to the OAG were withdrawn (all seven were filing errors). They were Officer Involved Shooting Reports from Forest Hill Police Department, Dallas Police Department, McAllen Police Department and Mesquite Police Department. They are included with the attached pdf reports but were not included in the statistical breakdown due to their retraction. In addition, one Officer Involved Shooting Report from Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office was the result of a sheriff’s deputy who accidentally shot and killed a Fort Bend County Constable while on a call. On the Officer Involved Shooting Report, the constable’s information is listed under “Injured or Deceased Information” as our electronic system is not set up to record a peace officer shooting another peace officer, it is set up to record a peace officer shooting a non-peace officer. Likewise on the Report of Injuries to or Death of Peace Officer that the Fort Bend County Constable’s Office filed, the peace officer’s information that shot the constable is listed under “Non-Peace Officer’s Information” due to the electronic system format.

³ Two reports submitted to the OAG were not required to be submitted pursuant to the Code. Both were Reports of Injuries to or Death of Peace Officers. One was from Fort Worth Police Department which was not due to the discharge of a firearm and the other report was from Ganado Police Department which resulted in an injury to the officer, but it was not due to the discharge of a weapon. The two reports are included with the attached pdf reports but were not included in the statistical breakdown due to their retraction.

The reason for the officers' involvement are broken down as follows: one hundred four (104) Emergency Calls or Requests for Assistance; twenty-five (25) involving Execution of a Warrant; twenty (20) Hostage, Barricade and Other Emergency Situations; thirty-eight (38) Traffic Stops; and forty-one (41) 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.