



***PEACE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS
2021 ANNUAL REPORT***

March 1, 2022

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 2021 provides the following information:

- a) The number of peace officer involved shootings from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 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: 1/1/21 - 12/31/21

From January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021, there were one hundred eighty (180) separate incidents¹ statewide involving peace officer shootings with a firearm that caused injury or death. Those incidents resulted in one hundred twelve (112) deaths and sixty-eight (68) injuries to individuals.² Additionally, twenty-eight (28) 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, seventy-two (72) were Hispanic, sixty-three (63) were Caucasian, forty (40) were African-American, three (3) were Asian or Pacific Islander, one (1) was American Indian or Alaskan Native and (1) was not available. One hundred fifty-nine (159) of these incidents involved individuals who were reported to be carrying a deadly weapon; twenty-one (21) 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 One Officer Involved Shooting Report from Mesquite Police Department was the result of a Mesquite Police Officer who accidentally shot and injured another Mesquite Police Officer while on a call. On the Officer Involved Shooting Report, the injured officer’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 Mesquite Police Department filed, the peace officer’s information (who did the shooting), is listed under “Non-Peace Officer’s Information” due to the electronic system format.

³ One report submitted to the OAG was withdrawn (filed in error). It was a Report of Injury or Death to Peace Officer from Denton County Sheriff’s Office. The report is included with the attached pdf reports but, was not included in the statistical breakdown due to the retraction.

The reason for the officers' involvement are broken down as follows: one hundred thirteen (113) Emergency Calls or Requests for Assistance; seventeen (17) involving Execution of a Warrant; thirty (30) Hostage, Barricade and Other Emergency Situations; thirty-three (33) Traffic Stops; and twenty-nine (29) 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.