



***PEACE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS
2017 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 2017 provides the following information:

- a) The number of peace officer involved shootings from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 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: 1/1/17 - 12/31/17

From January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017, there were one hundred fifty-eight (158) separate incidents^{1,2} statewide involving peace officer shootings with a firearm that caused injury or death. Those incidents resulted in eighty (80) deaths and seventy-eight (78) injuries to individuals. Additionally, twenty-one (21) peace officers were injured and five (5) were killed.

Of the individuals (non-peace officers) who were either injured or killed in these incidents, sixty (60) were Caucasian, fifty-seven (57) were Hispanic, thirty-nine (39) were African-American, one (1) was Asian or Pacific Islander, and one (1) was of another nationality or race. One hundred thirty-two (132) of these incidents involved individuals who were reported to be carrying a deadly weapon; twenty-six (26) did not. The reason for the officers’ involvement are broken down as follows: seventy-three (73) Emergency Calls or Requests for Assistance; thirteen (13) involving Execution of a Warrant; nineteen (19) Hostage, Barricade

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 report submitted to the OAG was not required to be submitted pursuant to the Code, however, it has been included in these statistics. The Drug Enforcement Administration – U.S. D.O.J. report from May 2nd, 2017 was not required as it involved a law enforcement officer who does not qualify as a peace officer under Texas law.

and Other Emergency Situations, twenty (20) Traffic Stops, and forty-six (46) 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.