



**Third Report to the State of
Maryland Under House Bill 954
Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information relating to the cases where individuals died when law enforcement officers were present or when a law enforcement officer was killed in the line of duty. This report describes in detail the methodology used to gather and report on the information required under House Bill 954, “Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer.” While the report details statistical and demographic information regarding these cases, familiarization with the data collection methodology, as well as the underlying facts of each case is a crucial component of this report.

INTRODUCTION

On May 12, 2015, Governor Larry Hogan signed into law Maryland House Bill 954 (Chapter 134 of 2015, hereinafter HB 954), “Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer”. For the first time in Maryland, a legal mechanism is now in place for capturing and reporting to the public each time a civilian dies during a police encounter, or a law enforcement officer dies in the line of duty. Effective July 1, 2015 each state and local law enforcement agency in Maryland is required to provide the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) with information about each officer-involved death and death in the line of duty that involves a law enforcement officer employed by their agency. This report provides the data collected for the one year reporting period from January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

BACKGROUND

From 2010 through 2013, the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC) at GOCCP was the Maryland reporting coordinator and data repository for the Federal Arrest Related Deaths (ARD) program. The program formally ended in 2014, but federal legislation passed under the Deaths in Custody Reporting Act had GOCCP assuming the reporting coordinator role once again for the federal program. When GOCCP began to administer the federal program in Maryland, there were no formal data collection directives provided by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). As a result, MSAC created an ad hoc system for collecting information related to Maryland Arrest Related Deaths. This system included reviews of daily media reports, keyword internet searches, medical examiner reports, and reporting by state and local law enforcement partners. Maryland’s law enforcement community was extremely supportive and transparent with their data in regard to the federal program, making Maryland’s Federal Arrest Related Death data collection process a model for other state programs.

When HB 954 was enacted, Maryland became only the third state to legislatively require law enforcement to submit data on all deaths involving a law enforcement officer from their agency. Prior to the passage of HB 954, Maryland’s law enforcement agencies were supportive of the data collection efforts under the federal ARD program, despite the fact that it was not a legislative mandate. HB 954 implemented a formal data collection process, under state law, which was no

longer based primarily on daily media reports, keyword internet searches, and medical examiner reports. Immediately following the signing of HB 954, MSAC began to implement the law, and oversaw the formation of an Implementation Group. The goal of the Implementation Group was to conduct a detailed analysis of the law and make determinations with regard to the exact data elements requiring collection. The following criminal justice organizations and stakeholders were invited to participate in the Implementation Group:

- Delegate Alonzo T. Washington, District 22 (HB 954 Sponsor)
- Maryland State’s Attorneys’ Association
- Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Maryland
- United States Attorney’s Office
- United States Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Statistics
- Riverdale Park Police
- Prince George’s County Police
- Prince George’s County Sheriff
- Baltimore County Police
- Baltimore City Police
- Hagerstown Police
- Maryland State Police
- American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland
- Justice Research & Statistics Association
- A private defense attorney
- A private citizen

METHODOLOGY

Reporting Criteria for Officer-Involved Civilian Deaths

Following two Implementation Group meetings in 2015, a formal data collection process was adopted, and the information was disseminated to Maryland law enforcement agencies identified by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. These agencies were instructed that as of July 1, 2015, they were to commence data collection and reporting of all civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer to MSAC. HB 954 defines a civilian death involving a law enforcement officer as “*the death of an individual resulting directly from an act or omission of a law enforcement officer, while the officer is on duty or while the officer is off duty, but performing activities that are within the scope of the officer’s official duties ... while an individual is detained,*

arrested, or was in the process of being arrested.” Per criteria set forth in HB 954, the Implementation Group determined that Maryland law enforcement agencies will report all civilian deaths:

- Resulting from any use of force by state or local law enforcement personnel acting either on duty, or off duty in the capacity of a law enforcement officer;
- Caused by injuries sustained while attempting to elude State or local law enforcement personnel or injuries incurred after custody had been established;
- In cases of suicide, only when the suicide occurs while law enforcement is present at the scene;
- In cases of deaths as a result of drug overdose or medical condition, only when the fatal alcohol or other drug intoxications or medical conditions (e.g., cardiac arrest) occurred while law enforcement was attempting to detain or arrest the subject;
- Occurring during the process of arrest by, or in the custody of, state or local law enforcement personnel;
- Occurring while the individual is in the custody of state or local law enforcement personnel who were responding to a medical or mental health assistance or welfare call; or
- Of bystanders while law enforcement is present and/or as the result of a law enforcement action.

Per criteria set forth in HB 954, the Implementation Group determined that Maryland law enforcement agencies were not required to report the following:

- Deaths attributed to federal law enforcement personnel (e.g., FBI, DEA);
- Any inmate death that occurred in the custody of local jails, state prisons, state juvenile correctional facilities, or private correctional facilities; or
- Any death of a criminal suspect that occurred before the decedent came into contact with law enforcement.

Reporting Criteria for Officer Deaths

In addition to reporting civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer, HB 954 also requires all Maryland law enforcement agencies to report to MSAC all deaths of sworn law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. HB 954 defines death in the line of duty as *“the death of a law enforcement officer occurring while the officer is acting in the officer’s official capacity while on duty or while the officer is off duty, but performing activities that are within the scope of the officer’s official duties.”*

Per criteria set forth in HB 954, the Implementation Group determined that Maryland law enforcement agencies were required to report the deaths of all officers killed in the line of duty or in the course of law enforcement activities.

Per criteria set forth in HB 954, the Implementation Group also determined that Maryland law enforcement agencies were not required to report deaths of federal law enforcement personnel (e.g., FBI, DEA).

Data Collection Process

This report contains data collected from Maryland law enforcement agencies for cases occurring in the calendar year 2017. Law enforcement agencies were asked to notify the MSAC within 48 hours of an incident, where a civilian death involving a law enforcement officer or the death of a law enforcement officer has occurred. In addition, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner was also asked to provide the MSAC with notification that a qualifying incident had occurred. Ultimately, a formal reporting guide was developed, along with a data submission form which is required to be submitted for every death involving a law enforcement officer incident each year. (Appendix A). The reported information, and detailed definitions of each variable in the form can be found in Appendix B. Moving forward, a username and password protected database will be established, allowing law enforcement administrators to enter the data into a secure portal, accessible only by law enforcement and GOCCP.

RESULTS

Officer-Involved Civilian Deaths

Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, there were a total of 32 qualifying cases of civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer in Maryland. There were 28 incidents, with three incidents having multiple deaths. A full breakdown of all the variables collected for each incident can be found in Appendix C. A brief narrative of the incident, based on the accounts provided via law enforcement's reporting of the incident is presented in Appendix D.

Of the 32 civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer in 2017, the Medical Examiner's Office classified 13 as homicide by law enforcement, nine as suicide, nine as accidental death, and one as undetermined (See Chart 1). All 13 homicides by law enforcement involved the fatal shooting of the subject(s).

Chart 1: 2017 Civilian Deaths by Manner of Death

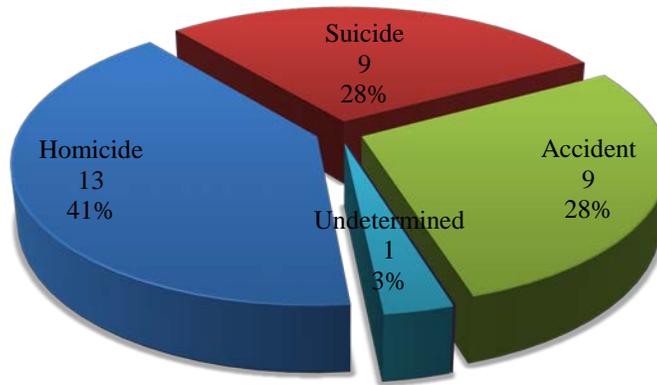
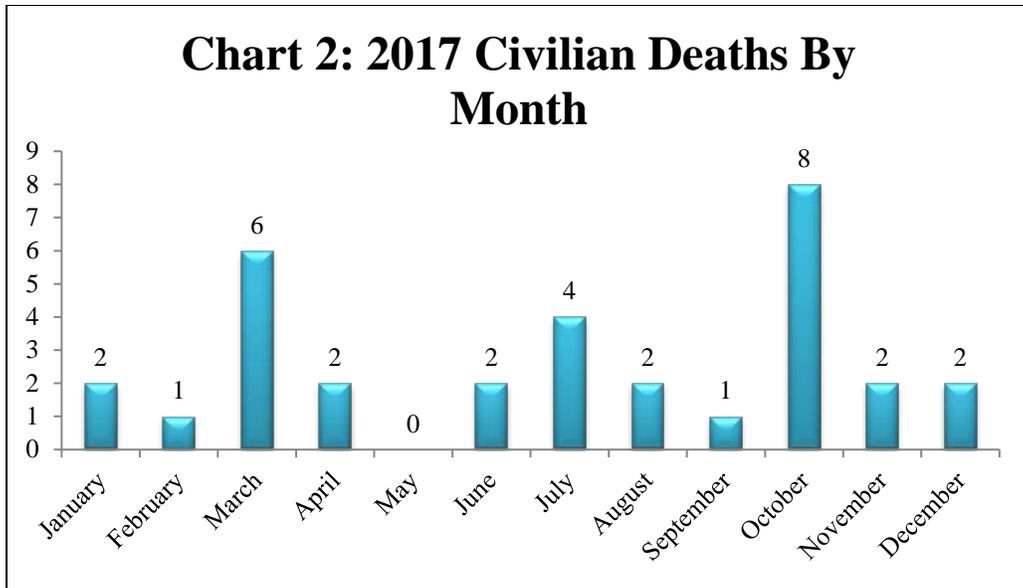


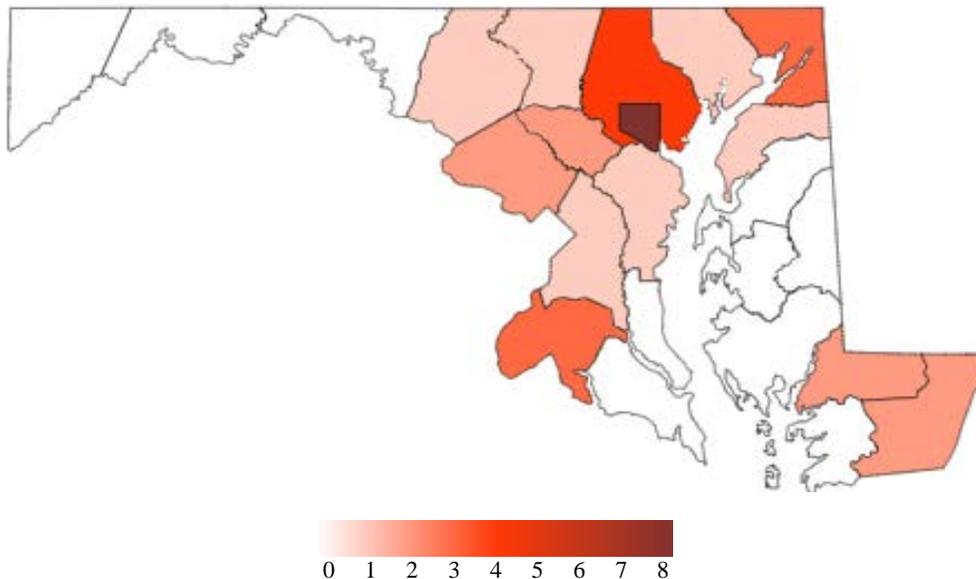
Table 1 provides the demographic breakdown of the civilian decedents. Over 80% of the decedents were male, 53% were white, 38% were black, and the most common age ranges were 25-34 (25%), 35-44 (25%), and 18-24 (22%). As seen in Chart 2, more civilian deaths occurred in October (8) than any other month, followed by March (6) and July (4).

Table 1. 2017 Civilian Deaths Various Demographics (n=32)		
Sex		
Female	6	18.8%
Male	26	81.3%
Race/Ethnicity		
Asian	1	3.1%
Black	12	37.5%
Hispanic	2	6.3%
White	17	53.1%
Age Category		
Under 18	0	0.0%
18-24	7	21.9%
25-34	8	25.0%
35-44	8	25.0%
45-54	4	12.5%
55-64	4	12.5%
65+	1	3.1%



At least one civilian death occurred in 14 of the State’s 24 counties. Baltimore City saw the most with eight, followed by Baltimore County with four, while Cecil and Charles County each had three (see Map 1 below).

Map 1. 2017 Civilian Deaths by County



A total of 57 law enforcement officers from 11 Maryland law enforcement agencies were involved in the 32 civilian deaths. The Maryland State Police was involved in eight civilian deaths followed by the Baltimore Police Department with seven, and Baltimore County Police Department with four (see Chart 3). As seen in Chart 4, two-thirds of the civilian death incidents involved one officer while 11 incidents involved two or more officers. Of the 57 reported officers involved, 50

(88%) were male, 42 (74%) were white, and 45 (78%) were between the ages of 25 and 44 (see Table 2 for a full demographic breakdown of officers). The average age of the officers involved was 36 years old.

Chart 3. 2017 Civilian Deaths by Agency of Officer Involved

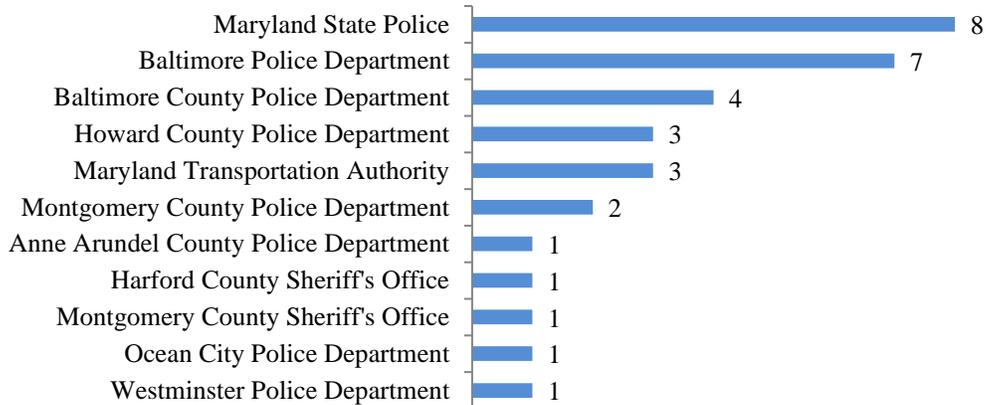


Chart 4. Number of Officers Involved in 2017 Civilian Deaths

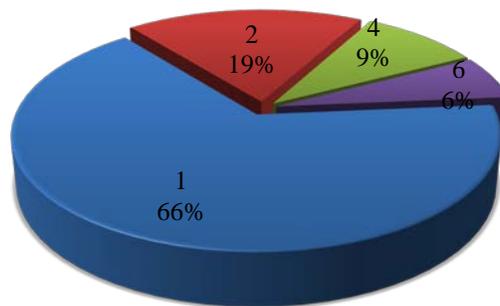


Table 2. Officers Involved in 2017 Civilian Deaths by Various Demographics (n = 57)		
Sex		
Female	7	12.3%
Male	50	87.7%
Race/Ethnicity		
Asian	1	1.8%
Black	12	21.1%
Hispanic	2	3.5%
White	42	73.7%
Age Category		
18-24	4	7.0%
25-34	20	35.1%
35-44	25	43.9%
45-54	8	14.0%

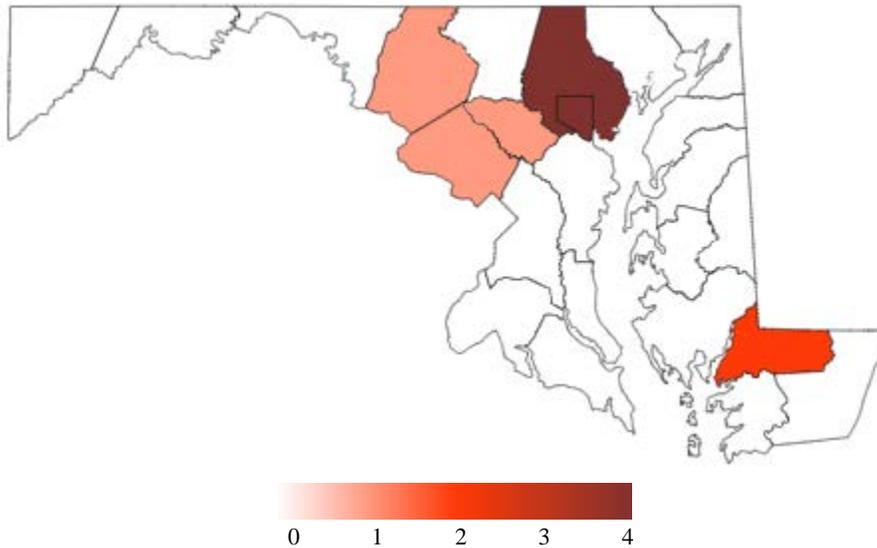
Officer-Involved Civilian Homicide Deaths

Of the 32 qualifying deaths involving a law enforcement officer in 2017, 13 cases were determined to be fatal shootings by law enforcement officers. There were 12 incidents, with one resulting in two civilians killed. All 13 civilians were male, eight were black, five were white and all but one of the civilians was under 45 years of age (see Table 3. for a full demographic breakdown).

Table 3. 2017 Homicides by Law Enforcement Civilian Demographics (n=13)		
Sex		
Female	0	0.0%
Male	13	100.0%
Race/Ethnicity		
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	8	61.5%
Hispanic	0	0.0%
White	5	38.5%
Age Category		
Under 18	0	0.0%
18-24	5	38.5%
25-34	3	23.1%
35-44	4	30.8%
45-54	0	0.0%
55-64	1	7.7%
65+	0	0.0%

At least one fatal shooting by law enforcement incident occurred in six counties. Baltimore City and Baltimore County lead the way with four incidents while two occurred in Wicomico County (see Map 2 below).

Map 2. 2017 Fatal Shootings by Law Enforcement by County



There were a total of 18 law enforcement officers from five Maryland law enforcement agencies involved in the 13 fatal shootings. The Baltimore Police Department and the Baltimore County Police Department were involved in four civilian fatal shootings a piece and the Maryland State Police and Howard County Police Department had two each. (see Chart 5). Of the 18 reported officers involved in fatal shootings, all 18 were male, 13 (72%) were white and 13 (72%) were between the ages of 25 and 44 (see Table 2 for a full demographic breakdown of officers). The average age of the officers involved was 35 years old.

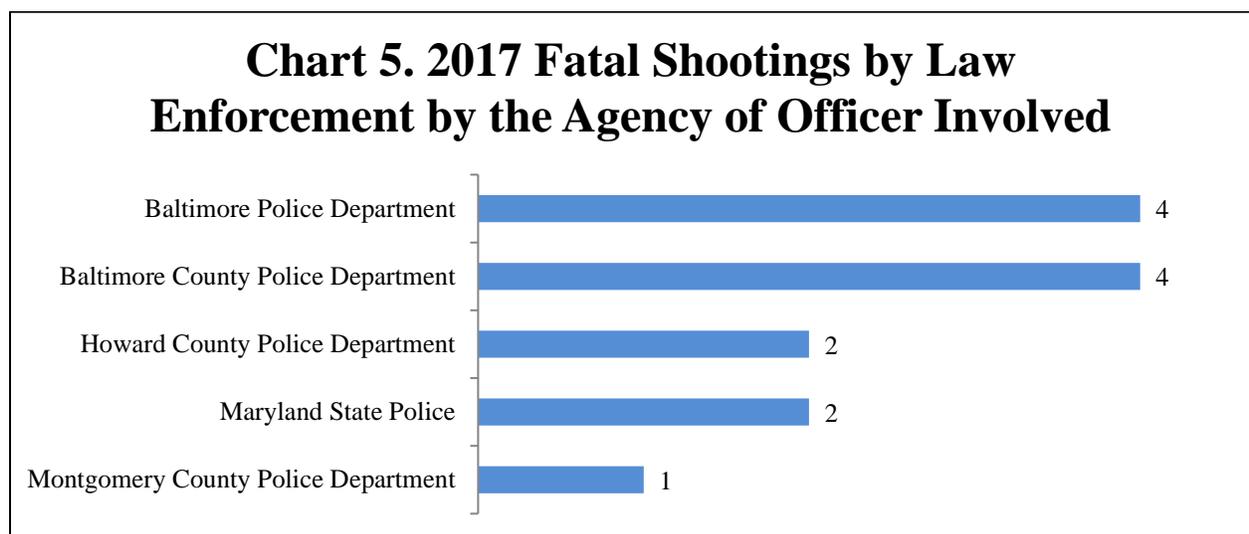


Table 4. Number of Officers Involved in 2017 Fatal Shootings by Various Demographics (n=18)		
Sex		
Female	0	0.0%
Male	18	100.0%
Race/Ethnicity		
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	5	27.8%
Hispanic	0	0.0%
White	13	72.2%
Age Category		
18-24	2	11.1%
25-34	9	50.0%
35-44	4	22.2%
45-54	3	16.7%

Suicide

Of the 32 civilian deaths in 2017, nine cases were determined to be suicides where law enforcement was present at the scene. Six suicides involved male subjects and three were female. Eight of the nine subjects were white and one was Asian. The average age of the subject was 42 years.

Accident

There were seven incidents involving nine decedents that were determined by the Medical Examiner to be the result of an accident. Five of those incidents involved seven subjects attempting to flee from police in motor vehicles, including one incident where the driver and two passengers were killed. Another incident resulted in the death of a bystander. Two subjects were struck and killed by a police vehicle, one of the incidents happened during a police pursuit, and the other did not.

Undetermined

There was one death in the presence of law enforcement in 2017 where the Medical Examiner categorized the manner of death undetermined where the individual was found unresponsive in a holding cell.

Officer Deaths in the Line of Duty

Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, there was one qualifying case of a law enforcement officer death in the line of duty in Maryland, a 43-year-old Baltimore City police

officer. Appendix E show the details of this incident, and were provided by law enforcement in accordance with HB 954.

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY (2013-2016)

For the five-year period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2017 there were a total of 167 qualifying cases of civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer and nine qualifying cases of law enforcement officer deaths in the line of duty in Maryland. Table 5 provides a five-year comparison of the raw data provided by law enforcement in accordance with HB 954. Table 6 provides a five-year comparison of the agencies involved in all 167 cases.

Table 5. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Statistics by Year (2013 - 2017)					
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer	37	31	36	31	32
Manner of Death					
Homicides	19	18	18	16	13
Suicides	3	2	8	7	9
Accidents	11	8	4	8	9
Natural Causes	1	2	1	0	0
Undetermined	3	1	5	0	1
Civilian Death Demographics					
% Black	70%	71%	56%	58%	38%
% White	24%	27%	44%	36%	53%
% Male	89%	94%	97%	81%	81%
Number of Officers Involved	66	51	80	60	57
Officers Involved Demographics					
% Black	17%	27%	24%	17%	21%
% White	77%	69%	74%	80%	74%
% Male	97%	90%	94%	93%	88%
Total Officer Deaths	1	1	3	3	1

Table 6. Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Incidents by Agency (2013 - 2017)					
Agency	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Aberdeen Police Department	0	0	1	0	0
Annapolis Police Department	1	0	0	0	0
Anne Arundel County Police Department	0	1	0	0	1
Baltimore County Police Department	4	3	8	4	4
Baltimore City Police Department	10	5	5	9	7
Bladensburg Police Department	1	0	0	0	0
Carroll County Sheriff's Office	1	0	0	0	0
Cecil County Sheriff's Office	0	0	1	2	0
Charles County Sheriff's Office	0	0	2	1	0
Coppin State University Police Department	0	0	0	1	0
Elkton Police Department	0	0	0	2	0
Forest Heights Police Department	0	0	1	0	0
Frederick County Sheriff's Office	2	0	0	0	0
Glenarden Police Department	0	1	0	0	0
Greenbelt Police Department	0	0	0	1	0
Hagerstown Police Department	1	0	2	0	0
Harford County Sheriff's Office	2	2	0	2	1
Howard County Police Department	1	2	1	0	3
Laurel Police Department	0	0	0	1	0
Maryland State Police	6	8	3	5	8
Maryland Transit Administration Police	0	2	0	0	0
Maryland Transportation Authority	1	0	2	1	3
Montgomery County Police Department	2	2	1	1	2
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	1	0	1	1	1
Ocean City Police Department	0	0	0	2	1
Prince George's County Police Department	1	4	4	2	0
Prince George's County Sheriff's Office	0	1	1	0	0
Princess Anne Police Department	1	0	0	0	0
Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office	0	1	0	1	0
Salisbury Police Department	1	1	0	0	0
Washington County Sheriff's Office	1	0	2	0	0
Westminster Police Department	0	0	1	0	1
Wicomico County Sheriff's Office	0	0	1	0	0

SUMMARY

Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, there were a total of 32 qualifying cases of civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer in Maryland. During that same time frame, law enforcement reported one qualifying case of law enforcement officer deaths in the line of duty in Maryland.

The next report, the “Fourth Report to the State of Maryland under HB 954” will be released on June 30, 2019, and will include all qualifying civilian deaths involving a law enforcement officer, and officer deaths in the line of duty for the calendar year 2018.

APPENDIX A

CJ-11MD Form

Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Reporting Form

Reporting Agency:

Type of Death

- Civilian Death Officer Death

Deceased Information

(please fill out a separate form for multiple subjects - 1 form per subject)

Name: _____ Date of Death: _____
Age: _____ Gender: _____
Ethnicity: _____ Race: _____

If Civilian Death, Provide Officer Involved Information

(please use the additional information area for more than 1 officer)

Age: _____ Gender: _____
Ethnicity: _____ Race: _____

Type of Incident (Preliminary)

- Homicide Suicide Accidental Injury to Self
 Medical Condition / Illness Natural Causes Overdose / Intoxication
 Other: _____

Details

Description of Incident:

Reporting Official / Agency Information

Reporting Official _____ Date of Reporting _____

Department/Title _____ Method of Reporting _____

Contact Information

APPENDIX B

Data Collected for Officer-Involved Civilian Deaths

For each qualifying civilian death involving a law enforcement officer, HB 954 requires law enforcement to report the information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center at the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. The reported information, and detailed definitions of each variable can be found in Appendix C.

Agency

- Refers to the Maryland Law Enforcement Agency employing the officer involved.

Date of the civilian death

- This information is taken directly from the Medical Examiner report. If this report is unavailable, the word "approx." will follow the date, and refer to the date of incident. If a significant number of days passed between the incident date, and the date of death, this information will be noted.

Time of the civilian death

- This information is taken directly from the Medical Examiner report. If this report is unavailable, the word "approx" will follow the time, and refer to the time of incident.

Age of the civilian

- The age at last birthday.

Sex of the civilian

- A person's biological status, which was categorized as either male or female.

Ethnicity of the civilian

- Ethnicity categories are: Hispanic or Latino (H), Not Hispanic or Latino (NH), Unknown (U).

Race of the civilian

- Race categories are: American Indian or Alaska Native (I), Asian (A), Black or African American (B), White (W), Other (O), Unknown (U).

Age, gender, race, and ethnicity of the officer involved

- An officer is considered "involved" if they had direct or indirect contact with the deceased during the law enforcement action when the death occurred. The following special circumstances should be noted:
 - *Suicide*: If a suicide occurred while an officer(s) was present at the scene, the demographic information of those officers is captured.
 - *SWAT Operation*: If a SWAT Operation is in progress at the scene, only the demographic information of individuals actively participating in the event causing the death is captured.

- *Traffic*: If a civilian dies as the result of a traffic related incident/accident, the demographic information of the officer(s) engaged with the subject at the time of the incident/accident will be captured.

Location of incident

- The physical address, or proximity thereof, where the event associated with the death occurred.

Narrative/summary of incident

- Brief details of the event based on the accounts provided via law enforcement's reporting of the incident to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center.

In addition to the data elements collected as a requirement of HB 954, one additional data element was collected, the manner of death. This data element, utilizing information taken directly from Medical Examiner reports, was necessary in determining if a case qualified under HB 954.

Manner of death

- Manner of death is the classification of categories used to define whether a death is from intentional causes, unintentional causes, natural causes, or undetermined causes. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Maryland uses the following primary classifications for manner of death:

- *Accident (A)*: Accident applies when an injury or poisoning causes death and there is little or no evidence that the injury or poisoning occurred with the intent to harm or cause death. In essence, the fatal outcome was unintentional.
- *Homicide (H)*: Homicide occurs when death results from a volitional act committed by another person to cause fear, harm, or death.¹
- *Natural (N)*: Natural deaths are due solely or nearly totally to disease and/or the aging process.
- *Suicide (S)*: Suicide results from an injury or poisoning as a result of an intentional, self-inflicted act committed to do self-harm or cause the death of one's self.
- *Undetermined (U)*: A classification used when the information pointing to one manner of death is no more compelling than one or more other competing manners of death in thorough consideration of all available information.
- *Pending (P)*: Awaiting additional test results or information.

Data Collected for Officer Deaths

For each qualifying law enforcement officer death, HB 954 requires law enforcement to report the following information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center at the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention:

Agency

¹ Hanzlick, R., Hunsaker III, J., & Davis, G. (2002). "A Guide for Manner of Death Classification" *National Association of Medical Examiners*. Retrieved from: <http://www.charlydmiller.com/LIB03/2002NAMEmannerofdeath.pdf>.

- Refers to the Maryland Law Enforcement Agency employing the deceased officer.

Date of the officer death

- This information is taken directly from the Medical Examiner report. If the Medical Examiner report is unavailable, the word “approx.” will follow the date, and refer to the date of incident. If a significant number of days passed between the incident date, and the date of death, this information will be noted.

Age of the deceased officer

- The age at last birthday.

Sex of the deceased officer

- A person’s biological status, which was categorized as either male or female.

Ethnicity of the deceased officer

- Ethnicity categories are: Hispanic or Latino (H), Not Hispanic or Latino (NH), Unknown (U).

Race of the deceased officer

- Race categories are: American Indian or Alaska Native (I), Asian (A), Black or African American (B), White (W), Other (O), Unknown (U).

Location of Incident

- The physical address, or proximity thereof, where the event associated with the death occurred.

Narrative/summary of incident

- Brief details of the incident based on the accounts provided via law enforcement’s reporting of the incident to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center.

APPENDIX C

Table 1. 2017 Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Incidents													
The following information was supplied by Law Enforcement Agencies and does not reflect the understanding or opinion of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention													
Case Identifier	Civilian Identifier	Officers Involved	Date of Death	Time of Death	Reporting Law Enforcement Agency	Event Location	Civilian Sex	Civilian Age	Civilian Race	Category / Manner of Death	Officer Sex	Officer Age	Officer Race
2017-01	17-01	1	1/7/2017	9:38 AM	Howard County Police Department	6367 Woodland Forrest Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075	Male	41	White	Homicide	Male	24	White
2017-02	17-02	1	1/27/2017	12:26 AM	Baltimore County Police Department	25 Greenwood Ave, Baltimore MD 21206	Male	59	White	Homicide	Male	34	White
2017-03	17-03	1	2/7/2017	3:34 PM	Baltimore Police Department	1900 Frederick Ave, Baltimore, MD 21223	Male	18	Black	Homicide	Male	28	White
2017-04	17-04	2	3/14/2017	1:06 AM	Baltimore County Police Department	6414 Windsor Mill Rd, Gwynn Ok, MD 21207	Male	20	Black	Homicide	Male	34	White
											Male	27	Black
2017-05	17-05	4	3/19/2017	11:42 AM	Maryland Transportation Authority	I-95 North Mile 107, Elkton, MD 21921	Female	28	White	Suicide	Male	35	Hispanic
											Female	40	Black
	17-06						Male	35	White	Suicide	Male	40	Black
											Male	42	White
2017-06	17-07	1	3/24/2017	8:10 AM	Baltimore Police Department	1027 N. Fulton Ave, Baltimore, MD 21217	Male	39	Black	Homicide	Male	41	White
2017-07	17-08	1	3/28/2017	12:01 AM	Montgomery County Police Department	10025 Stedwick Rd, Montgomery Village, MD 20886	Male	28	White	Homicide	Male	31	White
2017-08	17-09	1	3/30/2017	3:15 PM	Westminster Police Department	MD-27 at Hahn Rd, Westminster, MD 21157	Male	48	White	Accident	Male	26	White
2017-09	17-10	1	4/20/2017	7:16 PM	Baltimore Police Department	424 Font Hill Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21223	Female	52	Black	Undetermined	Male	37	Black
2017-10	17-11	2	4/24/2017	1:55 PM	Anne Arundel County Police Department	120 Idlewild Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146	Female	32	White	Suicide	Male	54	White
											Male	31	White

Table 1. 2017 Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Incidents (Continued)

The following information was supplied by Law Enforcement Agencies and does not reflect the understanding or opinion of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

Case Identifier	Civilian Identifier	Officers Involved	Date of Death	Time of Death	Reporting Law Enforcement Agency	Event Location	Civilian Sex	Civilian Age	Civilian Race	Category / Manner of Death	Officer Sex	Officer Age	Officer Race
2017-11	17-12	4	6/7/2017	3:15 PM	Baltimore County Police Department	Dundalk Ave and Beclare Rd. Dundalk, MD 21222	Male	35	White	Homicide	Male	26	White
											Male	23	White
											Male	41	White
											Male	47	White
2017-12	17-13	6	6/13/2017	2:54 PM	Maryland Transportation Authority	5800 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore, MD 21205	Female	41	White	Accident	Male	44	White
											Male	29	White
											Male	45	Black
											Male	40	White
											Male	38	White
											Male	50	White
2017-13	17-14	1	7/9/2017	2:24 AM	Maryland State Police	405 Punkin Ct, Salisbury, MD 21804	Male	27	Black	Homicide	Male	25	White
	Male						21	Black	Homicide				
2017-14	17-16	2	7/10/2017	12:20 PM	Howard County Police Department	13992 Penn Shop Rd, Mt. Airy, MD 21771	Male	26	White	Homicide	Male	41	White
											Male	33	Black
2017-15	17-17	2	7/20/2017	6:23 PM	Maryland State Police	111 School Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620	Male	47	White	Suicide	Male	22	White
											Male	28	White
2017-16	17-18	1	8/1/2017	4:02 AM	Baltimore County Police Department	622 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville, MD 21228	Male	35	Black	Homicide	Male	42	Black
2017-17	17-19	1	8/10/2017	11:41 PM	Baltimore Police Department	South Mount St and East Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21223	Female	66	Black	Accident	Male	30	White
2017-18	17-20	2	9/5/2017	2:26 AM	Ocean City Police Department	404 Bayshore Dr, Ocean City, MD 21842	Male	28	Black	Accident	Male	24	White
											Male	28	White
2017-19	17-21	1	10/6/2017	11:45 PM	Maryland State Police	Coastal Highway and 76th St, Ocean City, MD 21842	Male	57	White	Accident	Male	44	White
2017-20	17-22	1	10/16/2017	3:49 AM	Baltimore Police Department	6600 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214	Male	20	Black	Homicide	Male	52	Black

Table 1. 2017 Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Incidents (Continued)

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Case Identifier	Civilian Identifier	Officers Involved	Date of Death	Time of Death	Reporting Law Enforcement Agency	Event Location	Civilian Sex	Civilian Age	Civilian Race	Category / Manner of Death	Officer Sex	Officer Age	Officer Race
2017-21	17-23	6	10/17/2017	2:30 AM	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	20519 Farcroft Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882	Male	61	White	Suicide	Female	35	White
											Male	40	White
											Male	39	White
											Male	27	White
											Male	53	White
											Male	37	Asian
2017-22	17-24	1	10/21/2017	2:10 AM	Maryland State Police	4210 Crain Highway, White Plains, MD 20695	Male	28	Black	Accident	Female	42	White
	Male						24	Hispanic	Accident				
	Male						24	White	Accident				
2017-23	17-27	1	10/23/2017	12:16 PM	Baltimore Police Department	4400 Furley Ave, Baltimore, MD 21206	Male	20	Black	Homicide	Male	51	Black
2017-24	17-28	2	10/31/2017	11:29 AM	Howard County Police Department	7401 Assateague Drive, Jessup, MD 20794	Male	47	White	Suicide	Male	32	White
											Male	34	White
2017-25	17-29	1	11/3/2017	1:34 PM	Montgomery County Police Department	495 Southbound and Route 1, College Park, MD 20740	Male	37	Hispanic	Accident	Male	47	White
2017-26	17-30	1	11/12/2017	10:54 PM	Maryland State Police	328 McGrady Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911	Male	44	White	Suicide	Male	36	White
2017-27	17-31	1	12/19/2017	12:07 PM	Harford County Sheriff's Office	1904 Atkisson Rd, Joppa, MD 21085	Male	57	Asian	Suicide	Male	33	White
2017-28	17-32	1	12/22/2017	10:34 PM	Baltimore Police Department	222 East Saratoga St, Baltimore, MD 21202	Female	25	White	Suicide	Female	30	Black

APPENDIX D

2017 Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Incident Summaries	
The following information was supplied by Law Enforcement Agencies and does not reflect the understanding or opinion of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention	
Civilian Identifier	Incident Description
17-01	Officers called to a residence for a violation of an ex-parte order. Female reporting that her husband was attempting to enter the home. Officers arrived and found the rear sliding glass door had been shattered. Officers entered and encountered the male subject in the basement with the wife and 3 children. The subject resisted attempts to take him into custody, at one point began to choke one of the officers on scene. The subject then attempted to take one of the officer's weapons from the holster. The subject was shot by one of the officers. OCME accepted the decedent's body for an autopsy.
17-02	Officers dispatched to a suicidal subject where a gun was pointed at others. Police repeatedly told subject to put hands up, but he refused. Subject grabbed for a weapon, and an officer fired shots in defense. The subject died from his injuries.
17-03	On February 7, 2017, at approximately 1511 hours, plainclothes officers observed a blue Honda, bearing Maryland tag 2CS3324 driving erratically in the area of Hollins Street and Fulton Avenue. Officers began to follow the vehicle. When the vehicle reached Fulton Avenue and Booth Street, one of the rear passengers bailed out and fled on foot. One of the plainclothes officers gave chase. When they reached the 1900 block of Frederick Avenue the subject turned and pointed a Ruger 9mm semi-automatic handgun at the officer. The officer fired his departmental handgun seven times striking the subject multiple times in the lower torso.
17-04	Suspect confronted after robbery of convenience store. Suspect drove vehicle at officers who fired their weapon at the vehicle.
17-05	Officers received a call for an LPR hit on a possible stolen vehicle travelling northbound on Interstate 95 through Bore 4. As officers initiated the stop, the vehicle fled from police, causing a pursuit. The pursuit lasted until the vehicle crashed on northbound Interstate 95 in the vicinity of mile marker 107.4. Both passengers the male driver and female passenger in the vehicle were deceased at the scene.
17-06	
17-07	On March 24, 2017, at approximately 0641 hours police were dispatched to 1027 N. Fulton Avenue for a report of a male armed with a knife refusing to leave the location. Patrol officers responded and attempted to de-escalate the scene, but the subject became more agitated while holding a four year old and one year old child at knife point. SWAT units responded and again attempted to calm the subject down, but he continued to hold the children hostage at knife point while continuing to threaten their lives. With the subject erratic behavior and numerous threats to harm the children, the SWAT officer fired his weapon one time which incapacitated the subject allowing officers to remove the children from the location.
17-08	An MCPD officer was dispatched to a report of a bike theft that had occurred earlier. Upon making contact with the complainant, the officer investigated the theft and obtained information to write a theft report. After approximately 20 minutes, as the officer was in the process of providing the complainant with the report number, the subject suddenly and without provocation, produced a knife and lunged at the officer with the knife. The officer initially began to defend himself from the attack and fell to the ground while drawing his department-issued firearm. The subject continued to assault the officer and the officer fired several rounds striking the subject. The subject was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries
17-09	On March 30, 2017 the decedent was operating a motorcycle and refused to stop for a police vehicle after a traffic violation. The decedent's driving actions and speed clearly indicated an intent to flee from the police. The decedent failed to stop for a red traffic signal and collided with another vehicle suffering fatal injuries.
17-10	On April 9, 2017, the subject was taken into custody for an outstanding Calvert County warrant. While in police custody, the subject displayed visible signs of intoxication from an unknown substance. The subject was transported to the Southwestern District and placed in the holding cell. Approximately an hour after being placed in the holding cell she was found unresponsive. Officers performed CPR until the arrival of the medic, which transported the subject to Saint Agnes Hospital, where she remained unresponsive until the date of her death, April 20, 2017.
17-11	On 4/24/2017 at approx. 1321 hours, officers responded for a check suicidal subject. Upon arrival officers heard a popping noise and forced entry into the residence. Officers located the victim in an upstairs bedroom with a rifle in her mouth. Officers attempted to talk to the victim and have her take the rifle out of her mouth but she ended up pulling the trigger and taking her life. She was a known mental health consumer.

17-12	Officers responded to an armed robbery that had just occurred. The suspect was located on an MTA bus and fired at responding officers. He exited the bus and continued firing at officers from two handguns. Officer fired back in self defense and at some point in the exchange of gunfire the suspect was struck multiple times. The suspect died of his injuries.
17-13	Citizen was fleeing from officers on a Honda motorcycle at a high rate of speed for a traffic violation. The citizen pulled into a Shell Gas Station at E. Monument St. and Pulaski Highway. When officers attempted to take the suspect into custody, at this time the subject fled the area on the motorcycle where she was followed by Baltimore City Helicopter. The helicopter unit then advised he observed the motorcycle crash in the 5400 block of Pulaski Highway in front of the Chaps Pit Beef stand. The operator was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased at 1425 hours.
17-14	On July 9, 2017, at approximately 1:45 AM a large crowd gathered outside of a Denny's restaurant in Salisbury, MD. At least two members of the crowd began shooting guns. An off-duty trooper, working security at the restaurant, interrupted the suspects' actions. At least one male subject pointed a firearm at the trooper, who returned fire. Ultimately, two citizens were killed as a result of the shootings.
17-15	
17-16	Officers were attempting to apprehend a subject that had just committed a burglary in their presence. A traffic stop was initiated and the operator of the vehicle struck a police vehicle and attempted to strike an officer. Two officers fired their weapons and struck the passenger of the vehicle.
17-17	On the above date, troopers responded to 111 School Road, Chestertown, MD 21620 in reference to completing a domestic standby as it related to a sexual child abuse investigation. Upon arrival at the residence with other family members, and prior to troopers making contact with the suspect, the subject shot himself with a handgun while in the bedroom. The subject was transported to Chester River Hospital Center, where he was declared deceased.
17-18	An officer working Uniformed Secondary Employment at a retail establishment was assisting in the apprehension of a shoplifter. The officer located the suspect while he entered a vehicle. The suspect accelerated the vehicle dragging the officer over 100 feet. During the struggle, the officer fired his service weapon striking the suspect. The suspect died from his injuries.
17-19	The subject was driving on Pratt Street when she was struck by a suspect travelling south on Mount Street at a high rate of speed, causing fatal injury. Prior to the accident, the suspect fled from officers who were attempting to conduct a vehicle stop.
17-20	On September 4, 2017, at 2257 hours, the deceased was stopped by O.C.P.D. for committing a traffic violation. Deceased was ultimately arrested for possession of illegal controlled dangerous substances as well as related traffic charges. Deceased resisted arrest and force was used to take him into custody. Deceased was examined by E.M.S. personnel at arrest scene and also by medical professionals at Atlantic General Hospital (AGH). There the deceased was treated for minor abrasions, given a tetanus shot, Tylenol and water and was released. During transport back to police headquarters, deceased rapidly became medically distressed. Officers stopped, removed deceased from the vehicle, called E.M.S. and began CPR. During the transport deceased indicated he may have ingested C.D.S. Deceased was transported back to AGH and later pronounced dead. Maryland State Police Homicide Unit is investigating the death.
17-21	Trooper responding to assist OCPD with motor vehicle collision; decedent stepped into the travel portion of the roadway and into the path of 2016 Ford Explorer PPV (Marked MSP unit) with emergency equipment (lights/siren) activated. Decedent was struck by aforementioned vehicle and succumb to injuries from the collision.
17-22	The subject exited a convenience store brandishing a shotgun after robbing same. The subject encountered the officer, who was conducting a business check, as he exited the store still armed with the shotgun. The subject was shot multiple times and later succumbed to his injuries.
17-23	Officers went to serve an emergency evaluation at the listed address. The deputies heard shots fired. A SWAT team found the individual dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
17-24	Trooper attempted to stop vehicle for numerous traffic infractions in Charles County; suspect vehicle fled and subsequently collided with median and tree. Aforementioned and two other occupants of the vehicle were killed.
17-25	
17-26	
17-27	Subject entered the off duty officer's residence while brandishing a handgun. A struggle ensued and subject was ultimately shot with his own weapon by the off duty officer. Subject was pronounced deceased at a local hospital.

17-28	Officer were called for a possible suicide in progress. Officers established a perimeter and located the subject in the cab of a tractor trailer. As Tactical Officer approached the cab of the truck, the subject shot himself in the head with a 9 mm handgun. Multiple officers observed the subject pull the trigger. No force used by the officer during the incident. It was determined that the weapon used was stolen from Panama City, Florida.
17-29	Officers located the subject's vehicle in connection with a commercial armed robbery that had just occurred. The vehicle was involved in a collision on Interstate 495 at which time the driver fled on foot onto the highway attempting to elude capture. The subject was struck by a police vehicle and died as the result of his injuries.
17-30	On 11/12/17, the Maryland State Police Gang Enforcement Unit was requested to assist the FBI-Baltimore with locating and apprehending a serial bank robbery suspect. Authorities responded to 328 McGrady Road, Rising Sun, Maryland and attempted to take the suspect into custody. The individual refused to surrender, essentially barricaded himself in back room and set fire to the home. Several attempts to rescue the subject were unsuccessful; the fire company responded to extinguish the blaze. The subject was found deceased in the room. An autopsy revealed the subject died of the combined effects of heroin, cocaine, methadone and carbon monoxide.
17-31	On 12/19/17, at approximately 1028 hours, deputies responded to 1904 Atkisson Road Joppa, MD 21085. Information provided through 911 was that the caller was being held at gun point by her spouse and that upon arrival of deputies he would shoot at the responding units. Deputies observed an unknown male outside the residence waving his hands and yelling in the direction of the deputies who were staging at Singer Road and Atkisson Road. After gathering brief information from the spouse, she advised that the male has several handguns and a rifle inside the residence. The spouse also advised that the subject had been drinking. At this point, SRT was activated, deputies created a perimeter and continued to observe the subject's actions. For just under two hours, the subject would enter and exit his residence several times with a handgun displayed. During this time, deputies were in communication with him via the telephone and on the scene. The subject was asked several times to walk down the driveway and surrender peacefully but would not comply with the request. At one point, the subject brings several guns including a rifle out to the driveway and places them next to a truck that was parked at the top of the driveway. The subject would also open the door to the truck and retrieve what was believed to be bottles of alcohol from the rear seat. His actions of entering his house and exiting house continued until he started to move toward SRT at which point they utilized less than lethal in attempts to stop his movements toward the guns and rifle on the driveway. At this point, the subject retreated back to the carport area where he grabbed a handgun, raised it to his chin and shot himself. Deputies were able to move toward the subject's body where he was pronounced deceased at 1207 hours.
17-32	Officers responded to 222 E Saratoga Street for a report of a woman attempting suicide by jumping from the 9th floor of the apartment building. Upon arrival, she was on the other side of the railing. Officers and her boyfriend tried to hold her but she fell 6 floors. She later died at the hospital.