



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: 14-INSP-031

REF: Officer Involved Shooting Statistics (Fatal versus Non-Fatal) and
Release of Officer Involved Shooting Information

On November 20, 2014, the Inspections Division was tasked to compare officer involved shooting (OIS) statistics (fatal versus non-fatal) from the Fairfax County Police Department (Department) to those of other like sized agencies. The data was requested from 2004 to current. On December 3, 2014, the Inspections Division, with the help of Mr. John Kapinos, contacted other agencies requesting their OIS statistics. In addition, the requested agencies were asked two follow-up questions:

1. What is your agency's policy and practice regarding releasing information to the public/media concerning the circumstances of an officer-involved shooting? Specifically, how soon after the incident do you normally release information about facts and circumstances of the incident?
2. When you release information about a shooting, do you release the names of the officer(s) involved? If officer names are released prior to the completion of criminal and/or internal investigations, then what is the rationale as to why or why not?

In order to have more comparative information, the Department's Public Information Office (PIO) was asked to send the above two questions to all their PIO contacts. Also, the Inspections Division contacted numerous departments (by email and by phone) throughout the country and asked the same questions. Not all the agencies that were contacted actually responded. However, the Inspections Division believes that the responses received represent a comprehensive cross-section of not only like

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sized agencies, but agencies of all sizes serving different sized populations.

DEFINITION

For this report, an officer involved shooting is where an officer discharged their weapon at an individual during the course of their official duties. The statistics do not include the discharge of bean bags or the use of other less lethal force.

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY

The release of information on officer involved shootings and the release of the involved officer's name are governed by Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 12-045, Section G "Public Information Release". The first paragraph states:

Public trust is paramount to the Department's mission and to the ongoing support and respect of the community. Police officers are entrusted with unique powers and authorities, to include, the power of arrest and the authority to use deadly force to protect themselves or others from death or serious injury, and the Department, in turn, has a responsibility and duty to be as transparent as possible.

Specifically on releasing an involved officer's name, SOP 12-045, Section G states:

The Chief of Police will conduct an initial review of each deadly force deployment case to determine whether or not an officer's name will be released to the media. The review shall include an assessment of all relevant facts and circumstances, to include, an assessment of any known, potential, or suspected articulable, serious or imminent threats to the safety of the officer, and/or the officer's family (for example, any overt threats or statements made against an officer or an officer-involved shooting of a known member of a violent criminal gang).

Furthermore, an officer's name would not be released immediately following a use of deadly force incident. Prior to releasing an officer's name ISS (Incident Support Services) will ensure that appropriate measures have been taken to provide for the welfare of the involved officer and their family. In addition, an officer's name will not be released until the criminal investigation has been concluded and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has made their prosecutorial decision.

The following protocols shall be conducted in each case involving the use of deadly force prior to the decision to release the name of an officer to the media:

- Officers are to be notified prior to their name being released. They will also be afforded, when possible, the opportunity to review the media release. This will only be done after a threat assessment is completed by CIB and the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney has been afforded appropriate time to review the initial investigation and render a prosecutorial decision.*
- Consideration of the welfare of the officer and his or her family is paramount. As such, the officer will be provided guidance and support from the Public Information Office prior to and following the release of an officer's name to prepare and assist him with any media attention or inquiries.*
- When possible or deemed necessary (and with the officer's permission and concurrence), the affected officer's commander shall coordinate with CIB to work with or notify the primary law enforcement agency of the locality of the officer's residence for their awareness and support if needed or requested.*
- An officer's name will only be released upon the approval of the Chief of Police or his designee.*
- The CIB commander shall facilitate the release of the officer's name with the Public Information Office.*

FINDINGS

The Inspections Division contacted 59 law enforcement agencies throughout the country and only 39 agencies responded. Out of the 32¹ agencies who responded, 9 agencies were from the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Inspections Division notes the following from the agencies within the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- All agencies release basic information on an officer involved shooting.
- There was no consistent policy when to release an involved officer's name.

¹ The Inspections Division received statistical data and/or the practice of releasing information on officer involved shootings from seven other law enforcement agencies. However, the seven agencies were not included in this report if they requested not to be included, the Inspections Division could not verify their statistics, or the Inspections Division was unable to obtain permission to release the information. A summary of the agencies not included in this report can be found on page 28.

- Some agencies do not release an officer's name.
- Some agencies release the name after the criminal investigation is closed while other agencies state it is a case-by-case decision.

The Inspections Division notes the following from the 23 agencies outside the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- All the agencies release basic information on an officer involved shooting.
- The majority of agencies release the officer's name between 12 hours and 72 hours after the incident.
- Some agencies who release the officer's name within 72 hours will not release the officer's name until the officer has notified family members.
- The majority of agencies stated they release the officer's name for transparency.

The Fairfax County Police Department's current practice on releasing information on an officer involved shooting and the involved officer's name is similar to those agencies located within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Fairfax County Police Department's current policy does not appear to be aligned with the practices of the agencies located outside the Commonwealth of Virginia.

There does not appear to be a policy that is advocated by any particular group. Groups such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Police Executive Research Forum have not published any reports or published a model policy on releasing information on officer involved shootings and/or releasing an involved officer's name.

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Involved Shootings: 36
Population: 1,111,620
Sworn Officers: 1,328

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	0	1 ²
2005	0	6 ³
2006	3	3 ⁴
2007	2	2
2008	3	3 ⁵
2009	2	0
2010	0	2
2011	2	0
2012	2	1
2013	2	1
2014 (YTD)	0	1
TOTAL	16	20

Release of Information:

The release of public information involving an officer involved shooting is governed by SOP 12-045, Investigation of Deadly Force Deployment. Section G (Public Information Release) of SOP 12-045 outlines the Department's policy on releasing information to the public. In brief, it states:

- Generally, PIO and the Chief of Police will provide information to the media at the scene of the event and as the investigation progresses.
- The Chief of Police will conduct an initial review to determine whether an officer's name will be released.
- The officer's name will not be released until the criminal investigation has been concluded and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office has made their prosecutorial decision.
- Officers are notified prior to their name being released and will have an opportunity to review the media release.

² The individual was not struck.

³ In one incident, the individual was not struck.

⁴ In one incident, the individual was not struck.

⁵ In one incident, the individual was not struck.

- General Order 401.1, Release of Information, refers to SOP 12-045 in case of deployment of deadly force.

COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Involved Shootings: 130
Population: 787,033
Sworn Officers: 1,827

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	Not Available	Not Available
2005	Not Available	Not Available
2006	Not Available	Not Available
2007	Not Available	Not Available
2008	Not Available	Not Available
2009	3	16
2010	3	14
2011	9	21
2012	8	22
2013	7	19
2014 (YTD)	4	4
TOTAL	34	96

Release of Information:

The Columbus Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- PIO, at the scene, will release the bare essentials of the incident. PIO then will issue a public release with the basic information of the incident.
- The release of the non-police individual involved will be after a positive ID is made, criminal charges are filed, or next-of-kin are notified.
- Officer's names are released 24 hours after the incident. However, an officer's name is not released at the 24 hour time period if the incident has caused community outrage and there are credible threats against the officer's life.
- The Columbus Police Department believes in being as transparent as possible which is why the officer's name is released.

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Involved Shootings: 41
Population: 802,079
Sworn Officers: 1,831

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	1	1
2005	1	5
2006	1	1
2007	1	2
2008	1	7
2009	0	0
2010	1	7
2011	0	3
2012	2	3
2013	4	0
2014 (YTD)	Not Available	Not Available
TOTAL	12	29

Release of Information:

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The Public Affairs Division, within a very short period of time of the incident, releases preliminary facts at the scene through a press briefing.
- The officer's name, their current assignment, and their number of years on the department are released only after the officer's next of kin have been notified.
- If an officer was serving as in an undercover capacity at the time of the incident, the officer's name is withheld.
- The rationale in releasing the officer's name is transparency to the public regarding police actions.

VIRGINIA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Involved Shootings: 8
Population: 448,479
Sworn Officers: 806

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	0	0
2005	1	0
2006	1	0
2007	2	0
2008	1	0
2009	0	0
2010	0	0
2011	1	0
2012	0	1
2013	1	0
2014 (YTD)	0	0
TOTAL	7	1

Release of Information:

The Virginia Beach Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings. However, the information released is on a case by case basis.

- A public release is issued the same day as the shooting containing criminal incident information (date, time, location).
- As to the facts surrounding the shooting, it depends on how much and when the information is accurate. This also depends on other factors such as an ongoing criminal investigation, etc.
- At some point, the officer's name is released. The media tend to know who the officer is and request the department to confirm their identity.
- The facts and circumstances surrounding the shooting and investigation will also determine when the officer's name is released.
- Most of the information that is released is generic in nature.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Involved Shootings: 33
Population: 1,016,667
Sworn Officers: 1,226

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	2	1
2005	0	0
2006	0	0
2007	1	3
2008	1	3
2009	1	2
2010	1	5
2011	1	4
2012	2	3
2013	1	2
2014 (YTD)	2	1
TOTAL	12	24

Release of Information:

The Montgomery County Police Department does not have a written policy for releasing information on an officer involved shooting. However, the typical practice is:

- The Montgomery County Police Department confirms they are investigating an officer involved shooting.
- Details of the officer involved shooting are then released in a systematic, organized fashion.
- The officer's name, years of service, and assignment are released within 24 hours of the officer involved shooting.
- The officer's name is released to show transparency.

Austin Police Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 55
Population: 865,504
Sworn Officers: 1,637

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	0	3
2005	1	3
2006	1	2
2007	2	7
2008	1	0
2009	3	3
2010	4	0
2011	2	5
2012	2	2
2013	3	6
2014 (YTD)	2	2
TOTAL	21	33

Release of Information:

The Austin Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- Information on the events surrounding the officer involved shooting is released as soon as possible.
- Austin Police Department wants the version of events released so the media can report on the facts.
- The officer's name is normally released around 24 hours after the incident.
- The Austin Police Department releases the officer's name for openness and transparency.

LOUISVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Involved Shootings: 56
Population: 756,832
Sworn Officers: 1,200

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	2	1
2005	2	2
2006	2	3
2007	4	3
2008	2	1
2009	1	6
2010	1	7
2011	1 ⁶	6
2012	0	4
2013	1	1
2014 (YTD)	4	2
TOTAL	20	36

Release of Information:

The Louisville Police Department does release information regarding officer involved shootings.

- Only preliminary information is released at first which entails the race, gender, and age of the victim.
- The department notifies the families of both the victim and officer before names of the victim and officer are released (normally 24 hours).
- No specific information is released about the officer until the officer has been interviewed by Internal Affairs. The Louisville Police Department provides the officers a minimum of 48 hours after the incident to provide a statement. The statement is provided to the Public Integrity Unit which is responsible for investigating all criminal arrests of officers, all officer involved shootings and deaths, and all in custody deaths.
- The Professional Standards Unit (Internal Affairs) does not begin investigating until the case has been reviewed by our Commonwealth Attorney.

⁶ Suspect killed self with their own gun. Louisville has classified this as a Fatal.

- Follow-up information to the media may be released within 72 hours of the incident.
- Officer's names are not restricted unless the officer was working in a covert capacity.

FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Involved Shootings: 68
Population: 792,727
Sworn Officers: 1,595

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	1	1
2005	5	4
2006	3	2
2007	2	2
2008	1	3
2009	3	6
2010	3	6
2011	5	2
2012	3	2
2013	6	2
2014 (YTD)	3	3
TOTAL	35	33

Release of Information:

The Fort Worth Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- A press release on the detail of an officer involved shooting is typically released within 24 hours (end of the day).
- Releasing basic information does not hinder their case and the facts of the case don't often fundamentally change.
- The Major Crimes Division would prefer PIO to end a press release or a news conference with the disclaimer similar to "These are the facts as we know them today. If these facts change as a result of our investigation, we will promptly notify you."

- Officer's names are usually released within 24 hours. This allows the officer appropriate time to talk with family/friends and deactivate any social media accounts.

Metropolitan Police Department (DC Police)

Officer Involved Shootings: 129
Population: 646,449
Sworn Officers: 3,984

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2002	5	7
2003	5	10
2004	2	10
2005	4	7
2006	2	6
2007	8	12
2008	3	4
2009	8	5
2010	0	1
2011	5	2
2012	4	4
2013	5	10
TOTAL	51	78

Release of Information:

The Metropolitan Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The Metropolitan Police Department acknowledges officer involved shootings almost immediately after the incident.
- If an officer involved shooting involves a fatality, that information would be released later in the day of the incident or the following day.
- Specific information such as number of rounds fired, names of those involved, and information sensitive to the incident are not released.
- The officer's name is not routinely released until either criminal action is initiated or a declination issued by the United States Attorney's Office.

- The Metropolitan Police Department believes its officers are entitled to the same due process as citizens.

Raleigh Police Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 16
Population: 429,020
Sworn Officers: 757

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2002	0	1
2003	0	5
2004	1	2
2005	1	0
2006	0	0
2007	0	2
2008	0	1
2009	0	1
2010	0	1
2011	0	0
2012	0	1
2013	0	0
TOTAL	2	14

The Raleigh Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The Raleigh Police Department usually does an initial press release stating that officers were at a location and no other details were available.
- Shortly thereafter and following an internal briefing/discussion about the basic facts involved, a second release is typically released which acknowledges the officer involved shooting.
- Typically, within about 6-12 hours of the incident, a follow-up press release is issued which names the individual shot and the officer's name, length of service, and assignment.
- Additional releases may be distrusted to convey specific public information not previously available, such as 911 call recordings, public versions of incident reports or names that were previously withheld due to notification issues, etc.

- Within 5 days, a 5 Day Report is issued to the City Manager and subsequently to the media. The 5 Day Report consists of facts surrounding the incident but no acknowledgements of any wrong-doing. No further press releases are issued after the 5 Day Report is public.

Newport News Police Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 20
Population: 180,700
Sworn Officers: 440

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2004	0	5
2005	0	1
2006	0	1
2007	0	1
2008	0	2
2009	0	1
2010	0	2
2011	2	0
2012	1	2
2013	0	1
2014 (YTD)	0	1
TOTAL	3	17

The Newport News Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The Newport News Police Department does not have a written policy governing the release of information on an officer involved shooting.
- Accurate information is released as soon as possible without compromising the investigation.
- For information that is not released, the Newport News Police Department explains why certain information is withheld.
- An officer's identity would not be released until the officer had time to speak to their family and let them know what occurred and what to expect.
- The Newport News Police Department attempts to be as open and transparent as possible. They have a good relationship with the local media and community mainly because of their openness over the years.

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS ARE FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. THE AGENCIES WERE NOT ASKED TO PROVIDE THEIR PRACTICE ON RELEASING INFORMATION FOR OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS. RATHER, THE STATISTICS WERE ORIGINALLY PROVIDED BY THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEN WERE VERIFIED WITH THE NAMED AGENCY.

Memphis Police Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 161
Population: 653,450
Sworn Officers: 2000

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2002	4	12
2003	2	18
2004	3	7
2005	3	16
2006	3	11
2007	4	13
2008	1	13
2009	4	4
2010	2	0
2011	4	11
2012	6	8
2013	6	6
TOTAL	42	119

Dallas Police Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 207
Population: 1,258,000
Sworn Officers: 3,640

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2002	N/A	N/A
2003	6	5
2004	5	4
2005	2	6
2006	2	6
2007	6	5
2008	5	6
2009	5	7
2010	8	3
2011	2	4
2012	10	5
2013	6	6
TOTAL	57	57

Philadelphia Police Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 588
Population: 1,553,000
Sworn Officers: 6,400

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2002	5	36
2003	11	28
2004	14	36
2005	7	35
2006	21	47
2007	15	47
2008	12	29
2009	15	44
2010	10	40
2011	12	32
2012	16	41
2013	11	24
TOTAL	149	439

Denver Police Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 96
Population: 649,495
Sworn Officers: 1,432

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2002	3	6
2003	9	5
2004	3	5
2005	1	2
2006	5	5
2007	3	7
2008	4	4
2009	4	0
2010	3	4
2011	2	2
2012	2	6
2013	5	6
TOTAL	44	52

Jacksonville Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 125
Population: 842,583
Sworn Officers: 1,600

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2002	5	2
2003	3	5
2004	2	3
2005	2	4
2006	5	0
2007	9	11
2008	14	14
2009	9	6
2010	4	2
2011	4	3
2012	6	4
2013	5	3
TOTAL	68	57

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Officer Involved Shootings: 74
Population: 603,488
Sworn Officers: 2,555

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal
2002	N/A	N/A
2003	N/A	N/A
2004	N/A	N/A
2005	N/A	N/A
2006	N/A	N/A
2007	N/A	N/A
2008	6	4
2009	5	9
2010	7	9
2011	12	2
2012	4	5
2013	3	8
TOTAL	37	37

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS WERE ONLY CONTACTED TO DETERMINE THEIR PRACTICE ON RELEASING INFORMATION REFERENCE AN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING AND RELEASING THE OFFICER'S NAME.

VIRGINIA

Arlington Police Department

Population: 224,906
Sworn Officers: 361

The Arlington Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The Arlington Police Department does not have a specific policy or practice on releasing information on an officer involved shooting.
- The Arlington Police Department does not have a specific policy or practice on releasing an involved officer's name.

Prince William County Police

Population: 421,377
Sworn Officers: 610

The Prince William County Police does release information on officer involved shootings.

- General information about the officer involved shooting is released immediately.
- The officer is identified a few days later or when the Commonwealth Attorney makes a ruling on prosecution.

Stafford County Sheriff's Office

Population: 134,352
Sworn Deputies: 249 employees (unknown how many sworn)

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office releases details on officer involved shootings but rarely releases information on the officers involved.

- Preliminary information which is factual is released as soon as possible.
- During the initial release, an expectant date for a future release is provided to the media. A full release is provided when the incident has calmed down.
- An officer's name is not released unless the officer is charged regardless if the criminal investigation or the internal affairs investigation is complete.

Virginia State Police

Population: 8,000,000
Sworn Officers: 1,800

The Virginia State Police does not have a policy on releasing information on officer involved shootings.

- Officer involved shootings are reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Information is released as soon as possible.

Alexandria City Police Department

Population: 160,000
Sworn Officers: 296

The Alexandria City Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- Immediately after the officer involved shooting, the Alexandria City Police Department makes a public notification (might not be a press release but will be similar to a press release). Any information afterwards would be released in the form of a press release.
- Within 24 hours, an after action report is released that contains more details on the incident.
- The Alexandria City Police Department may release the officer's name which could include age, gender, rank, and employment.

Fauquier County Sheriff's Department

Population: 70,000
Sworn Officers: 120

The Fauquier County Sheriff's Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The Fauquier County Sheriff's Department typically does a press release from the scene of the officer involved shooting.
- The identification of the involved officer is not released until after the criminal and internal investigations are complete.
- Any press release of identifying information on the involved officer is deferred to the county attorney. The release of the officer's name is ultimately a joint decision by the county attorney and the Sheriff.

Culpeper County Sheriff's Office

Population: 46,689
Sworn Officers: 94

The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office releases limited information on an officer involved shooting.

- The Culpepper County Sheriff's Office adheres to Freedom of Information Act statutes and utilizes the exclusions for criminal and internal affairs investigations.
- The officer's name is not released unless the officer is charged.

MARYLAND

Anne Arundel County Police

Population: 555,743
Sworn Officers: 710

The Anne Arundel County Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- An officer's name who has been involved in an officer involved shooting is released as a matter of practice.
- There is no particular time period to release an officer's name. Typically, the officer's name is released within 24 to 48 hours after the shooting.
- The officer's name, tenure, and current assignment, as well as their current status, is released.
- The officer's name is released for transparency and accountability.

Takoma Park Police Department

Population: 17,000
Sworn Officers: 42

The Takoma Park Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- Depending on the circumstances, the Department will try to release initial details as soon as possible with the caution that it is very preliminary information and could change.
- Generally, the officer's name will be released after the officer has time to notify family and friends.
- Depending on the circumstances, the officer's name will be released either the day of the shooting or within a few days.

- The officer's name might not necessarily be released under circumstances where there might be a threat to the officer or their family.
- The Takoma Park Police Department cannot wait until after the criminal or internal investigation is complete since it can take months for the grand jury to hear the criminal case and months after the criminal decision to complete the internal investigation.

Maryland State Police

Population: 5,930,000
Sworn Officers: 1,500

The Maryland State Police does release information on officer involved shootings.

- It is the policy of the Maryland State Police to identify troopers involved in the use of deadly force.
- Identification is made as soon after the incident as appropriate. The release is usually 8 to 24 hours after the incident.
- Consideration is given to the trooper so the trooper can speak with family, attorney, minister, etc. before their identity is released.
- Prior to release, consideration should be made regarding safety issues impacting the trooper as a result of the incident. If sufficient concerns can be articulated, consideration can be made to withhold identification of the trooper temporarily.
- Identification of troopers charged with a criminal offense will be provided.
- Troopers who work undercover assignments usually will not have their identity released.
- The Maryland State Police usually identifies the trooper soon after the incident because it helps establish credibility with the media and the public.
- Maryland State Police troopers are given the authority to use deadly force and, as a result, are held to a high standard of accountability for the use of that force.

Baltimore County Police Department:

Population: 825,000
Sworn Officers: 1,900

The Baltimore County Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The policy is to release whatever facts have been confirmed as soon as possible.
- In the following days after the officer involved shooting and in consultation with the detectives and Chief of Police, additional details will be released.
- The officer's name is released about 48 hours after the officer involved shooting. The Baltimore County Police Department is governed by a labor agreement with the local FOP where only the officer's last name, rank, and assignment are released.
- The rationale for releasing officer's name soon after the officer involved shooting is the need for transparency.

GEORGIA

Atlanta Police Department

Population: 550,000
Sworn Officers: 2,000

The Atlanta Police Department does release information regarding officer involved shootings.

- Information is released on an officer involved shooting usually on scene of the incident or within a short time after the incident.
- The Atlanta Police Department does release an officer's name when the police report is complete since the police report is public record. If the report will not be complete after a reasonable time, the officer's name will be released within a few days of the incident.

TEXAS

Houston Police Department

Population: 4,000,000
Sworn Officers: 5,400

The Houston Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings⁷.

- The Houston Police Department does an initial press release, sometimes from the scene, on the basic facts of the incident. There might be an additional press release if the facts in the initial press release have changed.
- The officer's name is released, usually within 24 hours after the incident.
- The Houston Police Department believes that releasing the officer's name enhances transparency.

INDIANA

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Population: 800,000
Sworn Officers: 1,500

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The officer's name is released but not until the officer is afforded the opportunity to notify their family members and after an interdepartmental message is released.
- The officer's name is released but not until at least 24 hours after the incident.
- The officer's name is released to provide transparency and as a government agency, the Indianapolis Police Department feels very strongly about being accountable to their community.

⁷ The information was obtained by reviewing the Houston Police Department's press releases on officer involved shootings and speaking with a representative of their department.

- With social media and potential leaks from within the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, it does not benefit the Department to withhold the officer's name since the media outlets already have the name prior to the release.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City Police Department

Population: 800,000
Sworn Officers: 1,050

The Oklahoma Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The Oklahoma Police Department releases basic details, immediately after the incident, describing to the media and public what occurred.
- Any information that may hurt the investigation or is still in question is not released.
- The officer's name is released prior to the completion of the investigation.
- The officer's name is released for transparency. By being forthcoming with information, the Oklahoma Police Department receives stronger positive support from both the public and local media.

TENNESSEE

Nashville Police Department

Population: 627,545
Sworn Officers: 1,431

The Nashville Police Department does release information on officer involved shootings.

- The Nashville Police Department believes it is imperative to release accurate information as quickly as possible.
- Basic information is released from the scene of the incident.

- Further releases are issued when more information is available. By releasing the information, it has minimized/negated rumors, enhances departmental credibility, and shows transparency.
- The written and detailed media releases are not only sent to the media but also to community and neighborhood leaders.
- The officer's name is released very early in the investigation once the officer has notified their family.
- The assignment of the officer and the length of time on the force are also released. The photo of the officer is released unless the individual is working in an undercover/covert capacity.
- The Nashville Police Department believes that credibility and transparency of the department benefits from the openness.

No Response

The Inspections Division did not receive a response from the following:

1. Calvert County Sheriff's Department
2. Charles County Sheriff's Department
3. Denver Police Department
4. Fairfax City Police Department
5. Falls Church Police Department
6. Gaithersburg Police Department
7. Greenbelt Police Department (Greenbelt, Maryland)
8. Greenville Police Department (Greenville, South Carolina)
9. Howard County Sheriff's Office
10. Leesburg Police Department
11. Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
12. Manassas City Police Department
13. Manassas Park Police Department
14. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
15. Nassau County Police Department
16. Pittsburg Police Department
17. Portland Police Bureau
18. Prince George's Police Department
19. Rockville Police Department
20. Saint Louis Police Department
21. Seattle Police Department

SUMMARY OF AGENCIES NOT INCLUDED

There were seven agencies that were not included in this report. The following table is for informational purposes.

AGENCY	SWORN OFFICERS	NUMBER OF OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS	RELEASE INFORMATION/RELEASE OFFICERS NAME
1	907	72 (10 YEARS)	YES
2	3000	121 (5 YEARS)	UNK
3	1067	33 (11 YEARS)	UNK
4	52	0	CASE BY CASE BASIS
5	625	UNK	RELEASE BASIC INFORMATION/ OFFICER NAME NOT RELEASED
6	500	UNK	RELEASE BASIC INFORMATION/ OFFICER'S NAME NOT RELEASED DURING INITIAL PRESS RELEASE
7	25,000+	UNK	YES