



Legal Cases Opened November 2013

Critical Incident Cases Opened for TMPA Members

In November, TMPA opened 14 case files for critical incidents.

Critical incidents are those cases where an officer's actions resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of a person; or could have resulted in such harm, and the officer discharged his firearm.

These critical incidents occurred in various agencies throughout the state including Austin Police Department, Bastrop County Sheriff's Department, Euless Police Department, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department, Harris County Constable Precinct 8, Houston ISD Police Department, Irving Police Department, Jasper Police Department, Moody Police Department, Montgomery County Constable Precinct 4, and Navasota Police Department.

These incidents include:

1. Members were working in the jail when an inmate died.
2. Member responded to a suspect barricaded in a restroom. After advancing towards member with a knife, he was Tased multiple times and then shot.
3. Member was transporting prisoner when he lost control of unit. Prisoner sustained head trauma.
4. Member drove up on burglary of motor vehicle. Suspect attempted to run over member so member shot out tires of vehicle.
5. Member was dispatched to a suspect reportedly suffering from PTSD, who pointed his weapon at the officers. Suspect was shot.
6. Member was involved in an off-duty shooting at his apartment complex. Member was pinned and dragged as the suspect attempted to drive away. Member opened fire.
7. Member was involved in pursuit wherein the suspect vehicle crashed and killed two inside. Member was uninjured.
8. Member involved in pursuit of his stolen camper. Pursuit ended and suspect was shot.
9. Member responded to man with a gun. Suspect refused to drop his weapon and pointed it at the deputy, who fired in self-defense.
10. Member deployed his Taser to break up a high school fight between two students. The Tased student has a brain bleed.
11. Member was serving a search warrant when events went bad and member shot suspect.

TMPA provides legal services to our members using private practice attorneys. Without the dedication of many contract attorneys, TMPA would not be able to offer law enforcement officers the best legal protection plan in the State.