

In the month of March, TMPA opened **68** legal cases to provide an attorney for officers in either an internal affairs investigation and/or an appeal from discipline taken against the officer. TMPA opened **4** case files with regard to defending civil lawsuits filed against police officers and **3** case files to defend criminal charges against officers.

TMPA opened **9** 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 Jacinto City Police Department, Bastrop County Sheriff's Department, Medina County Sheriff's Department, Wise County Sheriff's Department, Grand Prairie Police Department, Duncanville Police Department, DeSoto Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and University of Texas-Galveston Police Department. These incidents include:

1. In responding to a disturbance call involving an elderly suspect with a gun, suspect pointed gun at officer and officer shot suspect.
2. Pursuit of a DWI suspect who crashed and died.
3. After making a traffic stop, suspect attempted to run over officer and officer responded by firing shots at suspect.
4. Following a vehicle pursuit of a suspect, when officer exited vehicle to approach the suspect's car the suspect drove at the officer who fired at suspect to stop the threat.
5. When officer responded to a violence disturbance call, suspect resisted violently and after a long struggle, suspect stopped breathing and died.
6. Two officers were shot by suspect when responding to a deadly conduct call.

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.

“ I would like to say that as a 17 year veteran Police Officer that for the majority of my career I have been a member of TMPA. Over the years TMPA has represented me in 3 shootings and 2 employment issues. Words cannot say enough of how grateful I am to be a member. I always say to anyone who listens that I would not work 1 minute out there in law enforcement w/o being a member of TMPA... ”

“ I would like to thank Randy Doubrava for his assistance with an issue in Irving. We had two officers that did not make training and were placed in the jail. The city did not want to pay them for the sick leave that they accrued while they were an officer. Once Randy supplied us with the case law, the city saw it our way and paid them for the sick time. This was a win for both a TMPA member and a non-member. The non-member sent us a thank you, stating that he did not know that anyone was working on it and could not believe that TMPA would help someone who was not a member, as he was led to believe by the Association he belongs to it was a lost cause. I believe that he will be a new member in the near future and this helps us promote what TMPA/IPA does for its members. ”