

# Phoenix Police Department

## Tactical Review Committee

### Mid-Year Report

2018



Police Chief Jeri L. Williams

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*To Serve, protect and reduce crime in Phoenix while treating everyone with dignity and respect.*

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### *A Message from Police Chief Jeri L. Williams*

The first half of 2018 has marked an unprecedented time for our police department and our community.

Over the past six-months (January-June 2018), Phoenix police officers were involved in 28 critical incidents, in which they fired their duty weapons. This is a significant increase from years past and it is a priority to determine why we have experienced this stark increase.

While I cannot account for the reasons why some members of our community have taken active aggression against officers, I can encourage and create opportunities for additional training. The safety of our community and officers is the foundation of this Department.

We are moving forward with a research study about our critical incidents, which should be completed by the end of this year. Our intent is to use the findings as a resource for continual evaluation for our agency and most importantly, agencies nationally.

In doing so, the Phoenix Police Department is committed to having the best trained law enforcement agency in the nation and serving as a model for the law enforcement community.

Jeri L. Williams, Police Chief  
Phoenix Police Department



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## **Current Trends**

The main priority of the Tactical Review Committee and the Year in Review Report is to identify trends and patterns observed in the field during Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS) and allowing those identified trends and patterns to assist in the evolution of our departmental training and development.

An Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) is defined as any incident in which a Phoenix officer discharges a firearm in response to an active threat by a subject. Accidental discharges, discharges at animals, and discharges at objects outside of an active threat by a subject are not included in the counts.

From January 1 through June 30, 2018, sworn personnel from the Phoenix Police Department were involved in twenty-eight (28) Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) incidents. From a statistical perspective, the following information was found to be of interest for topical training points:

### **Personnel Trends**

- While there were twenty-eight (28) OIS incidents during the first half of 2018, there were a total of forty-eight (48) officers who discharged their firearms during these incidents.
- Of the forty-eight (48) officers, thirty (30) or 63% were assigned to patrol, fifteen (15) or 31% were assigned to the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) and three (3) or 6% were assigned to a Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET).

### **Deployment Trends**

- Of the forty-eight (48) involved officers', twenty-six (26) or 54% engaged in the OIS with a handgun, while twenty-two (22) or 46% engaged with a rifle.
- Twenty-one (21) or 81% of the twenty-six (26) handgun deployments were within zero (0) to twenty-one (21) feet.
- Seven (7) or 32% of the twenty-two (22) rifle deployments were within zero (0) to twenty-one (21) feet.

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### Subject Trends

- Of the twenty-eight (28) OIS incidents, twenty-three (23) or 82% involved subjects with real or replicated firearms.
- The largest contributing factors to the OIS incidents were twenty-one (21) aggravated assaults on police officers and ten (10) aggravated assaults on third parties. (\*\**Note that some of the OIS incidents had more than one (1) contributing factor.*)
- Fourteen (14) or 50% of the subjects involved with Phoenix Police officers in an OIS received fatal wounds, nine (9) or 32% received severe to minor injuries, four (4) or 14% received no injuries, and one (1) self-inflicted a fatal wound.

### Incident Trends

- Wednesdays continued to hold as the highest day of OIS incidents with seven (7), a trend that has continued from 2017.
- Thirteen (13) or 46% of the incidents occurred during first shift hours denoted as the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Nineteen (19) or 68% of the twenty-eight (28) OIS incidents Phoenix Police officers responded to were driven by a call for service, of which fourteen (14) were for priority 1 radio calls and five (5) were for priority 2 radio calls.
- Sixteen (16) or 57% of the twenty-eight (28) incidents occurred in one (1) minute or less of officers having contact with the subject and twenty (20) or 71% of the twenty-eight (28) incidents occurred within zero (0) to five (5) minutes of officers having contact with the subject.

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## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

The following are significant trends identified during the twenty-eight (28) OIS incidents from January 1 through June 30, 2018 and how those trends are or have been addressed in Departmental training:

- From January through June (2018), the 2017-2018 in-service module completed. This module spanned the course of 18-months and provided officers both classroom and proficiency training. Some highlights of the in-service training focused on engagement with the community, resources and force options, as well as scenario-based decision making to incorporate use of force, de-escalation strategies, and communication.
- In response to incidents that were reviewed from 2017 by the Tactical Review Committee, the Tactical Training Detail put together a Spring Catalog that would provide thirty (30) advanced training opportunities for officers and squads seeking additional training. The courses included training on tactics, de-escalation strategies, emergency medicine and leadership.
- Shortly after the 2017-2018 in-service module concluded, a national trend of active shooter events was occurring. In one specific instance, officers (in a different state) were observed staging outside of a school, while the gunman was shooting and critically wounding children. At this time, the Tactical Training Detail began working in a concerted effort with the Phoenix Fire Department and Radio Communications, putting training together that would address this national trend in a cooperative way. The innovative training and approach to these incidents has once again placed both the Phoenix Police and Fire Departments on the national stage as being the model on how to respond to these types of mass casualty incidents.
- As the number of Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) incidents has continued to climb in Phoenix, the TRC has identified areas of training which are being put together in an in-service training format. The first section of this training utilizes the new online training platform in which officers will participate in three (3) separate modules to include, Use of Force Review (Policy and Law), Patrol Negotiations, and Less Lethal Tools and Resources (focusing on De-Escalation Strategies). The second segment of this training, will be squad-based in-person proficiency training which will have two (2) hours of defensive tactics, four (4) hours of decision making drills utilizing technology with simulators mirroring incidents seen by officers throughout the first half of 2018, capped off with four (4) hours of scenario-based training focusing on the application of strategies learned throughout the training to successfully solve each problem faced.

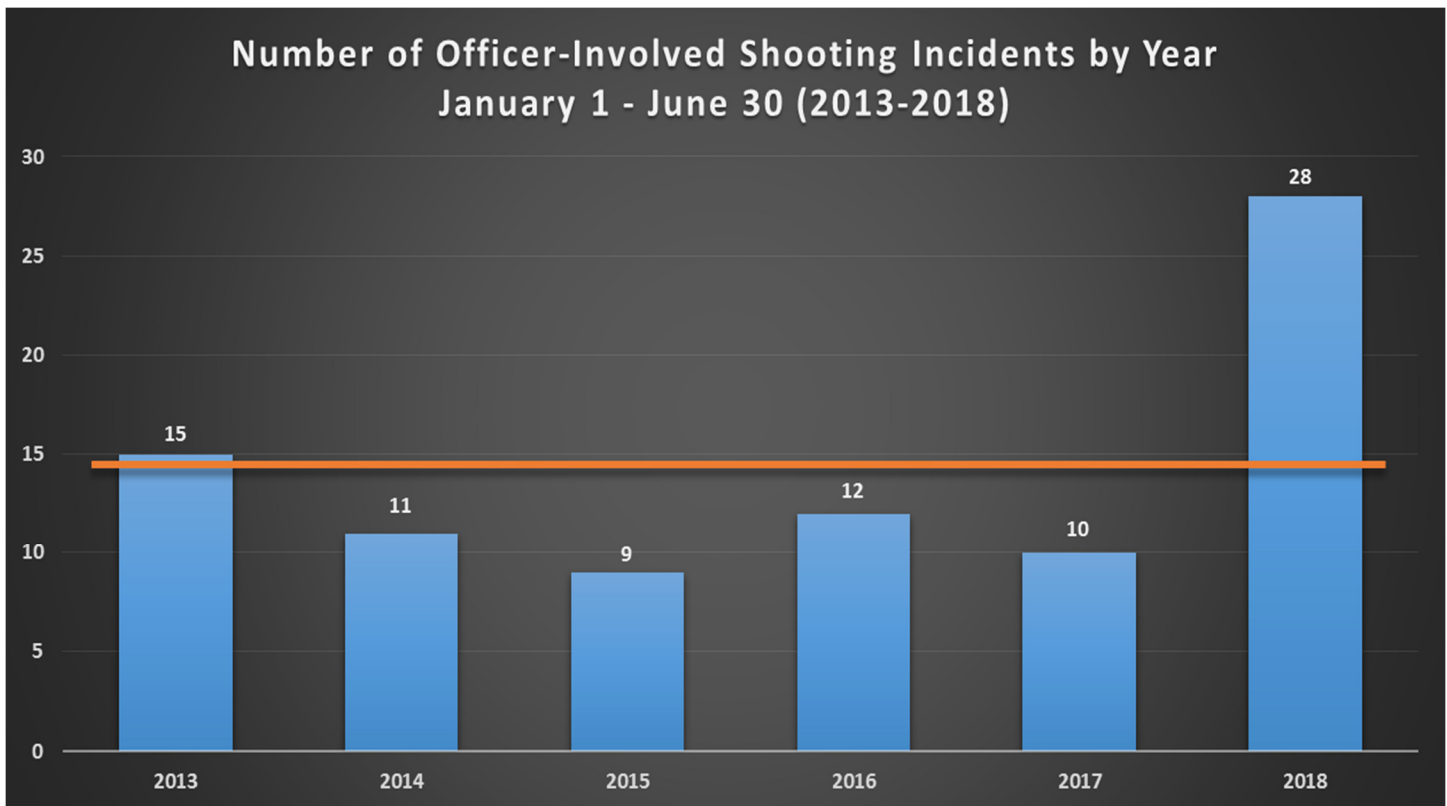
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## STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

During the first half of 2018 (January 1-June 30), police officers from the Phoenix Police Department were involved in twenty-eight (28) critical incidents involving the use of deadly force, known as Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS).

The data and analysis found in the following statistical snapshot stems from the combined effort of members from the Professional Standards Bureau, Crime Analysis and Research Unit (CARU) and the Training Bureau.

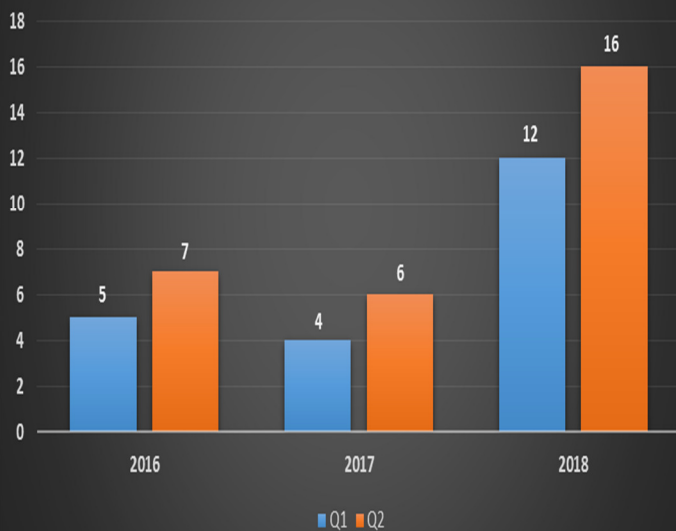
### General Incident-Based Statistics



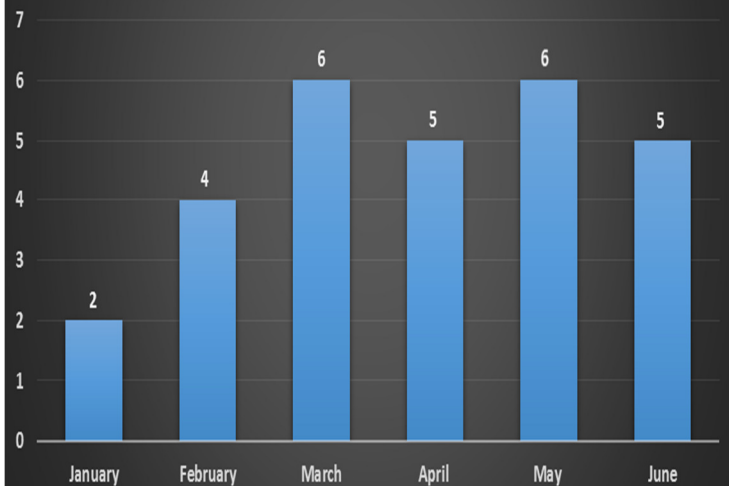
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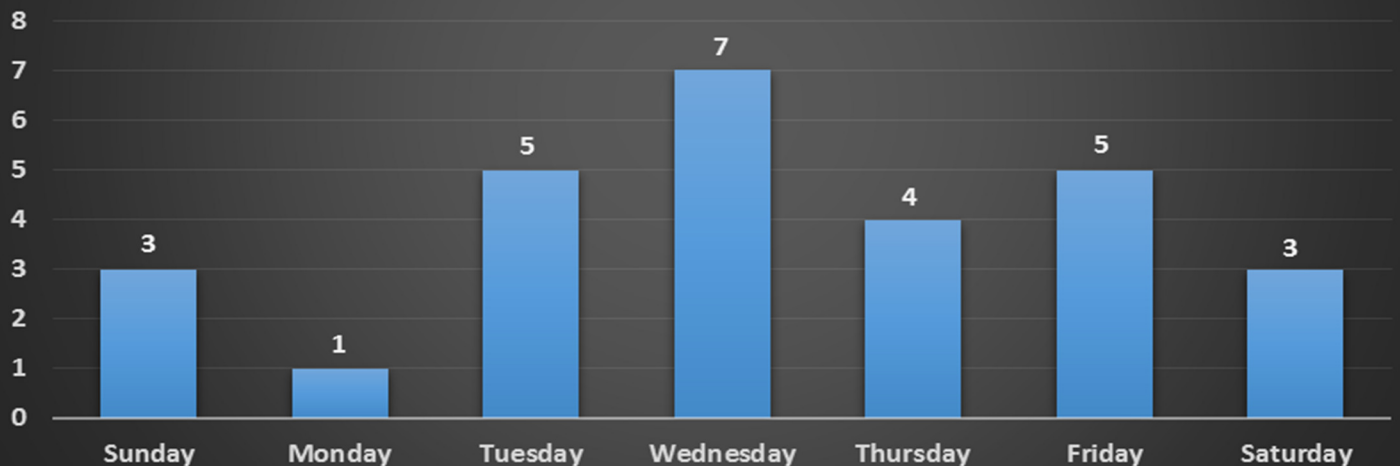
### Number of Officer-Involved Shooting Incidents by Quarters 1 and 2 (2016-2018)



### Number of Officer-Involved Shooting Incidents by Month January 1 - June 30, 2018



### Number of Officer-Involved Shooting Incidents by Day of Week January 1 - June 30, 2018

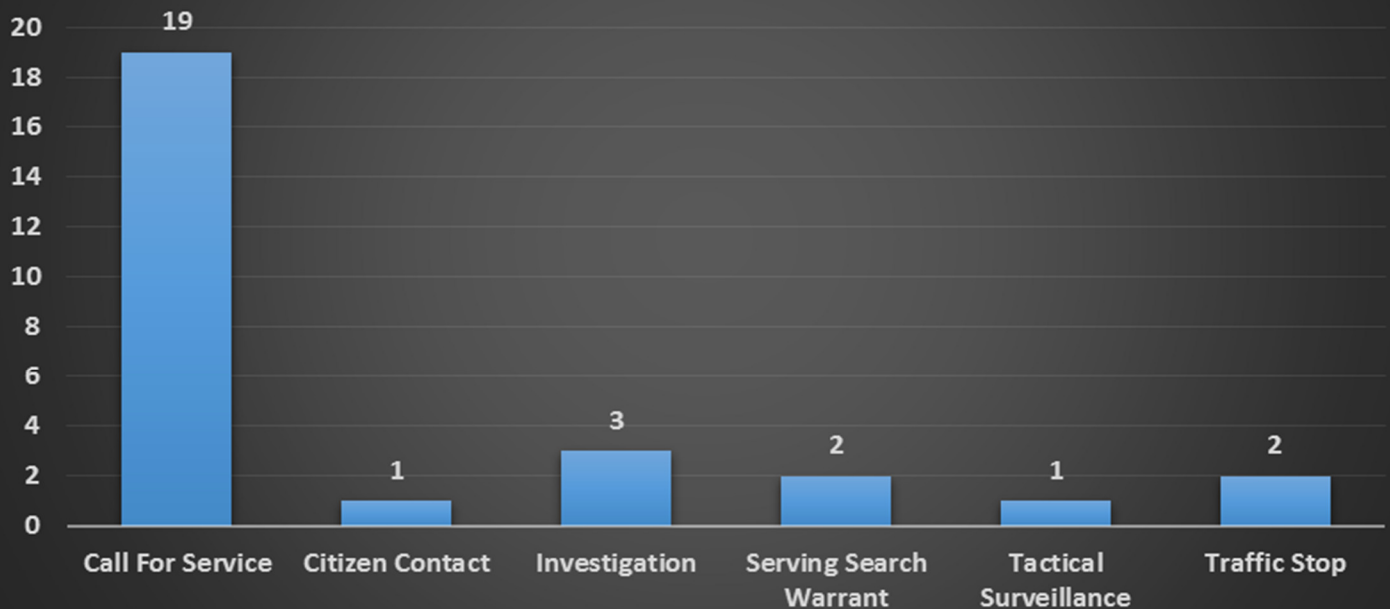




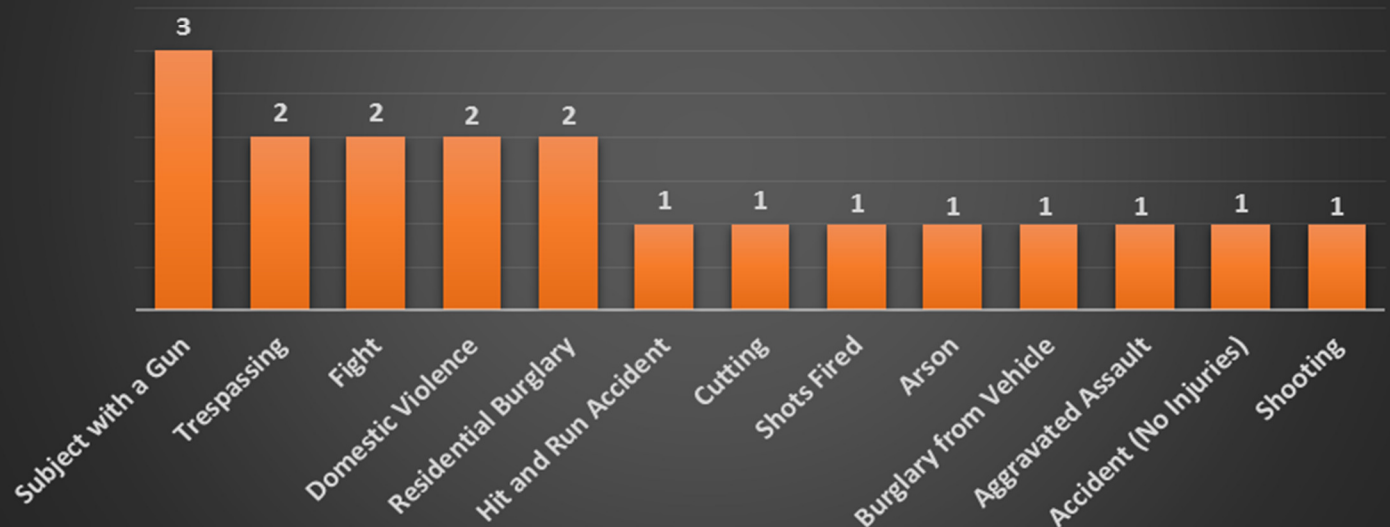
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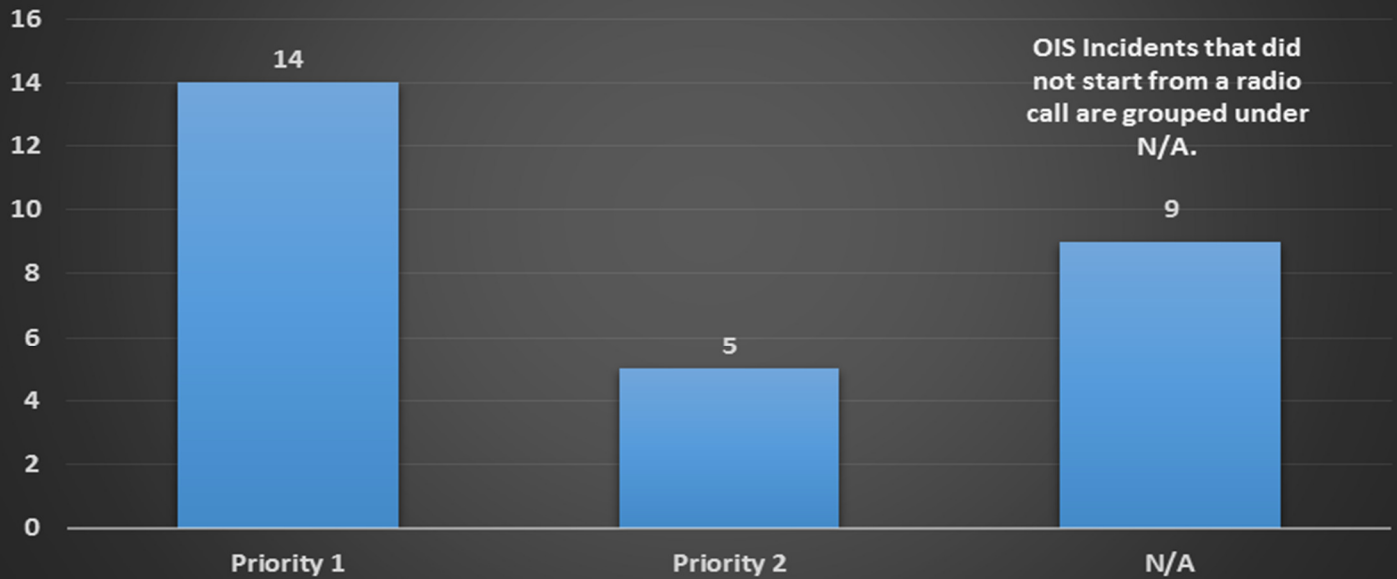
### Initial Call Type for OIS Incidents that Originated from a Call for Service January 1 - June 30, 2018



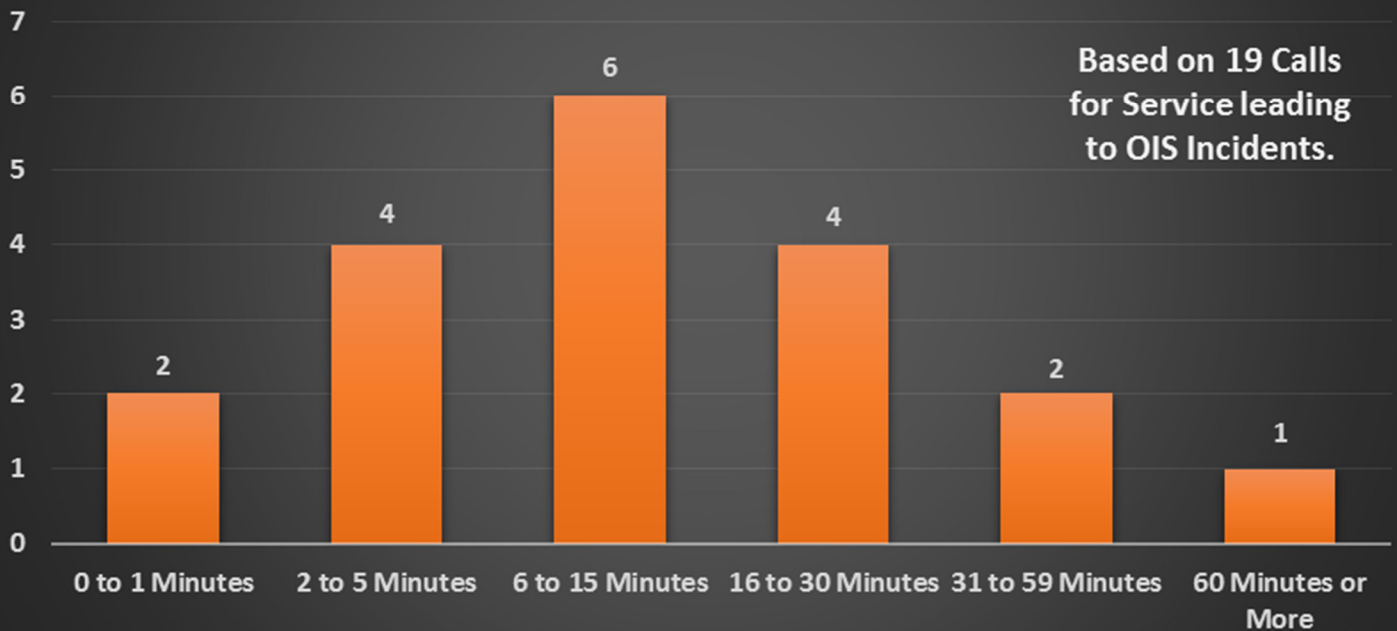
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### Priority of Initial Radio Call for Service January 1 - June 30, 2018



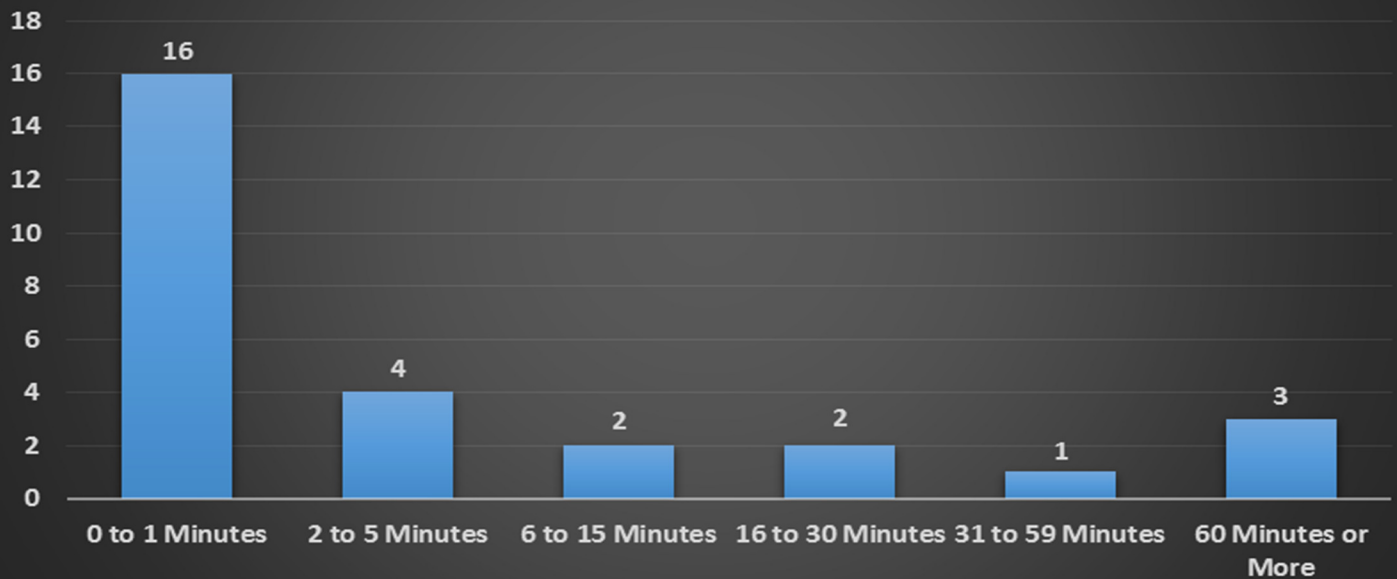
### Arrival Time to OIS Time for Calls for Service January 1 - June 30, 2018



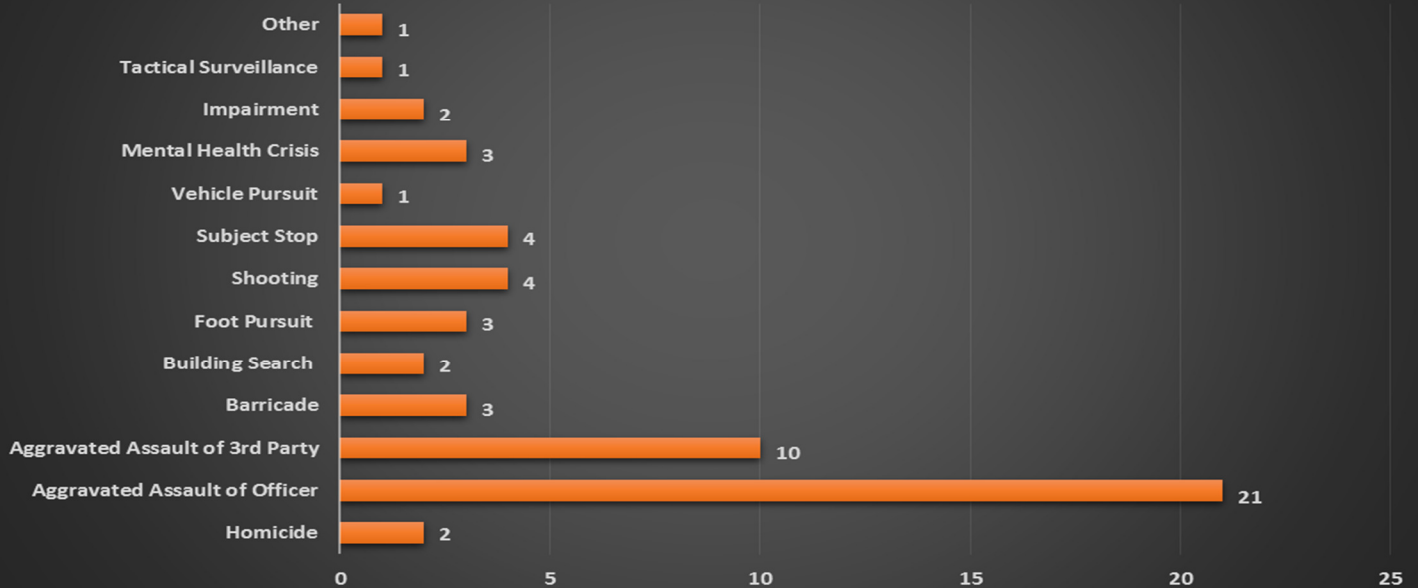
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### Subject Contact Time to OIS Time January 1 - June 30, 2018



### Factors Contributing to the OIS Incident January 1 - June 30, 2018



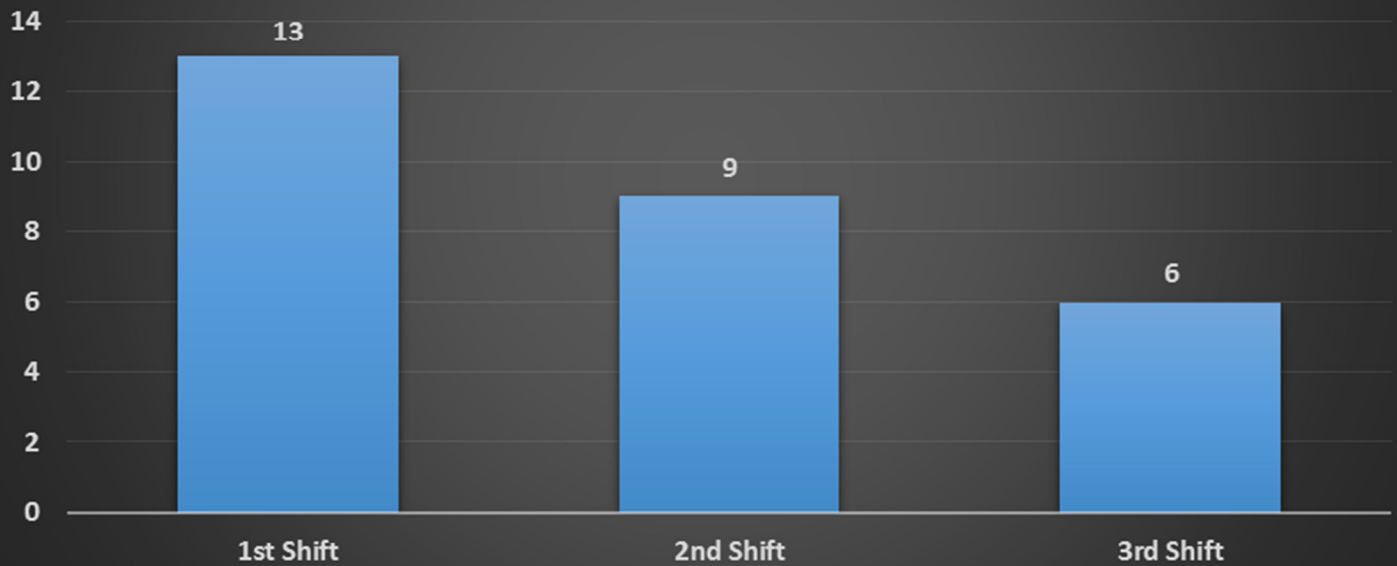
There can be more than one contributing factor per incident, therefore the count of contributing factors will exceed the number of incidents in the time period.

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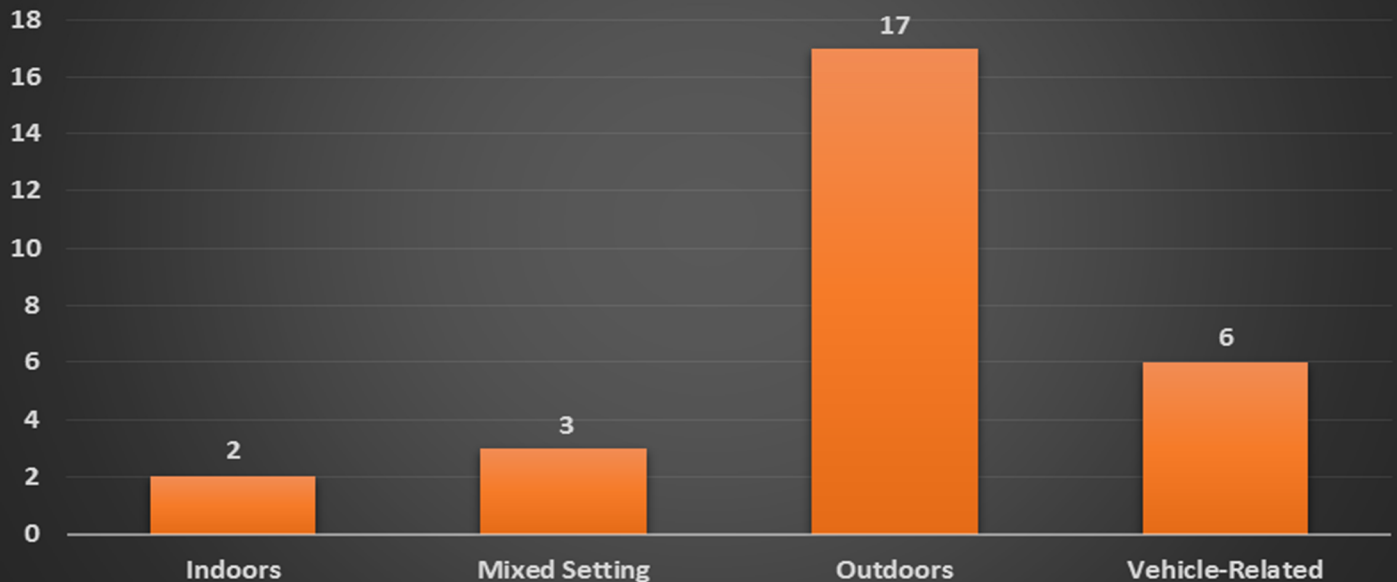
### Officer -Involved Shooting Incidents by Work Shift

January 1 - June 30, 2018



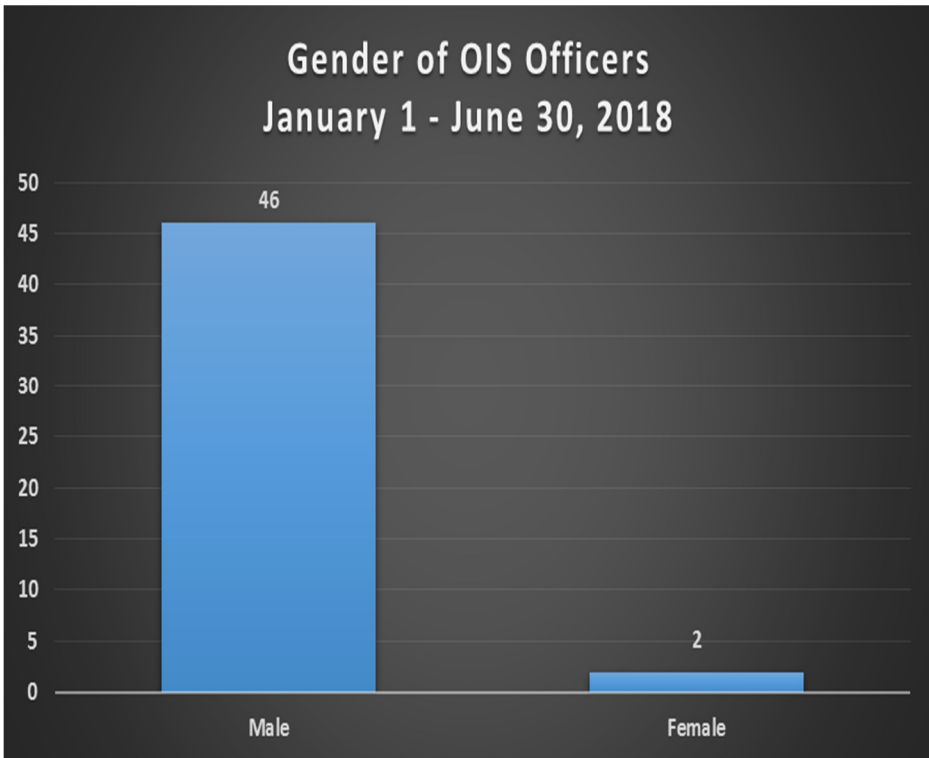
### Setting of OIS Incidents

January 1 - June 30, 2018

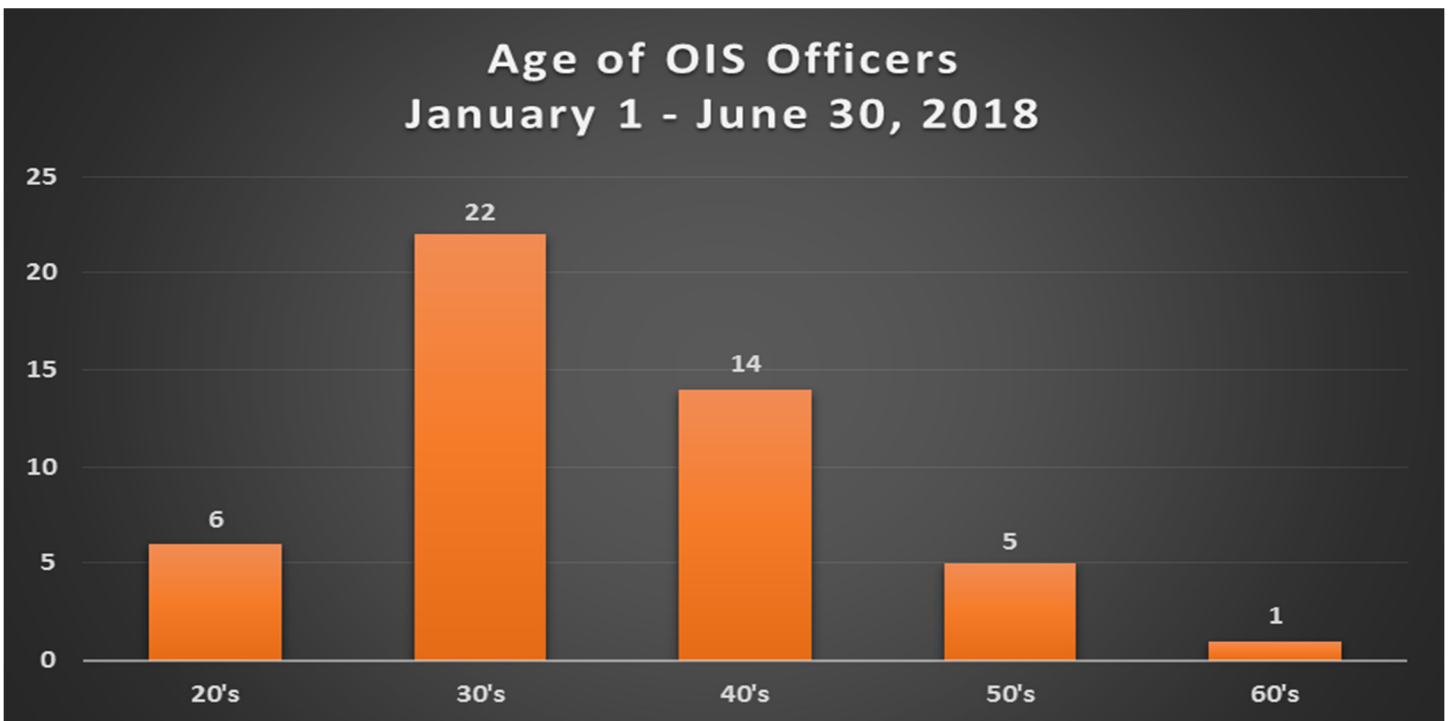


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## Specific Officer-Involved Statistics

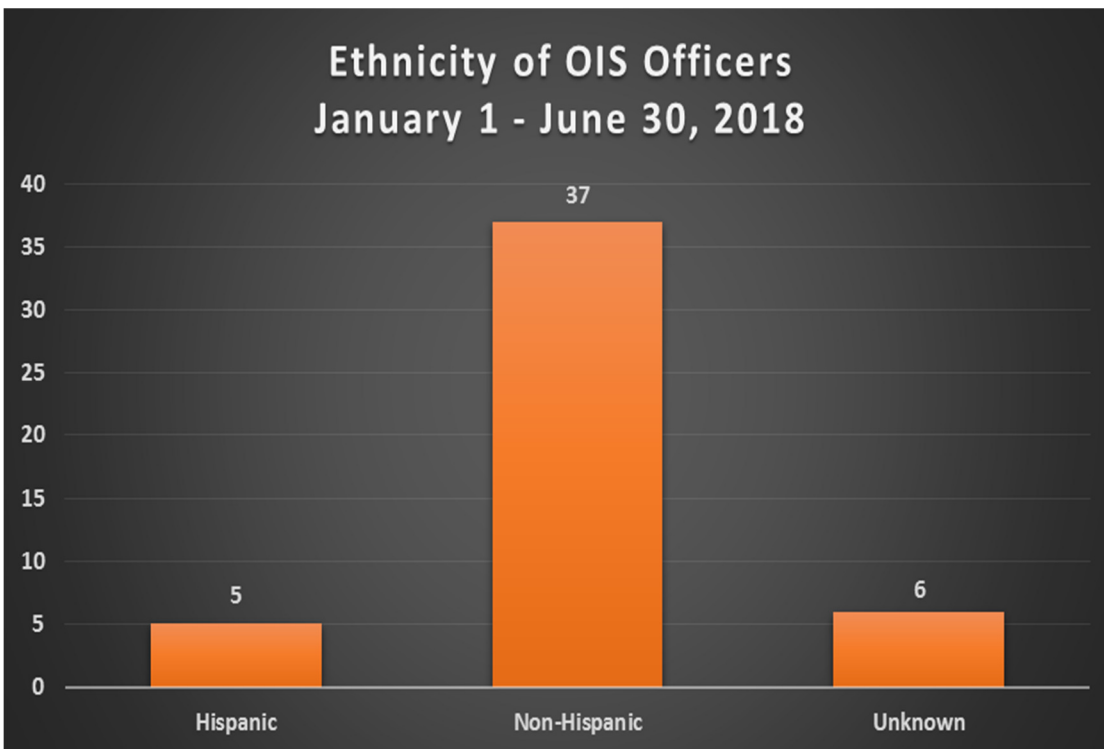
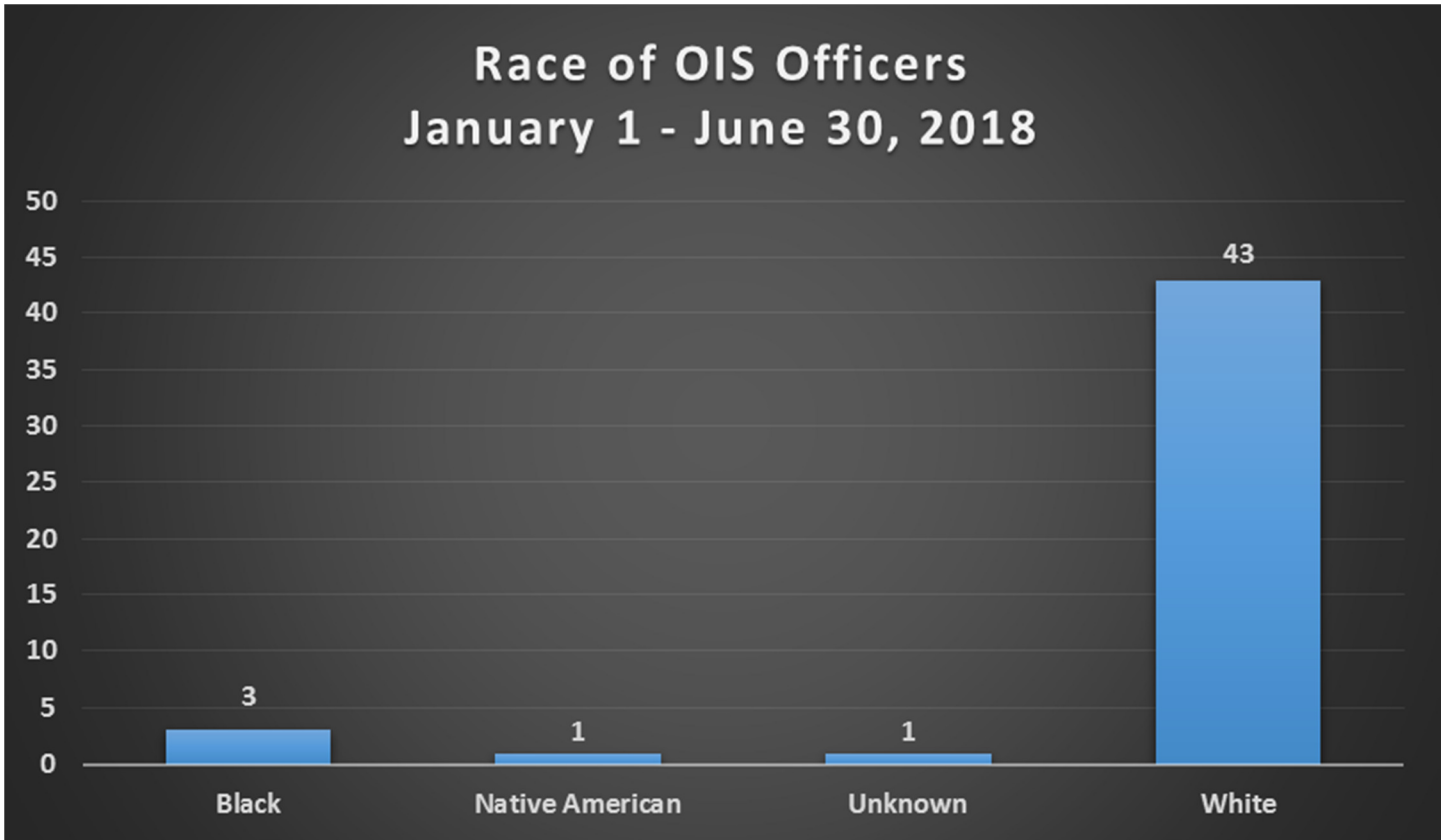


This report is based on information provided by the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) and the Training Bureau. Counts from each of these fields are provided in this report. Counts are based only on OIS incidents involving at least one Phoenix Police officer who fired a handgun, shotgun, or rifle intentionally, in response to an active threat by a subject. Accidental discharges, discharges at animals, and discharges at objects outside of an active threat by a subject are not included in the counts. More than one officer may discharge their weapon during the same incident. Counts are the number of officers who fired their weapon, not the number of incidents.



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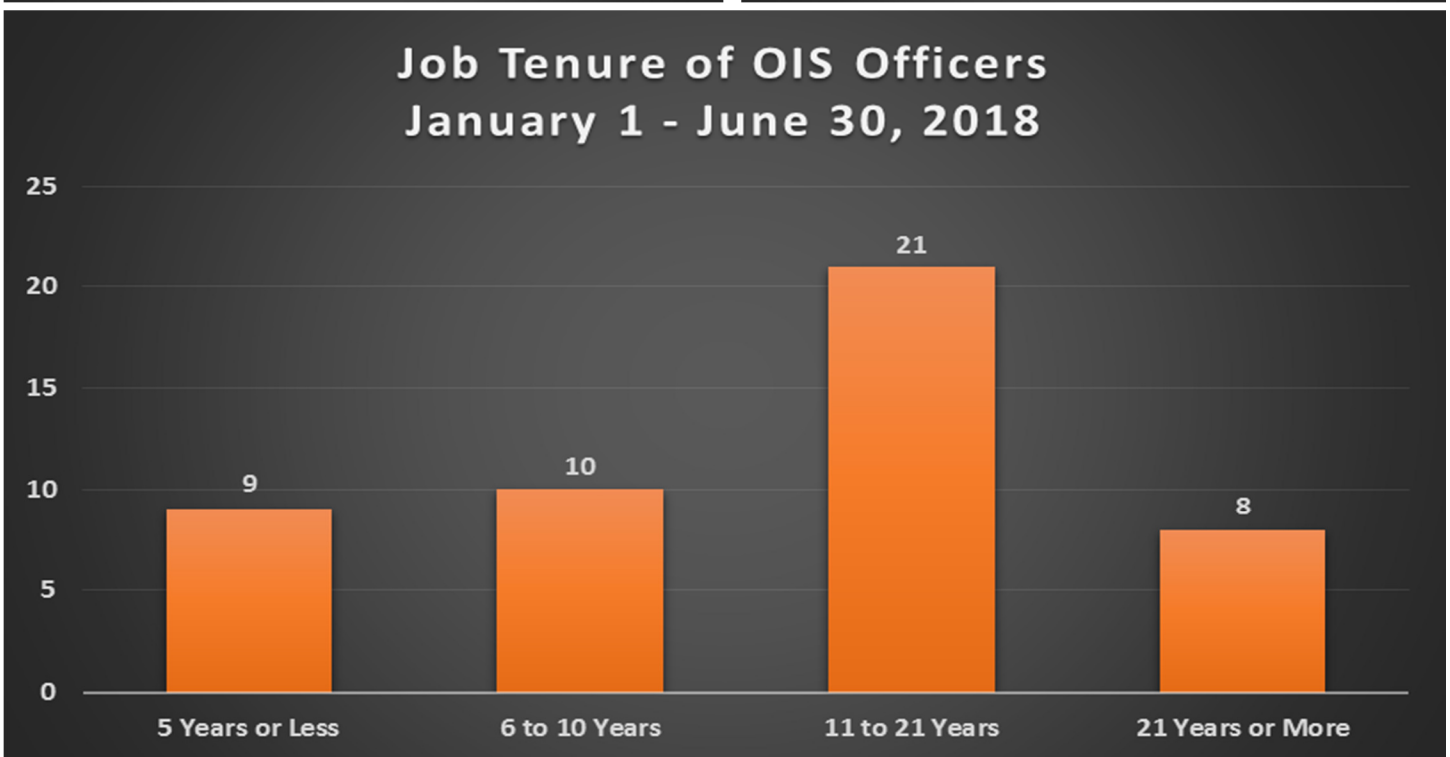
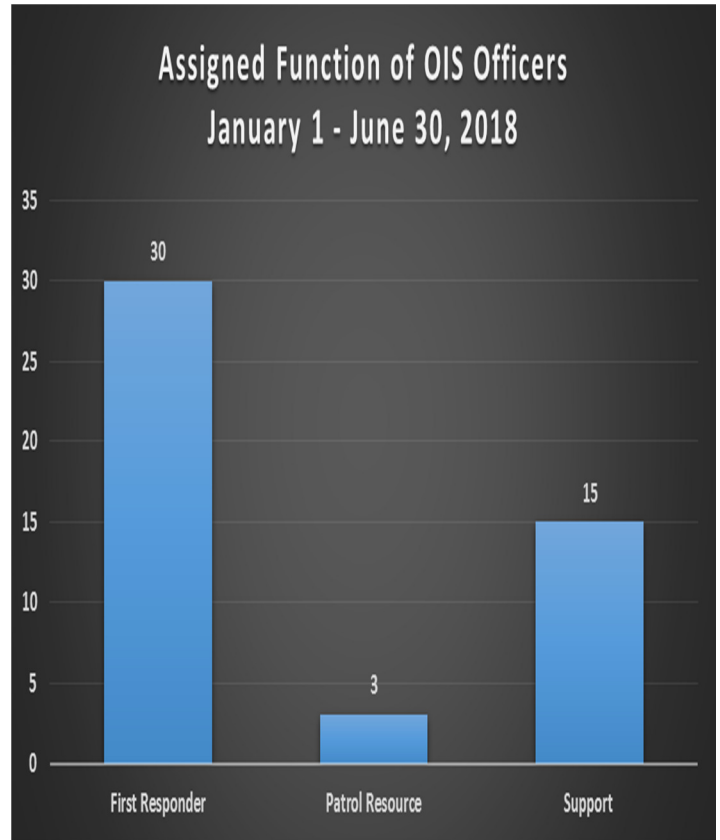
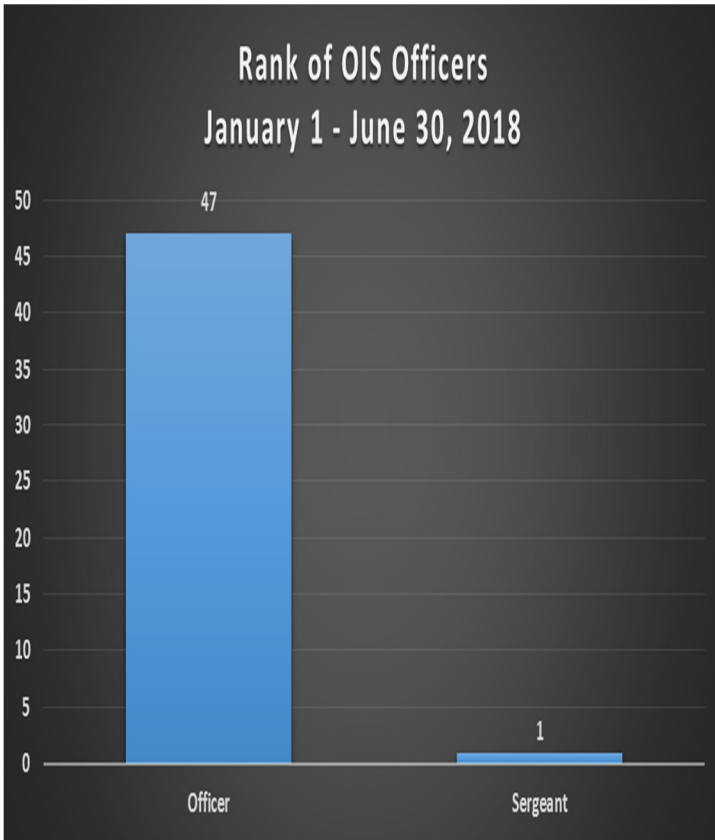
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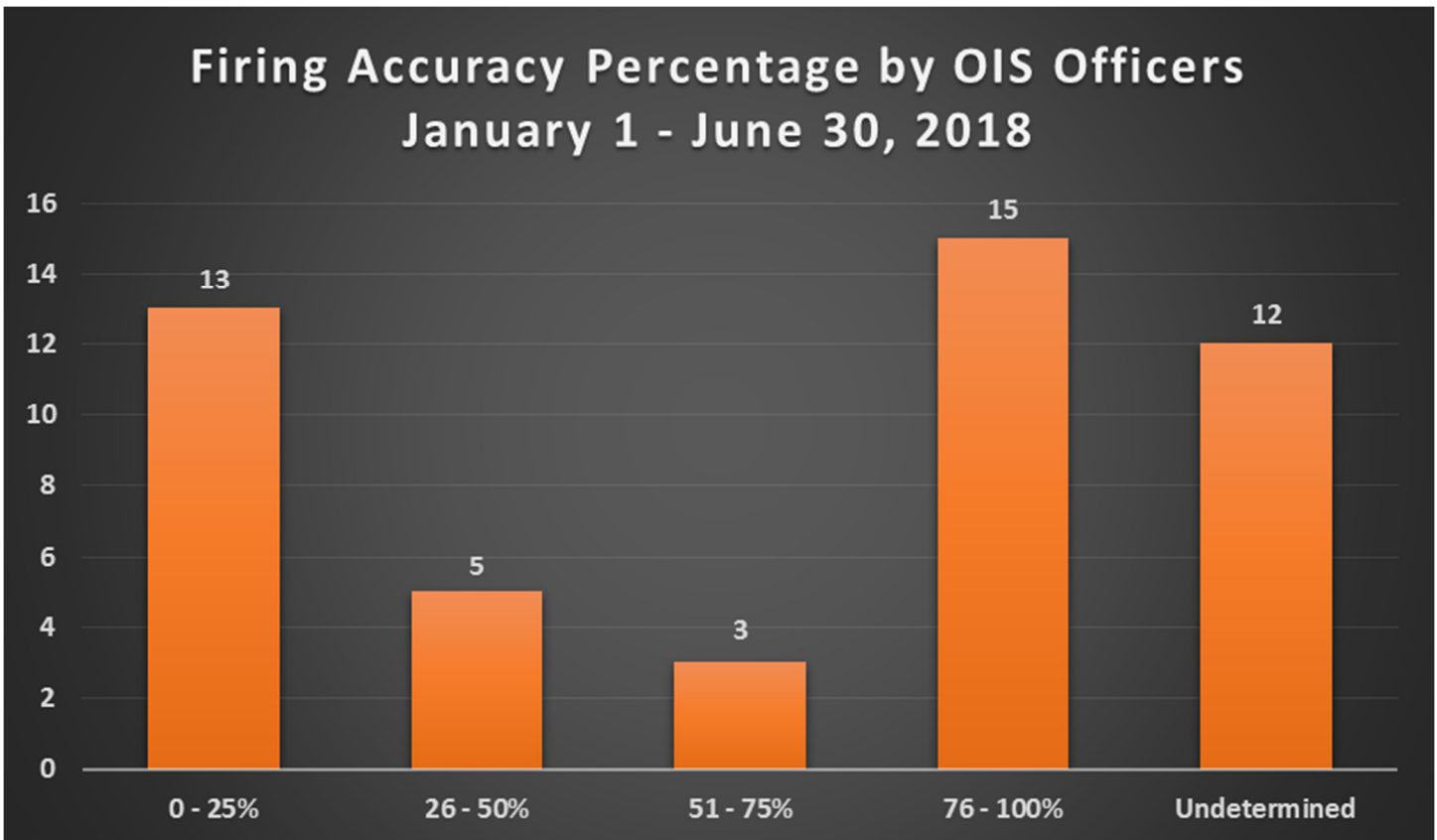
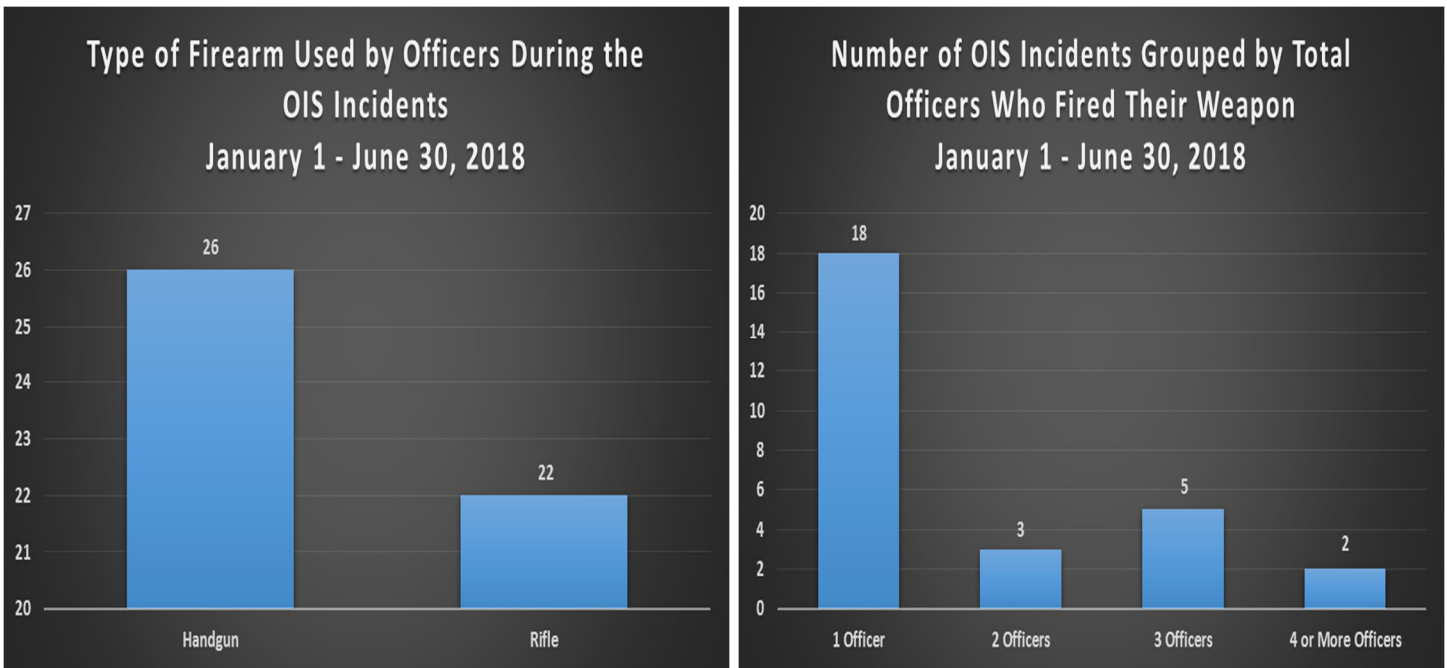
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## Weapon Statistics

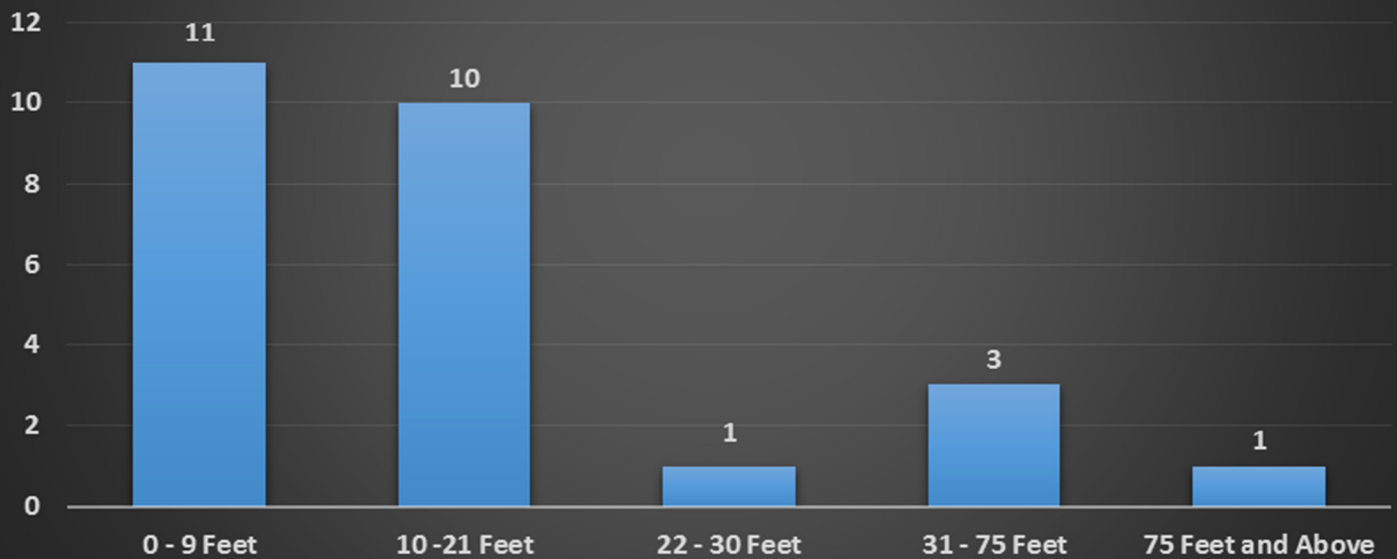




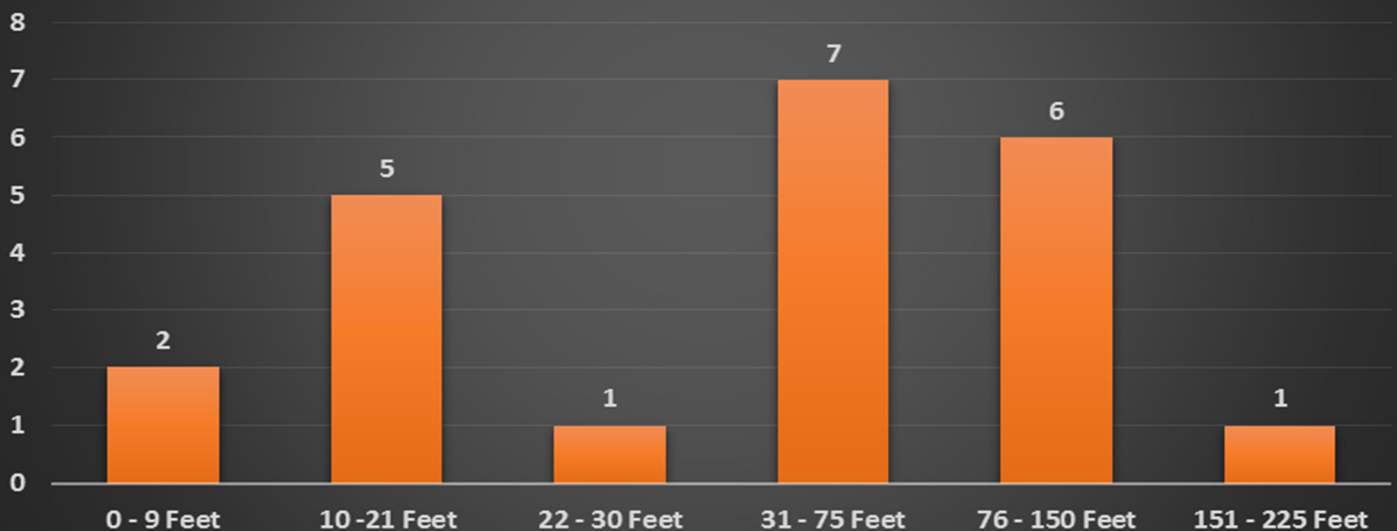
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January 1 - June 30, 2018**



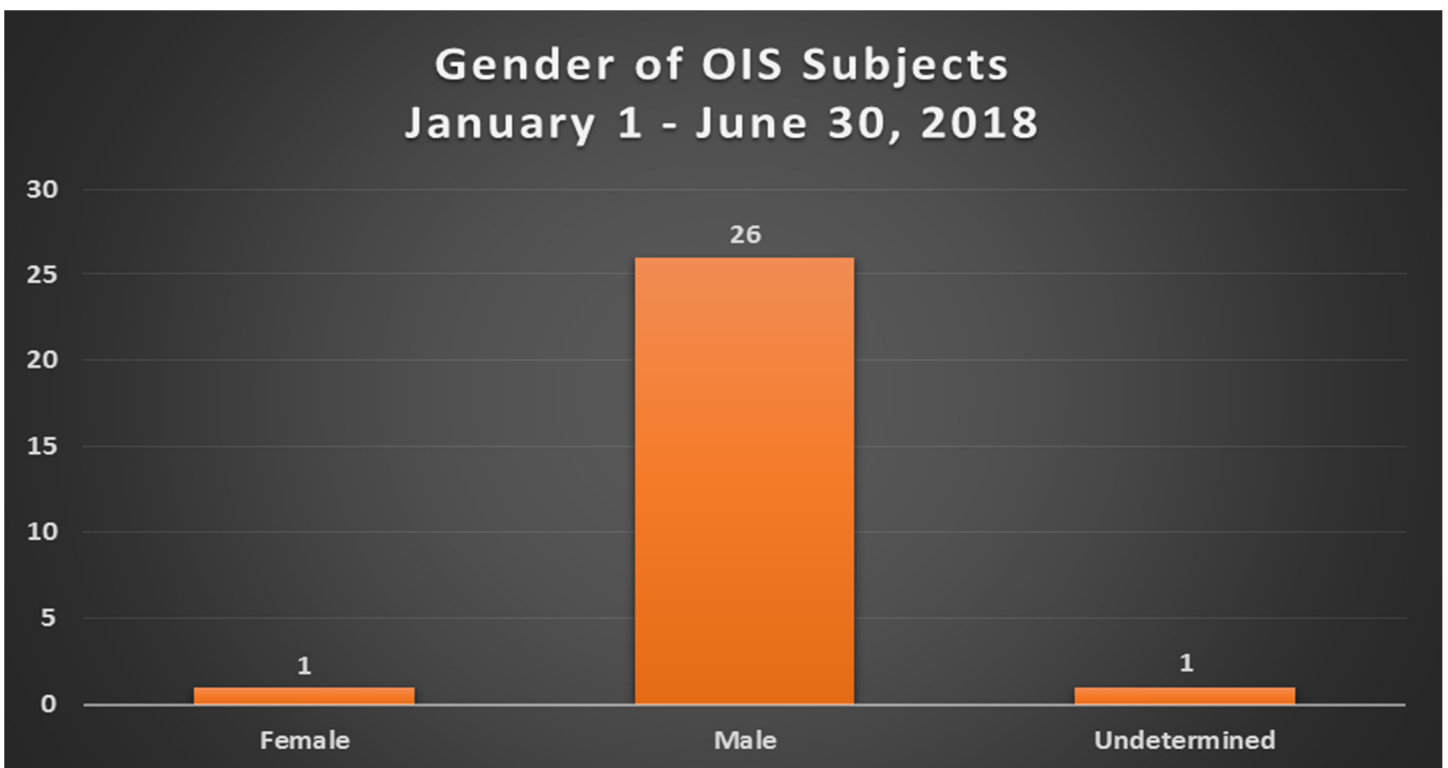
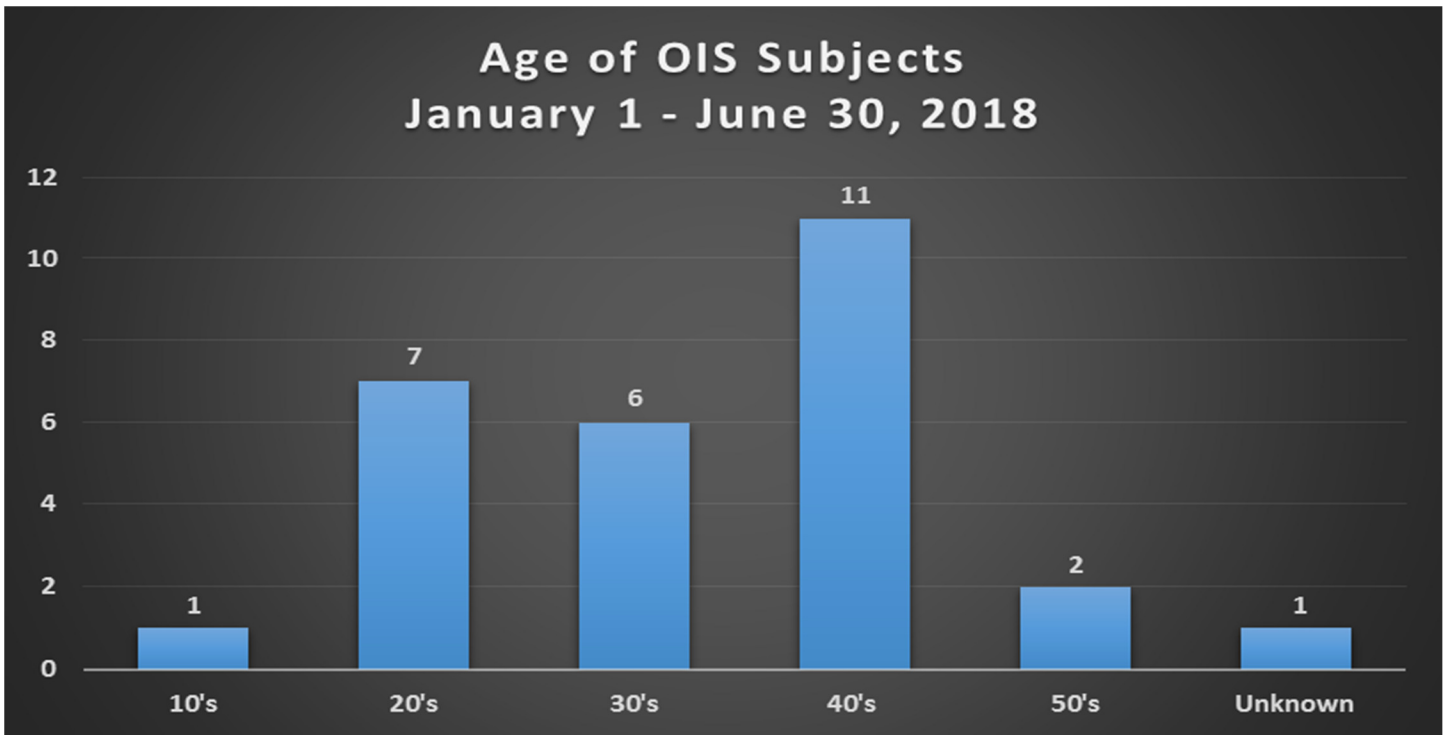
**Initial Rifle Firing Distance of OIS Officers to Subject  
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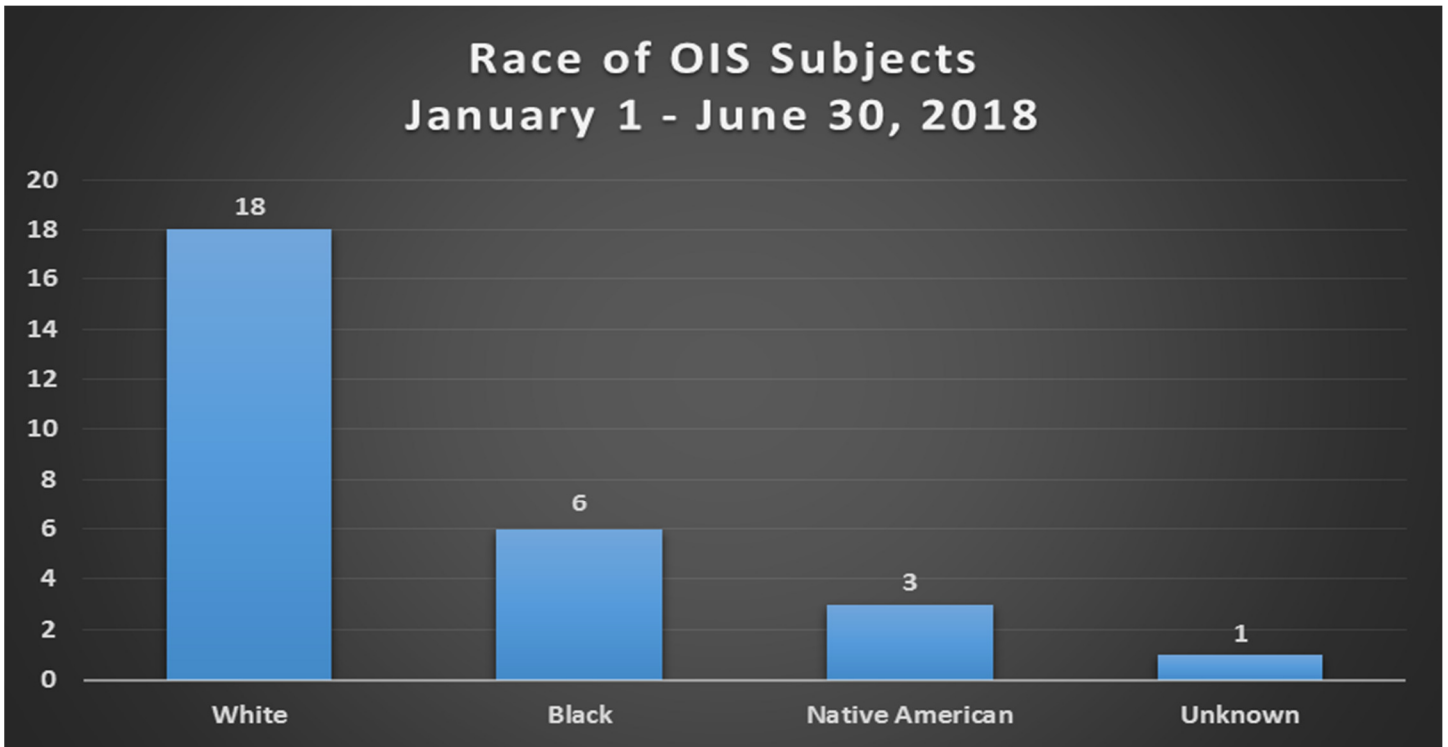
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### Specific Subject-Involved Statistics

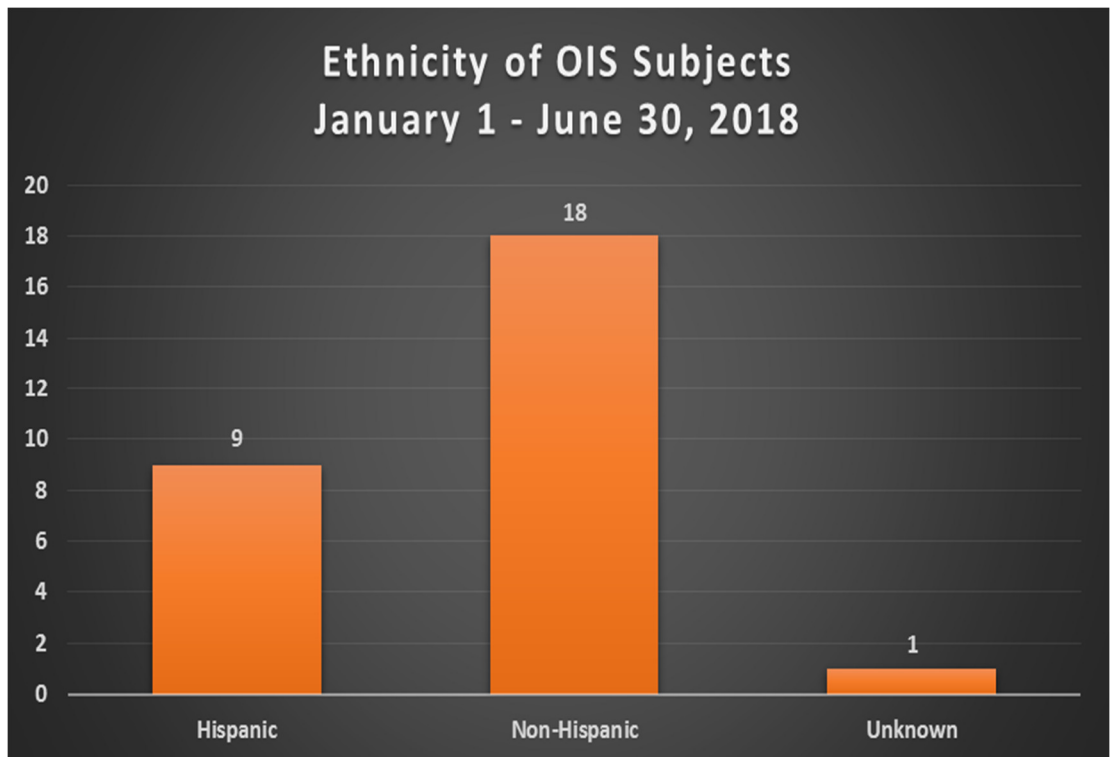


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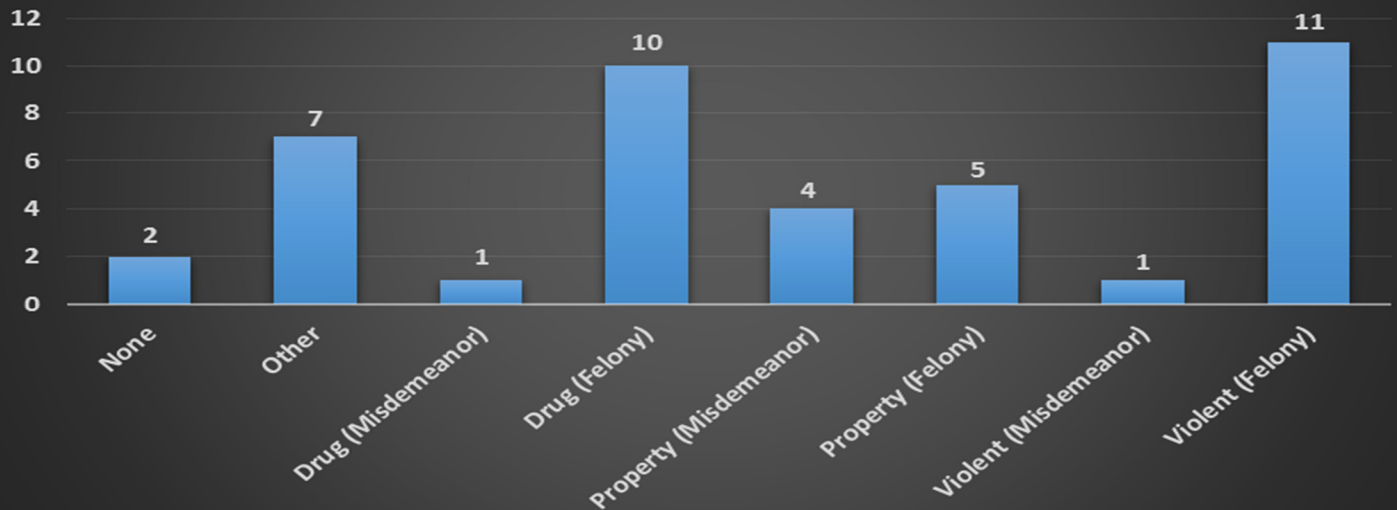
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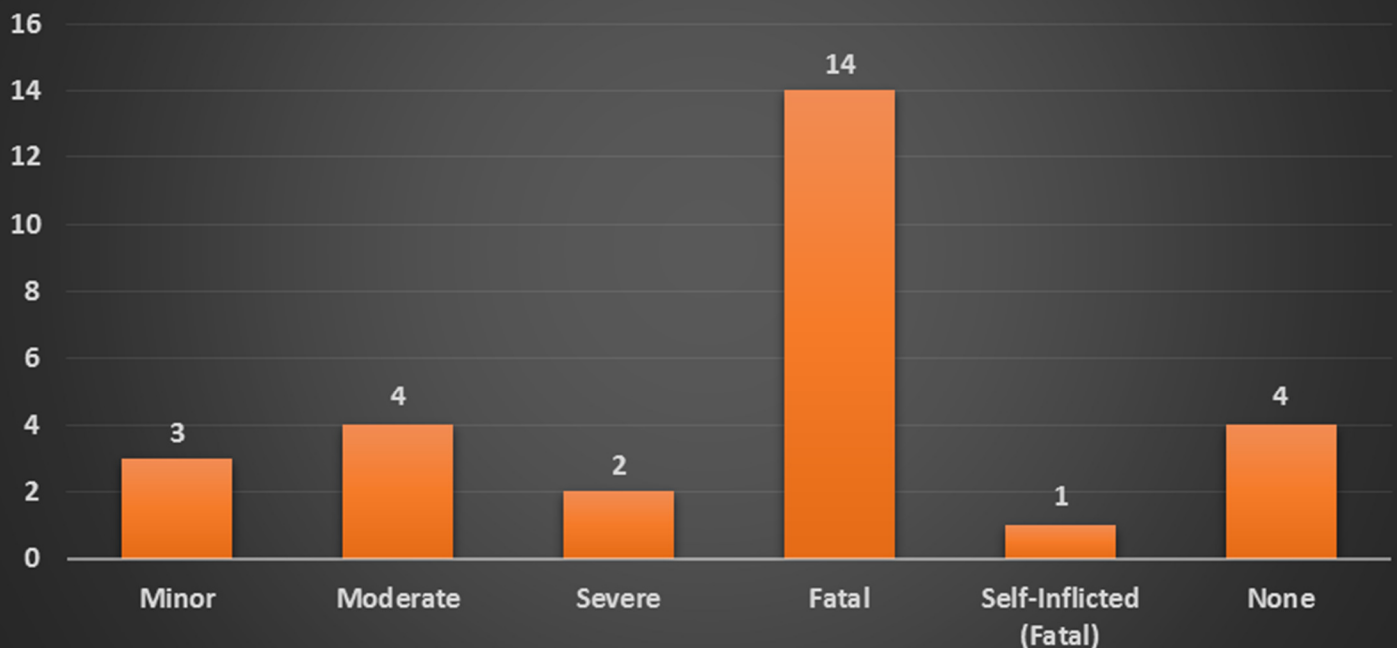
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**Criminal History of OIS Subjects  
January 1 - June 30, 2018**



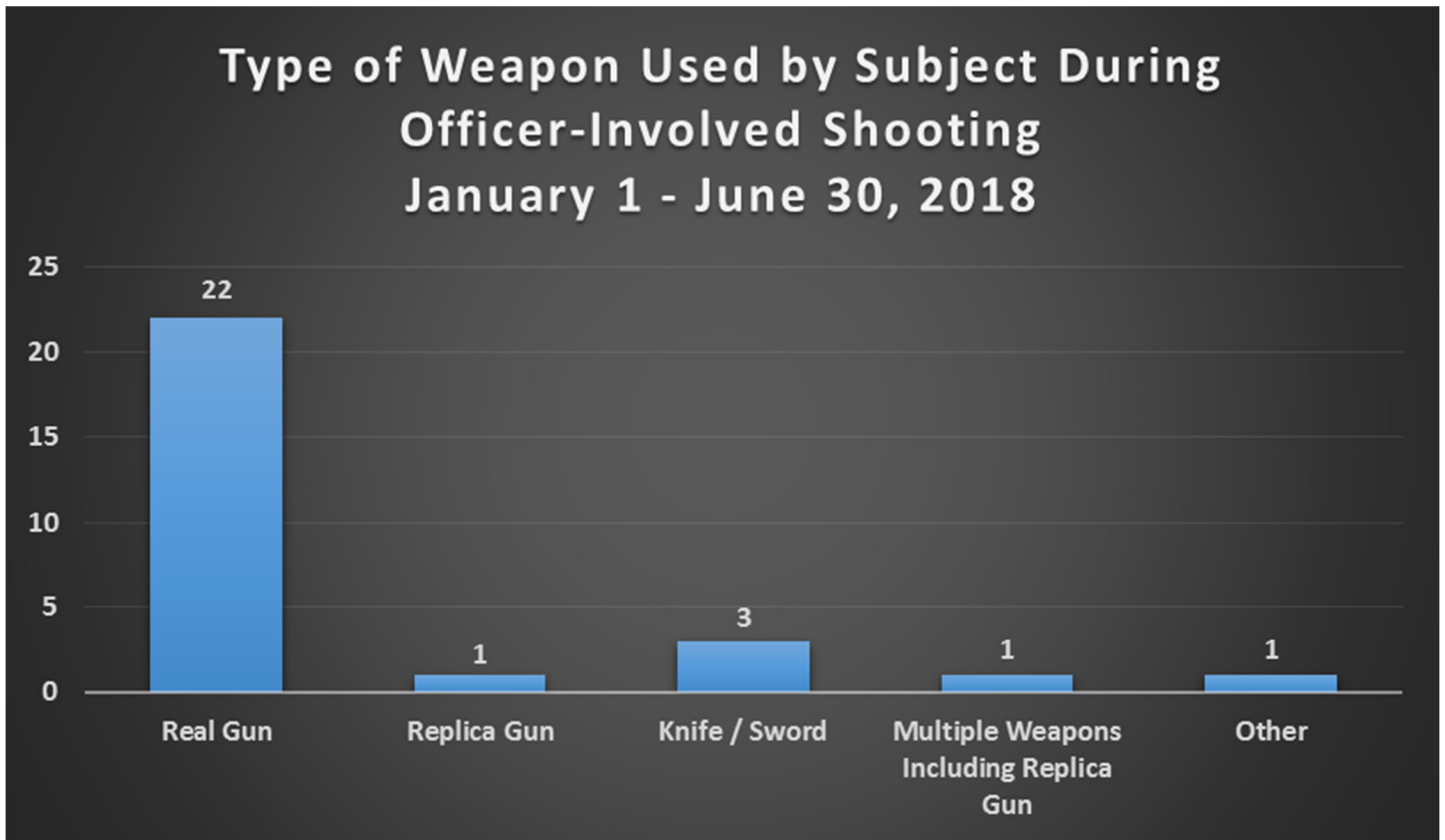
More than one category may apply to each subject, therefore the total will equal more than the total number of OIS.

**Subject Injuries Resulting from OIS  
January 1 - June 30, 2018**



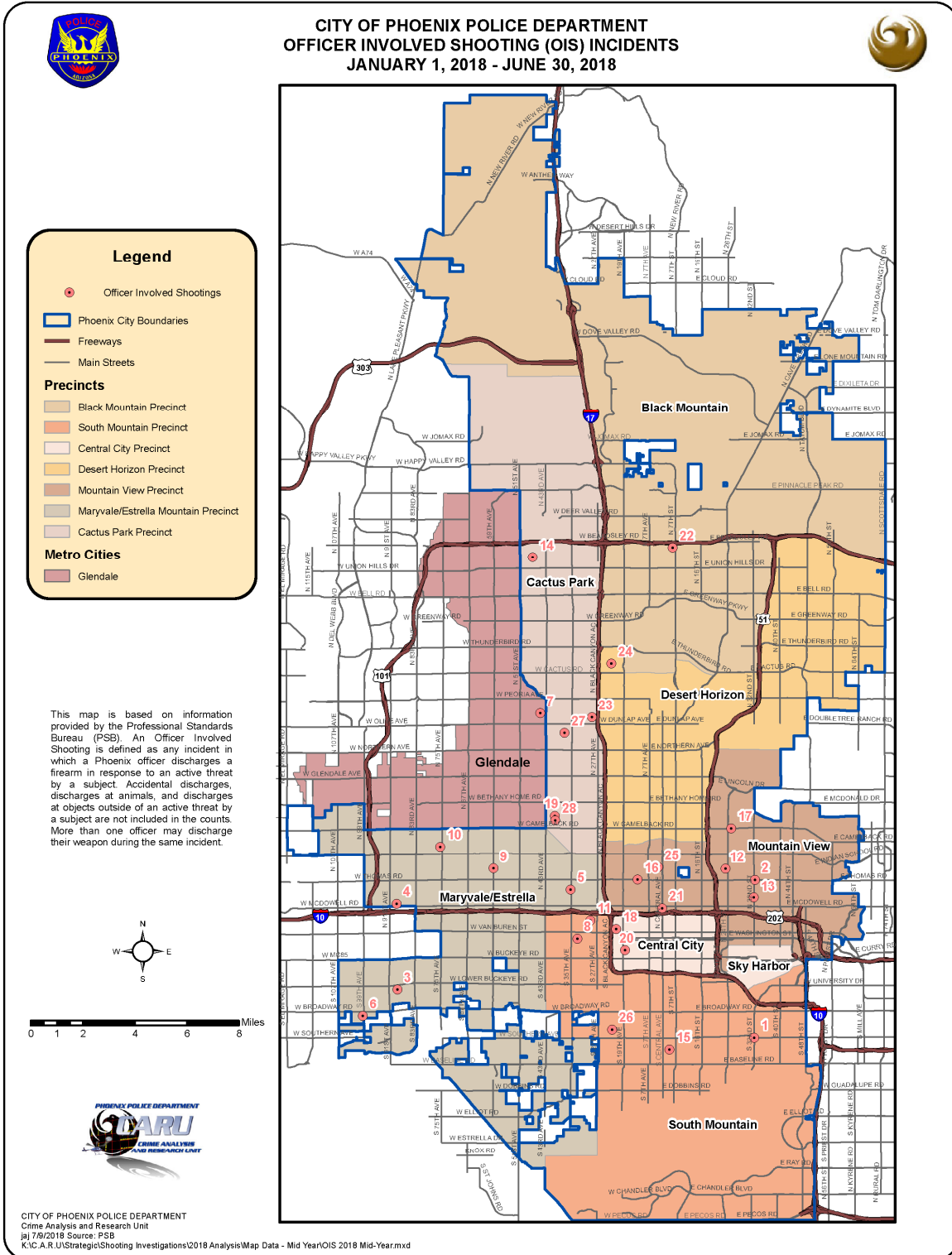
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## Officer-Involved Shooting Incident Locations



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### Officer-Involved Shooting Overviews

#### 1. **January 10, 2018 — 3200 East Southern Avenue**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Officers responded to a collision involving a rolled over box truck. Prior to the officers arrival, the subject was able to exit the stolen box truck and attempted to steal a pickup truck of a passerby that had stopped to help with the traffic collision. Upon entering the pickup truck, the subject realized the passerby had taken the keys out prior to exiting the vehicle. As officers were arriving on scene, the subject locked himself in the vehicle and caused a short barricade situation. Responding officers attempted to negotiate with the subject to surrender. During the negotiations, the subject exited the pickup truck and pointed his handgun at the officers. One officer fired his duty weapon ending the threat. The subject was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. During the course of the investigation it was learned that the subject had caused multiple traffic collisions after stealing the box truck earlier in the day.

#### 2. **January 17, 2018 — 3200 East Thomas Road**

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Utility Box Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to several calls in the area of a subject acting erratically, threatening people, causing criminal damage, and cutting himself. Prior to locating the subject, another call came in that the subject had cut an adult male in the neck. As officers responded and located the victim providing him aid, a clerk from a nearby store came running out screaming for the police stating the subject was inside and threatening people. Officers entered the store and confronted the subject while evacuating other customers, who were still inside. While doing so, the subject, armed with a utility box knife, stepped towards several officers with the knife, at which time two officers discharged their duty weapons, striking the subject several times. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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### 3. February 1, 2018 — 8800 West Kingman Street

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: None

Officers responded to a residential burglary in progress, involving two subjects who were taking items from a home. As the officers arrived, they located the subjects' vehicle in front of the residence, with the engine running. While one officer was trying to disable the vehicle, a second officer began moving towards the rear of the house. As the officer moved further into the backyard area, one of the two subjects appeared. As the officer gave commands, the subject presented a handgun towards the officer, at which time the officer fired his duty weapon. All of the rounds the officer fired missed the subject; however, the subject immediately dropped his weapon and surrendered. As the second officer came to assist, the second subject fled through the front residence and left in the vehicle that was waiting out front causing a short pursuit, which concluded when the second subject lost control of the vehicle and collided with a truck. The second subject was taken into custody without incident.

### 4. February 16, 2018 — 1800 North 89th Avenue

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Plain clothes officers from the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) were conducting surveillance on a subject wanted for felony domestic violence charges and an outstanding felony warrant. After locating the subject's vehicle and watching him for a number of hours, the decision was made to take him into custody while at his vehicle. As the officers approached the subject, a second subject who was with the primary subject pointed a gun at one of the officers. The officer fired his duty weapon multiple times, ending the threat. While officers were dealing with that subject, the primary subject fled on foot into the neighborhood. After a perimeter was established, the primary subject was located and taken into custody. The subject who was shot was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.



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### 5. February 21, 2018 — 3600 West Lewis Avenue

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Rifle
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal (Self-Inflicted)

Officers responded to the area on a radio call of a subject with a gun. The caller indicated that her husband had a rifle, was firing shots, and was acting crazy. Upon their arrival, officers began setting up on the house in an attempt to peacefully resolve the situation. As the officers were setting up, the subject drove up behind the officers and stopped in the street. Officers then heard a gunshot from the truck the subject was driving. As the officers turned around, focusing their attention on the subject, they began trying to negotiate with him to surrender. The subject then fired a second round, at which time one officer fired one round with his Department-issued rifle at the subject. As officers were determining a plan to extract the non-responsive subject from his truck, they discovered three victims down in the subject's neighboring yard. The three victims were found to be deceased from gunshot wounds. The subject was extracted by K9 and Special Assignments Unit (SAU) personnel and taken to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

### 6. February 22, 2018 — 4600 South 99th Drive

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Two Handguns / Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

An officer responded to a call of a trespasser in a vacant house. The caller had seen the subject walking through the neighborhood, approaching several houses before entering the rear yard of the vacant house. After seeing the subject make entry into the home and confirming with the realtor that no one should be present, the police were notified. As the officer responded, he met the subject in the driveway of the vacant home and began to engage him in dialogue. As the officer was conversing with the subject, he could see the subject was armed with a handgun and a knife and inquired if the subject had any other weapons. At this time the subject lifted his shirt up and displayed a second handgun. The officer retreated behind the hood of his police Tahoe and began giving commands to the subject to keep his hands up, while his backup arrived. Without warning, the subject began reaching into his waistband and ran into the street towards the officer and the police Tahoe. The officer fired several rounds from his duty weapon, striking the subject and ending the threat. Additional officers arrived to assist the initial officer and found the subject to be deceased.

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### **7. March 2, 2018 — 4400 West Purdue Avenue**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Prior to Phoenix PD's involvement, a multi-agency task force consisting of Glendale PD and the U.S. Marshals were in the area of 4300 West Hatcher Road conducting surveillance on a subject wanted for a felony warrant. The subject, who was on foot, was confronted by a plain clothes Glendale PD Sergeant. At this time, the subject brandished a handgun from his waistband and shot the Glendale PD Sergeant, before fleeing on foot. He was confronted by another Glendale police officer and more gunfire was exchanged, but no one was struck. The subject continue to flee on foot and a perimeter was established. Phoenix PD Special Assignments Unit (SAU) was requested and responded to the location to assist with the search for the subject. The search team found the subject's location, at which time he began firing at officers again. One SAU officer returned fire and shot the suspect, ending the threat. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene.

### **8. March 7, 2018 — 3300 West Washington Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Rifle
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Neighborhood Enforcement Team Officers were looking for a wanted parole violator and aggravated assault subject in the area of 2200 West Tonto Street. Upon locating the subject, he fled in a stolen vehicle. While fleeing, the subject pointed his rifle at one officer and then proceeded to fire his rifle multiple times during his flight from the police. After the subject's stolen vehicle became disabled, he stole another one at rifle point from a 38-year old man. The subject continued to drive erratically and was now being observed by the Air Unit, who vectored in responding units from the Special Assignments Unit (SAU), the Fugitive Apprehension Investigative Detail (FAID) and the K9 Unit. One of the officers who was driving the BEAR armored vehicle was intentionally able to collide with the subject's vehicle causing it to collide head-on with an officer from SAU. Once stopped, the subject immediately raised a rifle at the officer, who was in the vehicle across from him. The officer began firing his rifle from a seated position inside his own vehicle at the subject who he was face-to-face with. The subject was able to duck down and avoid being hit by the officer's rounds. The subject was ultimately taken into custody after the K9 removed him from the vehicle. He was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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### 9. March 9, 2018 — 5900 West Mulberry Drive

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to a mobile domestic violence call. Upon locating the couple on foot and exiting their patrol vehicles, the male subject pointed a gun at one of the officers. At this time one of the officers drew and fired his duty weapon, causing the subject to flee. Both officers gave chase, while the subject continued to point his handgun at the officers. The second officer also fired his duty weapon, in an attempt to end the threat posed by the subject. The subject entered a driveway of one of the residences in the neighborhood and confronted both of the officers again, at which time both officers fired their weapons ending the threat. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene. During the investigation, the girlfriend of the subject said that the subject had a gun and that she saw him shooting at the police officers.

### 10. March 23, 2018 — 7500 West Glenrosa Avenue

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to an in-progress call of a burglary from vehicle. Upon arrival, the first officer located and made contact with the subject, who was pacing and acting agitated. As she continued attempting to communicate with the subject, she observed that he was holding an object, later to be identified as a knife. A second officer arrived on scene and the two officers together began trying to communicate with the subject, who continued to become more agitated and was now displaying the knife with the blade extended. After refusing commands to drop the knife, one of the officers attempted to utilize her electronic control device (Taser) two times, without success. The officer then accessed her partner's Taser and deployed it for a third time unsuccessfully. After the third failed attempt with the Taser, the subject began moving forward toward the officers with the knife, at which time the other officer fired one round from his duty weapon, ending the threat. The subject was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

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### **11. March 27, 2018 — 2900 West Garfield Road**

- Number of Officers Involved: 3
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers from the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) were serving a search warrant for the Arizona Department of Transportation in reference to an ongoing investigation for forgery and identity theft. After knocking and announcing their legal presence for the search warrant, the front door was breached and contact was made with the occupants of the home. An adult female and several children exited the residence, while a male subject ran down a hallway and hid in a back room. Officers remained outside of the residence and sent a robot inside to locate and contact the subject, who was now hiding in a bedroom closet armed with a handgun. While officers were still outside the residence, the subject left his hiding spot and confronted the officers, pointing the handgun at them while in the hallway. Three of the officers shot the subject, ending the threat. A K9 team was used to extract the subject from the residence. First aid was rendered; however, the subject was pronounced deceased on scene.

### **12. March 28, 2018 — 2300 East Mulberry Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun (Replica) / Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Officers and firefighters responded to a report of an arson. The officers arrived first and were immediately confronted by a subject who was armed with a handgun and a knife. Officers gave commands to the subject and tactically retreated behind cover using vehicles that were parked in the street. The subject ignored commands and advanced towards one of the officers, pointing his gun at him. The officer fired several rounds from his duty weapon, striking the subject and ending the threat. The officers rendered first aid and the subject was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The Phoenix Fire Department was also able to extinguish the flames that had been started by the subject, in an attempt to light his neighbor's house on fire.

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### 13. April 1, 2018 — 2100 North 32nd Street

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Life-Threatening Injuries

Officers responded to an initial report of a residential burglary. As further information was dispatched, information was given that the subject was known to the caller and a previous resident of the home that needed to have an order of protection served on him. Upon the officers arrival, the subject fled on foot, causing a perimeter to be established. Within the perimeter, the subject was observed running, at which time one officer broke from his perimeter position and engaged the subject in a foot pursuit. As the officer caught up with the subject, a physical fight ensued. The officer pushed the subject off and transitioned to his electronic control device (Taser), at which time the subject drew a handgun from his waistband and pointed it at the officer. The officer dropped his Taser, transitioned to his duty weapon and fired at the subject, striking him and ending the threat. The subject was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

### 14. April 4, 2018 — 19200 North 47th Avenue

- Number of Officers Involved: 3
- Weapon Used by Subject: Rifle
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to emergency radio traffic of a shots fired that had struck the caller's residence. Upon arrival, the officers began to set up containment on the house in question. It was determined that the subject's family had fled from the residence, after the subject fired two rounds inside the home prior to police arrival. The subject exited the home, soon thereafter, pointed her rifle and fired rounds at the officers. Two officers with patrol rifles and one officer with a handgun, all fired rounds at the subject, striking her and ending the threat. The subject was transported to the hospital where she was later pronounced deceased.

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### 15. April 14, 2018 — 1400 West Thomas Road

- Number of Officers Involved: 5
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

After locating a subject vehicle associated with multiple shots fired calls, officers initiated a traffic stop with the assistance of the Air Unit and K9s; however, the subject failed to yield. A Tactical Surveillance was set up, as the subject drove all over the Valley. At one point, the tires of the subject's vehicle were successfully deflated by Arizona Department of Public Safety personnel. The subject was able to acquire a new vehicle and continued on, where he attempted to take a different vehicle at gun point on the Loop 101/202 freeway interchange. While unsuccessful in this attempt, the subject continued driving with flattened tires until he bailed out of the vehicle with a gun in his hands. Officers gave chase on foot, firing intermittently as the subject presented a threat to them or the surrounding neighborhood. The incident culminated when the subject pointed his weapon at five officers that were in foot pursuit, at which time they fired their duty weapons ending the threat. The subject was pronounced deceased on scene.

### 16. April 14, 2018 — 6500 South 3rd Street

- Number of Officers Involved: 3
- Weapon Used by Subject: Rifle / Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to a report of an accident possibly involving an impaired driver. Upon arrival, the first officer observed the vehicle in a dirt field that appeared to have been involved in an accident. As the officer moved toward the vehicle, two other officers arrived on scene to assist. As the first officer made contact with the driver (who was standing outside the vehicle), he observed the subject reach into the vehicle and retrieve a rifle. The subject tried to bring the rifle around to point at the first officer, who was already moving and shooting his duty weapon at the subject trying to create distance. The subject then began to shoot at two of the officers who had ended up east of the subject's truck, further into the dirt field. The officers began returning fire as they retreated back towards their patrol cars to gain a position of cover. As this was occurring, the subject transitioned to a handgun, still firing rounds at the officers. One of the officers was able to obtain his patrol rifle and fired at the subject, while another responding officer arrived with a patrol rifle and also started taking rounds from the subject, who was now in a prone position. This officer also fired rounds, which ended the threat. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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### 17. April 17, 2018 — 2500 East Camelback Road

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries.

Auto Theft detectives located a stolen vehicle occupied by a male subject driving and female subject passenger, when they attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle immediately fled and a Tactical Surveillance was established. The male subject began to drive into oncoming traffic and at one point, stole a different vehicle at gunpoint. Both subjects entered this vehicle and continued to flee through central Phoenix. They got into a parking garage at a shopping center and stole another vehicle at gunpoint. An officer from the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) witnessed this, attempted to place himself between the subjects and the victim and fired rounds at them as they fled in the newly stolen vehicle. After successfully deflating the subject's tires on the newly stolen vehicle, the vehicle became disabled and the female subject was taken into custody without incident. The male subject fled on foot into an unoccupied residence. During this incident, Bane, a police K9 was sent into the residence to locate the barricaded subject and was fatally wounded. The male subject was taken into custody with minor injuries.

### 18. May 1, 2018 — 300 North 21st Avenue

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Two Handguns
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Officers responded to calls of shots fired in a mobile home park. As officers were searching the premise, they located the subject, who was armed with a handgun in each hand and facing away from them. The officers gave commands for the subject to drop his guns, at which time he turned to face the officers. The subject then raised one of the guns and pointed it at the officers. One of the officers, armed with a patrol rifle, fired one round, striking the subject and ending the threat. The subject was taken into custody with the aid of a K9 and was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Through the course of this investigation, it was learned that prior to police arrival, the shots fired were a result of a domestic violence situation. The subject had pointed one of the guns at his wife and began firing off multiple rounds before being confronted by the police.

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### 19. May 6, 2018 — 5400 North 40th Drive

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Officers responded to a call for service in reference to a domestic violence call. The caller was concerned that her family member, who was on drugs and hallucinating was going to cause issues in the neighborhood. Upon initial contact with the subject, he was compliant and declined any further medical services or help. An hour and a half later, the same caller reported that the subject had armed himself with a staple gun and a knife and was now roaming the neighborhood. The same officers responded and located the subject near an alley. As the officers were getting out of their patrol car, the subject began approaching them. He stopped to briefly put down the staple gun, but continued closing the distance on the officers, who were now attempting to back away. When the subject was within feet of one of the officers, he attempted to grab her, raised the knife, and attacked her. The officer was able to push the subject back, while drawing her duty weapon and shooting him, stopping the initial assault. The officers then both retreated a short distance to cover. The subject charged at the officers again; however, they could see he was no longer armed and were able to take him into custody after a short struggle. The subject was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

### 20. May 9, 2018 — 1800 West Grant Street

- Number of Officers Involved: 4
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Officers responded to a fight at a convenience store. Upon their arrival, information was received that the subject was in the store with a handgun with someone who was injured, and at least one other person was hiding inside. Containment was established and the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) was called for negotiations and to run the barricade. The subject stated he would kill officers if they entered the business. Information was gleaned through video surveillance that showed the subject shooting a man inside prior to police arrival and in need of medical assistance. The subject failed to comply with any attempt to peacefully surrender, so the decision was made to conduct a sniper-initiated assault. Two SAU snipers fired their service precision rifles simultaneously, while the entry team went inside the store. Upon entry, the subject continued to be non-compliant and when he reached into his waistband two officers fired their duty weapons, striking the subject and ending the threat. The subject was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The man who was shot by the subject prior to police arrival was located. Life saving measures were applied, but the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. The second victim was found and evacuated safely.



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### 21. May 21, 2018 — 1500 North Central Avenue

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

An officer was stopped in traffic when he observed an adult male chasing after the subject who was on a bicycle. As the officer exited his vehicle, he could hear the adult male yelling that the subject on the bicycle had just robbed him. The officer went to detain the subject on the bicycle, which caused the subject to lose his balance making him fall from the bicycle. Upon hitting the ground, the subject produced a handgun and pointed it at the officer. The officer drew his service weapon and fired once, striking the subject. The subject then got to his feet, leaving his gun behind and began to run away. The subject was confronted by another officer and was still refusing to comply with commands. At this time the officer deployed his pepper spray and was able to successfully take the subject into custody. The subject was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

### 22. May 24, 2018 — 500 East Marco Polo Road

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Officers originally attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a motorcycle that had two occupants, when they failed to yield and were not pursued. Officers began to circulate the surrounding area and a motor officer located the motorcycle turning into a neighborhood. The motor officer circulated the neighborhood until he found the motorcycle laying on the sidewalk in front of a residence. As the officer was looking around, he saw a female subject laying on her stomach in the front yard by the backyard privacy wall. The officer began to give the female subject commands, when he heard a male voice coming from behind him. As the officer turned to face the male subject, he saw the male subject was pointing a gun at him. The officer fired his duty weapon at the male subject, ending the threat. During this time, the female subject had got up and fled on foot; however, she was later located and taken into custody. The male subject was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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### **23. May 29, 2018 — 9400 North Metro Parkway West**

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to a call of a subject with a gun at the Transit Station. The call indicated the subject was recklessly displaying the firearm, before getting onto the bus. Upon arrival, the officers were directed to a bus that the subject had boarded, which was starting to leave the station. The officers stopped the bus and entered through the front door, at which time a security guard pointed out the subject in question at the back of the bus. The bus was filled at this time with other riders. As the officers approached the subject on the bus, the subject was given commands; however, he produced a handgun from his pocket. Both officers drew and fired their duty weapons, striking the subject and ending the threat. Despite the officers administering first aid to the subject, he was pronounced deceased on scene.

### **24. June 10, 2018 — 2300 West Windrose Drive**

- Number of Officers Involved: 3
- Weapon Used by Subject: Rifle
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: None // Cover Fire Only

Officers originally responded to an armed robbery in the area of 4800 North 43rd Avenue. While fleeing in a vehicle, the subjects confronted a citizen who had observed the robbery and was following them. One of the subjects pointed a handgun at the citizen at this time. As officers responded, they were able to develop information about where the vehicle might be headed to, which was relayed to the Air Unit, who subsequently located the vehicle as it was pulling into a residence. The Air Unit directed officers in and when they made contact with the subjects, all of them ran to a secondary structure in the back of the residence and barricaded themselves. The Special Assignments Unit (SAU) was called to the scene. After several hours of negotiations, a female subject exited the residence and was taken into custody. After negotiations were failing, SAU introduced chemical agents into the residence, at which time the remaining subjects began firing their weapons at the officers. Two officers began delivering cover fire at this time. After more shots fired at the police, a male subject exited the residence and was taken into custody. More chemical agents were introduced into the residence and an additional male subject was taken into custody. Conflicting information about how many subjects were in the house was given by those in custody. Because of the conflicting information more chemical agents were introduced into the residence as well as diversionary devices, which caught the house on fire. Another officer also delivered cover fire. The Phoenix Fire Department was able to put the fire out. It was later determined that there were no other people in the residence and that all of the subjects involved in the incident were in custody.

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### 25. June 12, 2018 — 200 West Osborn Road

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handcuff
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to a business in the area on report of a trespasser. Upon their arrival, they contacted the subject in the front parking lot of the establishment. Having already had contact with this individual, the officers attempted to take him into custody. One of the officers was able to get a handcuff on one of the subject's wrists, before the subject pulled away and began to swing the arm with handcuff at officers. A physical struggle ensued in which the officers delivered strikes and attempted to utilize their electronic control devices (Tasers) with little to no effect. The subject punched and kicked the officers until he was able to break free and began to flee on foot. One of the officers suffered an injury to his knee that disallowed him from following the subject. The other officer went into foot pursuit. While in chase, the subject turned on the officer with his arm raised, while holding the jagged-edge of the handcuff in his hand like a knife. The officer drew his hand gun and the subject continued to walk away from the subject. As the officer continued to pursue the subject on foot, the subject again turned and came back at the officer in the same threatening motion at which time the officer shot the subject, ending the threat. Life saving measures were applied to the subject, who was transported to the hospital and later pronounced deceased. The officer who was injured was also transported to the hospital for treatment.

### 26. June 14, 2018 — 2200 West Grove Street

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Unknown
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: None // Cover Fire Only

The Special Assignments Unit (SAU) was serving a search warrant for a Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) on a residence for drug sales. As SAU personnel were approaching the residence, someone from inside the residence began shooting at them. Two SAU officers were struck with shrapnel and debris from the rounds fired. A diversionary device was deployed and one officer utilized cover fire to assist in bringing the two officers to a position of safety. After the officers were out of harms way, chemical agents were deployed into the residence and all the occupants of the home exited and were detained. Evidence from inside the residence showed indicia of drug sales and weapons. The officers that were struck by the shrapnel and debris were treated on scene by the Phoenix Fire Department.

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### 27. June 16, 2018 — 3700 West Ruth Avenue

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to the area of 3600 West Diana Avenue in reference to a subject with a gun call. The subject had pointed his handgun at the victim prior to police arrival and was now pacing back and forth in the street with a handgun. As officers arrived on scene and devised a plan, the subject got into a black vehicle and fled. The officers followed loosely behind, until the subject exited his vehicle and pointed his handgun at the officers. One officer, armed with a patrol rifle, shot the suspect ending the threat. Life saving measures were implemented on scene. The subject was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

### 28. June 29, 2018 — 4000 West Colter Street

- Number of Officers Involved: 3
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to the area in reference to a radio call of a fight. The initial responding officer did not locate anyone; however, did locate a vehicle blocking the alleyway. Two other officers responded to assist and while waiting for a tow truck, observed a female running towards them through the alley followed by a male subject. The female told the officers that she and the male subject had been involved in an argument. One of the officers contacted the male subject and began investigating the situation. The male subject was armed and when the officer tried to remove his handgun for officer safety reasons, he pulled away from her and removed the handgun from his waistband. The officer was able to push him into the block wall of the alley and as she attempted to control him, the subject took the gun, put it behind his head and started firing his gun towards the officers. All three officers fired their duty weapon at the subject. Life saving measures were implemented on scene; however, the subject was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

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