# INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

## No. 23-016

## To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

January 24, 2023

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#### SUBJECT: CRITICAL POLICE INCIDENTS, JANUARY 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 2022

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on all Fort Worth Critical Police Incidents (CPIs) from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

The Major Case Unit, consisting of one sergeant, seven detectives, two officers, and two civilians, is responsible for the criminal investigation of all CPIs occurring within the City of Fort Worth, along with offenses designated as hate crimes, cases involving missing persons, and cases of economic crimes (fraud) of a monetary value of \$150,000.00 or more. The Major Case Unit submits all cases resulting in the serious bodily injury or death of any person that involves a police officer acting in an official capacity to the grand jury for review. The Internal Affairs Unit is responsible for the administrative investigations of all CPIs.

#### What Is a Critical Police Incident?

CPIs are assigned to the Major Case Unit of the Violent Personal Crimes Section of the Criminal Investigations Division. A CPI, according to Fort Worth Police Department General Order 356.01 A., is defined as:

- 1. Any discharge of a firearm resulting in the injury or death of any individual involving a Fort Worth Police Department officer, a Fort Worth Fire Department arson investigator, a City of Fort Worth marshal, or a law enforcement officer whose ordinary jurisdiction does not include the City of Fort Worth, while in the course and scope of their official duties while in the Fort Worth city limits;
- Any event where a Fort Worth Police Department officer, a Fort Worth Fire Department arson investigator, a City of Fort Worth marshal, or a law enforcement officer whose ordinary jurisdiction does not include the City of Fort Worth intentionally discharges a firearm at an individual or exchanges gunfire with an individual while in the course and scope of their duties while in the Fort Worth city limits;
- 3. Any event in which a Fort Worth Police Department officer, a Fort Worth Fire Department arson investigator, a City of Fort Worth marshal, or a law enforcement officer whose ordinary jurisdiction does not include the City of Fort Worth is struck by gunfire or is seriously injured, excluding vehicle accidents, while in the course and scope of their official duties while in the Fort Worth city limits; or
- 4. The death or serious bodily injury, excluding vehicle accidents, of any individual in the custody of, or in the process of being taken into custody, by a Fort Worth Police Department officer, a Fort Worth Fire Department arson investigator, a City of Fort Worth marshal, or a law enforcement officer whose jurisdiction does not usually include the City of Fort Worth, while in the course and scope of their official duties while in the Fort Worth city limits.

#### Office of the Police Oversight Monitor and CPI's

The Office of the Police Oversight Monitor (OPOM) monitors all CPI investigations. OPOM receives immediate notification when a critical incident occurs, reviews body-worn camera footage, and monitors the Critical Incident Review meetings and work product. Staff can attend interviews and make recommendations to the Chief if there are any concerns.

#### **Critical Police Incidents in 2021**

A total of fifteen CPIs occurred in 2021. Ten of these incidents involved in-custody injuries, suicides, or other death. The other five incidents included four officer-involved shootings and an accidental discharge injury. Four of the fifteen CPIs involved policy violations, though three of these violations were unrelated to the corresponding CPIs.

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21-001-CD	1/8/2021	In-Custody Suicide	210002092	Officers attempted to pull a vehicle over for a traffic violation. The vehicle continued to drive but eventually came to a stop. A male exited the vehicle and ran from officers. Officers chased the subject a short distance and the subject turned around, raised a gun to his head and shot himself.	Complete	Yes. Unrelated to the CPI	200 W Lancaster Ave
21-002-WD	2/12/2021	In-Custody Injury	210011233	Officer was chasing a stolen vehicle when the subject got out and ran toward the rear of an apartment. The officer struggled to take the subject into custody and deployed two cartridges from his Taser striking the subject in the chest and abdomen. The Taser was initially effective in gaining compliance but the subject attempted to remove the probes and a subsequent Taser deployment was necessary to gain control of the subject.	Complete	Yes. Unrelated to the CPI	3000 Las Vegas Trl
21-003-TCSO	3/2/2021	In-Custody Suicide	210015476	Tarrant County Fugitive Deputies were attempting to take a subject into custody. After making contact with the subject she told them she needed to secure her dogs and reentered her residence. When the subject didn't return, deputies entered the residence and found the subject deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot to the head.	Fort Worth Officers not involved	N/A	2500 Castanada Cr
21-004-SD	4/4/2021	In-Custody Suicide	210024497	Upon arrival to an accident, officers found an overturned vehicle in the front yard at the address and the purported driver of the vehicle standing outside. Officers obtained identification from the driver, who then walked to his vehicle, obtained a handgun from inside the vehicle and shot himself in head.	Complete	No	3500 Wilkie Way
21-005-ED	4/13/2021	In-Custody Injury	210027356	Officers were attempting to take a subject into custody for a felony warrant but the subject refused to exit her residence and threatened to harm herself by taking pills. SWAT officers were called to the scene for a barricaded person. Officers were eventually able to take the subject into custody. The subject was transported to the hospital where she was treated for a drug overdose.	Complete	No	4500 Norma St
21-006-CD	4/18/2021	OIS-Fatal	210028723	Officers arrived on a call where a subject was trying to steal a truck using force. The subject fled on foot and the officer pursued. The subject pulled a handgun and was shot by the officer.	Complete	No	400 Fairview St
21-007-NWD	4/21/2021	In-Custody Injury	210029755	Officers responded to a subject who was in traffic lanes. As officers approached the subject pulled a small knife and began stabbing himself in the neck as he moved away from officers and into lanes of traffic. Officers deployed several Taser cartridges and eventually gained control of subject who was then transported to the hospital for surgery for his self-inflicted stab wounds.	Complete	Yes. Unrelated to the CPI	3000 North Frwy
21-008-ED	7/7/2021	In-Custody Injury	210053050	Officers picked up a juvenile subject from a family violence disturbance and were transporting him to a different location. Upon arrival they found the subject unresponsive. Medstar was called and during treatment learned the subject had taken several pills before the police picked him up.	Complete	No	5000 Dunbar St
21-009-LW	9/3/2021	OIS-Fatal	210070254	Lake Worth officers initiated a pursuit of a vehicle in which the occupants were considered armed and dangerous. When the pursuit ended, 4 to 5 subjects fled from the vehicle. One male subject was holding a gun and the involved officer fired at and struck him.	Fort Worth Officers not involved	N/A	3000 Horne St
21-010-WD	9/7/2021	In-Custody Death	210071732	Male subject was arrested and transported to City Jail on drug and weapons charges. Subject had a seizure and is believed to have ingested narcotics. Subject was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.	Complete	No	100 N University Dr
21-011-TOD	9/9/2021	In-Custody Suicide	210072156	Officers were looking for a stolen vehicle which had a tracking device installed. The police helicopter located the subject abandoning the stolen vehicle and walking away. The helicopter guided officers to the subject's location and as officers approached they heard a gunshot and found the subject had shot himself in the head.	Complete	No	1900 SE Loop 820
21-012-WD	11/15/2021	OIS-No Hits	210092086	Officers responded to a call in which a neighbor had fired shots at another neighbor. A short time later officers located the subject who was still driving and shooting out of his vehicle. Officers returned fire and eventually rammed the subjects vehicle to stop him and take him into custody. No one was hit by gunfire.	Complete	Yes	3800 Merrick Ave
21-013-WD	11/27/2021	Accidental Discharge- Injury	210095141	While off duty, officer was taking apart his handgun for cleaning when he accidentally discharged his weapon resulting in a wound to his left hand.	Complete	No	1000 Hemphill Ave
21-014-ND	12/7/2021	OIS-Fatal	210098007	A subject called 911 and said that he was armed with a handgun, that he felt like killing his parents, and that he felt like he was possessed by demons. The subject provided his location and officers located him in a field. The subject complied with officers commands and as officers moved closer to take him into custody he pulled his handgun and pointed it at officers. Officers fired and struck the subject.	Complete	No	10000 Bear Creek Trl
21-015-TOD	12/25/2021	In-Custody Injury	210102889	Officers were taking a report for a sexual assault of a child when they learned the subject was hiding underneath the house and refused to come out. SWAT responded to the barricaded person and the subject still refused to come out. SWAT had to break through the floor of the residence to pull the subject out. When the subject was pulled from his hiding place he was found to have a self-inflicted laceration to his throat.	Complete	No	800 Sargent St

#### **Critical Police Incidents in 2022**

A total of seventeen CPIs occurred in 2022. Eleven of these incidents included officer-involved shootings, of which five were fatal. The other six incidents involved in-custody suicides or injuries. None of the seventeen CPIs has yet been determined to involve policy violations, but nine of the cases are still under investigation.

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22-001-TOD	1/13/2022	In- Custody Suicide	220003248	Officers responded to a person with a weapon call. Subject refused to surrender his weapon and come out of the residence. After some time without communication, SWAT officers heard a gunshot from within the residence. Subject was later found in the residence with an apparent self-inflicted head wound.	Complete	No	3000 Las Vegas Trl
22-002-ND	4/9/2022	OIS-Injury	220026987	Off Duty Hawk Cove Police officer was working part time as traffic control with NTI Construction. A subject drove into construction zone and was stopped by the officer. Subject appeared intoxicated and argued with officer. Subject drove through barricades and officer fired several shots at him. Subject fled but was located at an area hospital with superficial gunshot wound.	Fort Worth Officers not involved	N/A	North Frwy / Western Center
22-003-SD	5/11/2022	In- Custody Suicide	220036593	Officers located subject with several outstanding felony warrants. Officers attempted to stop subject who led them on a pursuit. After stop sticks were successfully deployed, subject pulled over and shot himself in the head.	Complete	No	4500 Collett Little Rd
22-004-WD	6/29/2022	OIS-Fatal	220051045	Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call where subject was armed with a shotgun and threatened to shoot family members. While officers were on scene subject Facetimed with family and was holding shotgun to his head. Subject told family he was on his way to the residence and was making homicidal and suicidal threats. Officers barricaded the street to protect the family. Additional officers located subject and tried to stop him but he led them on a pursuit. Subject tork subject was the subject and tried to stop him but he led them on a pursuit. Subject drove toward the residence and barricades. Officers believed subject was trying to drive through barricades to get to his family to harm them. Officers opened fire striking the subject.	Complete	No	3000 Olive Place
22-005-NWD	7/17/2022	In- Custody Suicide	220056139	Officers responded to a theft call in which subject had stolen a handgun. Officer located subject who was seated in his vehicle in a parking lot. Officer drove up behind subject and initiated a stop but subject began to drive away. Subject then lifted the handgun to his head and shot himself.	In Chain of Command		2000 Shotts St
22-006-HCPD	7/25/2022	OIS-Injury	220058535	Haltom City patrol officers were conducting a Narcotics investigation and attempted a traffic stop of one of the subjects. The subject led officers on a pursuit that ended when the subject exited the vehicle armed with a rifle which he pointed at officers. Officers fired at subject as he fled on foot with the rifle. The subject was later located and had a superficial bullet wound.	Fort Worth Officers not involved	N/A	2500 NW 28th St
22-007-NWD	8/13/2022	In- Custody Injury	220063621	Off duty officer and security personal were attempting to take an intoxicated subject into custody. The subject continued to resist and officer used knee strikes to gain compliance. Subject complained of pain after being taken into custody.	In Chain of Command		100 W Exchange Ave
22-008-JC	8/18/2022	OIS-No Hits	220065230	Johnson County Sherriff's Deputies were attempting to take a felony fugitive into custody. Deputies blocked the subjects vehicle in a driveway. The subject then backed toward a deputiy who was on foot and then rammed the deputies vehicle. The subject pulled forward and back again at which point one deputy fired three shots toward the front tire of the subjects vehicle. The subject fled on foot but was quickly taken into custody.	Fort Worth Officers not involved	N/A	3500 Olive Place
22-009-ED	8/21/2022	OIS-Injury	220066052	Officers arrived on the scene where a male subject was threatening to shoot himself. Officers approached the apartment and could hear what they believed to be a woman inside. Officers forced entry and confronted a male subject who was holding a rifle. Officers ordered subject to drop the weapon but he refused, he then raised the weapon and pointed it at officers who shot him.	Major Case	Still Under Investigation	1000 Vincent St
22-010-CD	8/28/2022	OIS- Death	220068117	City of Troy Police Officers initiated a pursuit on a domestic kidnapping. Texas DPS and Hill County Sherriff's Deputies joined in the pursuit. The pursuit ended in Fort Worth. Officers approached the vehicle and heard a gunshot. Fearing that the female occupant of the vehicle was in danger, a team of Fort Worth officers approached the vehicle. Officers observed the male holding a handgun to the abdomen of the female that he had positioned on top of himself as an apparent human shield. Officers fired their weapons at the suspect when he refused to drop his weapon.	Major Case	Still Under Investigation	200 North South Frwy
22-011-CD	8/30/2022	OIS-No Hits	220068659	Officers attempted to pull over a stolen vehicle which was driven by a female with a male passenger. The vehicle led officers on a pursuit and the male passenger fired numerous rounds from a shotgun at pursuing officers. The subjects eventually crashed and were taken into custody after a foot pursuit. Officers did not fire their weapons.	Major Case	Still Under Investigation	5000 Denton Hwy
22-012-TOD	10/16/2022	OIS-Fatal	220081832	Officers arrived to a domestic disturbance and encountered the subject who was armed with a handgun making threats of a homicidal / suicidal nature. The subject retreated into the residence along with his mother who was believed to be a hostage. The subject eventually pushed the hostage out of the residence but a short time later he exited the residence and pointed his handgun at officers. An officer observed the threat and responded with deadly force.	Major Case	Still Under Investigation	4000 Wiman Dr
22-013-CID	11/1/2022	OIS-Fatal	Texas Rangers	Fugitive Officers were attempting to take a felony subject into custody. The subject rammed two vehicles and when his vehicle became disabled he pulled a handgun and was shot by officers.	Outside city limits of Fort Worth - Being investigated by Texas Rangers	Still Under Investigation	3000 Michele Ct, Weatherford
22-014-NWD	11/16/2022	OIS-Fatal	220090376	Officers responded to a person with a gun call at a QT and arrived to find the subject inside the store and several customers and employees fleeing from the store. As officers approached they heard one gunshot from inside. Officers retrated but a short time later the subject exited the front door shooting at officers and citizens who were near by. Officers returned fire striking the subject.	Major Case	Still Under Investigation	2500 NE 28th St
22-015-CID	11/22/2022	In- Custody Injury	220092132	Fugitive Task Force officers and Gang Unit officers were attempting to take a felony subject into custody. When officers knocked on the door of the hotel room the subject was staying in, the subject climbed out of the window and attempted to jump to a nearby roof. The subject did not make it to the roof and instead fell to the concrete below.	Major Case	Still Under Investigation	6000 S Frwy
22-016-NWD	12/13/2022	OIS-Injury	220097609	Officers were pursuing a stolen vehicle when it became stuck on a low retaining wall. The officers blocked the wehicle in and were trying to talk the subject into exting the vehicle. Officers decided to break out a rear window to get a better view of the subject and as one officer approached and broke the window an officer on the passenger side fired one round striking the victim.	Major Case	Still Under Investigation	2500 White Settlement Rd
22-017-WD	12/14/2022	In- Custody Suicide	220097629	A female in a vehicle was chasing a male in a vehicle during a domestic altercation. The male was armed and had threatened to shoot himself. The female blocked the males vehicle and confronted him. Officers were able to get the female to move to another location for safety and tried to establish dialogue with the male occupant to get him to drop his gun and exit the vehicle. SWAT was called to the scene of the barricaded person. Using a surveillance drone, it was determined that the male had a self inflicted gunshot wound.	Major Case	Still Under Investigation	7000 Hawkins Center Dr

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Executive Assistant Police Chief Robert Alldredge at robert.alldredge@fortworthtexas.gov or 817-392-4131.

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