



Texas Department
of Public Safety

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Texas Law Enforcement Agencies Reporting to DPS for Use-of-Force (UoF) Data

What is the National UoF Data Collection?

On January 1, 2019, the FBI initiated the collection of use-of-force incidents in collaboration with the major law enforcement agencies to compile comprehensive nationwide statistics. The TXDPS UoF Program collaborates closely with the FBI's Criminal Justice Information System's National Use-of-Force Data Collection. This partnership is dedicated to encouraging agency participation in the voluntary reporting of use-of-force incidents.

Why participate?

Participation in the UoF data collection will provide more data-driven facts for the police and the public regarding use-of-force events. It will help measure the issue, find areas of concern, allow for more informed conversations, and identify the answers to why use-of-force events occur. Ultimately, statewide and national data collection will aid in differentiating between isolated events and trends.

What data is collected about use of force?

1. Incidents involving death linked to use of force by law enforcement officers (LEOs).
2. Incidents of Serious Bodily Injury (SBI) related to use of force by LEOs.
3. Instances of firearm discharge by LEOs at or in the direction of a person without resulting in serious bodily injury or death.

If I submit to DPS, does that also get counted for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) state-mandated reporting?

No. In Texas, there are two separate data collections: (1) State-Mandated UoF reporting to the OAG and (2) voluntary National UoF Data Collection reporting to the FBI. While these are distinct collections, there is some overlap in the data elements collected.

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Current participating agencies will have 'read-only' access to their data through the LEEP-National Use of Force system, as **reporting will now be done directly through the State of Texas' Use-of-Force (UoF) system.**

For enrollment into the National UoF Data Collection, contact UoF@dps.texas.gov or call 512-424-2091.