

Maryland House Bill 954 (2015)

Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer



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Why the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center?

<http://www.jrsa.org/sac/index.html>

2015 Maryland State Legislation

Required Local and State Law Enforcement agencies to provide the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention with:

1. Information on officer-involved deaths, and
2. Officer deaths in the line of duty.
3. 3 year (retroactive) report on each

The Dilemma

July 1 – December 31, 2015

The Guardian: 7 people “killed by police”

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2015/jun/01/the-counted-police-killings-us-database>

Killed by Police.net: 9 people “killed by police”

<http://www.killedbypolice.net/kbp2015.html>

Mapping Police Violence: 9 “police killings”

<http://mappingpoliceviolence.org/states>

Washington Post: 7 people “shot by police”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/national/police-shootings/>

This session will provide information on:

Background of, and rationale for, the legislation

Considerations and hurdles to expect during the legislative process

Implementation of the Bill



Questions???

- Background of / rationale for, the legislation
- Considerations / hurdles to expect during the legislative process

What type of push back should be expected by states trying to implement a law similar to HB 954?

The Process.....

Implementation Group



Procedures Guide



Identifying cases



Data Collection & Cleaning



Report Submission

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Invited to Participate:

Delegate Alonzo T. Washington, District 22 (HB 954 Sponsor)

Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

Maryland State's Attorneys' Association

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Maryland

United State's Attorney's Office

United States Department of Justice / Bureau of Justice Statistics

Riverdale Park Police

Prince George's County Police

Prince George's County Sheriff

Baltimore County Police

Baltimore City Police

Hagerstown Police

Maryland State Police

American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland

Justice, Research & Statistics Association

Private Defense Attorney

Private Citizen

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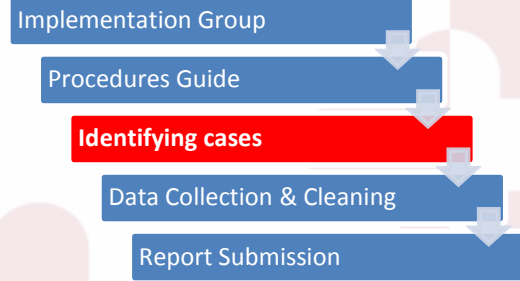
Law Enforcement Reporting Guide HB 954 (2015) Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer



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WHICH CITIZEN DEATHS SHOULD BE REPORTED?

INCLUDE CITIZEN DEATHS:

- **resulting from any use of force by state or local law enforcement personnel** acting either on duty, or off duty in the capacity of a law enforcement officer
- **caused by injuries sustained while attempting to elude state or local law enforcement personnel or injuries incurred after custody had been established**
- in cases of suicide, only when the suicide occurs while law enforcement is present at the scene
- **in cases of deaths as the result of drug overdose or medical condition, only when the fatal alcohol or other drug intoxications, or medical conditions (e.g., cardiac arrest) occurred while law enforcement was attempting to detain or arrest the subject**
- **occurring during the process of arrest by or in the custody of state or local law enforcement personnel**
- **occurring in the custody of state or local law enforcement personnel responding to a medical or mental health assistance or welfare call**
- ~~that occur while confined in lockups or booking centers run by a Maryland Law Enforcement agency~~
- of bystanders while law enforcement is present and/or as the result of a law enforcement action

EXCLUDE:

- deaths attributed to federal law enforcement personnel (e.g., FBI, DEA)
- any inmate death that occurred in the custody of local jails (not run by a Maryland Law Enforcement agency), state prisons, state juvenile correctional facilities, or private correctional facilities
- any death of a criminal suspect that occurred before the decedent came into contact with law enforcement

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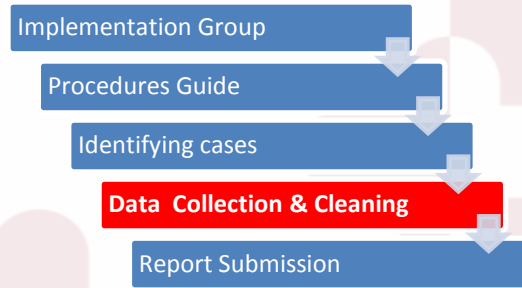
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DATA

Department P.O.C.

Federal Partners

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CJ-11MD Form



Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer Report Form

Reporting Agency: _____

Type of Death

Citizen Death Officer Death

Deceased Information
(please fill out a separate form for multiple subjects - 1 form per subject)

Name: _____ Date of Death: _____
 Age: _____ Gender: _____
 Ethnicity: _____ Race: _____

If Citizen Death, Provide Officer Involved Information
(please use the additional information area for more than 1 officer)

Age: _____ Gender: _____
 Ethnicity: _____ Race: _____

Type of Incident (Preliminary)

Homicide Suicide Accidental Injury to Self
 Medical Condition / Illness Natural Causes Overdose / Intoxication
 Other: _____

Details

Description of Incident:

Reporting Official / Agency Information

Reporting Official: _____ Date of Reporting: _____
 Department/Title: _____ Method of Reporting: _____
 Contact Information: _____

Deceased Info

Name
Age
Ethnicity
Date of Death
Gender
Race

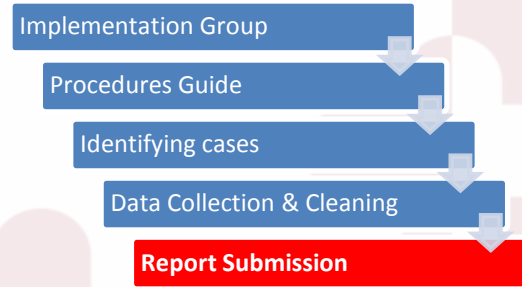
Officer Info

Age
Ethnicity
Gender
Race

Type of Incident & Details

Reporting Agency & Official

The Process.....



- Work hard to remain neutral
- DON'T go directly into the stats
- Be sure to explain and clearly define each variable
- Broken down by **manner of death**
- Give them everything you have (except names)
- Utilize existing resources...don't reinvent the wheel

Advice, and Lessons Learned

- ✓ Establish a SOLID POC in each agency
- ✓ Customer Service, work together
- ✓ Set a policy in place BEFOREHAND in regard to PIA requests. Try to include it in the legislation
- ✓ We have removed the reporting of individuals who died in local detention centers run by LE (new Bill being introduced)
- ✓ Try to include Federal law Enforcement Agencies operating in your state

Contact me anytime!

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