



November 6, 2015

Sheriff Jim Kaelin
Nueces County Sheriff's Dept.
PO BOX 1940
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

RE: Officer Involved Shooting Reports

Dear Sheriff Kaelin:

With the passage of House Bill 1036 by the 84th Legislature, reporting of officer involved shootings is now required. The bill enacts new provisions in the Code of Criminal Procedure to require reporting of injuries or deaths that are caused by peace officers as well as a separate reporting form for injuries to or deaths of peace officers from the discharge of a firearm. The Office of the Attorney General is tasked with the duty to create the forms on which these events are to be reported. The proposed forms are posted on the OAG website at the following link:

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cj/peace-officer-involved-shooting-report>

The bill requires reportable information to be submitted by form to the OAG by the 30th day after the event occurs. In the event that reporting of this information becomes necessary, please fill out the appropriate form and return to the Office of the Attorney General. We ask that you email or fax the form to the OAG; the email and fax number is provided on the form. Once received, the Office of the Attorney General is required to post a copy of the submitted form within five days on the agency website for public access. **The law also requires that if your agency maintains a website you must also post a copy of the report on your website.**

Please remember that if a person dies while in the custody of a peace officer or as a result of a peace officer's use of force you are also still required to file a custodial death report pursuant to Article 49.18 (a)(b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure in addition to the new officer involved shooting report.

If you have any questions about the forms or how to submit to this office, please direct your inquiries to renee.watts@texasattorneygeneral.gov or (512)305-8882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Richardson", written over a horizontal line.

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