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# Department Accident and Injury Analysis





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## Accident and Injury Analysis for 2019

This analysis was conducted for the purpose of reviewing the Angleton Police Department's Vehicle Accidents and Personal Injuries for calendar year 2019. The Angleton Police Department takes its obligations seriously to provide the most effective and efficient police service while ensuring employee safety. Law Enforcement is a particularly dangerous occupation and while many of our activities are fraught with risks, employees must take every action possible to remain safe and prevent accidents and injuries when possible. This analysis is conducted each year to comply with Texas Law Enforcement Best Practice 4.10 and to attempt to identify methods for reducing the number of vehicle accidents and personnel injuries.

This analysis consists of two parts. First is the analysis of all Vehicle Accidents by members of this department, both sworn and non-sworn. The second part is an analysis of all non-vehicle personal injuries occurring during the year. The non-vehicle personal injuries can be any type of injury from straining a back due to heavy lifting to an injury occurring during a scuffle with a prisoner.

## Accident and Injury Reporting Requirements

Texas Law Enforcement Best Practice 4.10, and Angleton Police Department Directive 4.10.1, requires each vehicle accident and personal injury be reported and investigated.

Any time an employee is involved in a vehicle accident, department policy requires a Supervisor be immediately notified by the Dispatch center. The supervisor is required to go to the scene and conduct an investigation into the cause of the accident. If there is significant damage to either the police vehicle or a citizen's vehicle, the Supervisor may request the investigation be completed by a traffic accident specialist or even by another law enforcement agency.

The accident is reviewed to ensure the officer's actions were appropriate and within the guidelines of Department Policy. If the officer violated department policy or state law without justification, a departmental investigation is required and the officer may receive additional training or in some cases discipline up to and including termination from employment. This annual analysis is not intended to determine if an officer acted inappropriately, but to identify department wide trends that may suggest changes in policy, training, equipment or supervision.





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Any personal injury occurring on the job that requires any form of treatment including first aid, must be reported immediately. Supervisors must complete the First Report of Injury and forward it to the Human Resources Department. Part of this reporting is attempting to determine the cause of the injury and methods for prevention. A copy of this form is maintained by the department and reviewed as part of this report to determine the causes of injuries within the department.

## Vehicle Accident Comparison 2018/2019

There were a total of seven (7) Reported Vehicle Accidents this year compared to five (5) last year. This represents an increase of two (2). Six (6) of the reported vehicle accidents this year were Police Department Units and one (1) Animal Control Services vehicle.

The Accident Causes are listed below by type with comparison to the previous year.

	2018	2019	Difference
Fail to Maintain Control	1	2	+1
Improper Backing	2	4	+2
Ran Red Light/Stop Sign	1	1	0
Speeding	0	0	0
Fail to secure Vehicle	1	0	-1
Other Driver at Fault	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	5	7	+2

## Personal Injury Analysis 2018/2019

There were a total of five (5) personal injuries reported this year compared to three (3) last year. This represents a difference of two (2). All five (5) reported personal injuries were Police Department sworn staff.





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The injury causes are listed below by type with comparison to the previous year.

	2018	2019	Difference
Fight with suspect	2	2	0
Motor vehicle accident	0	0	0
Trip/Jump	1	1	0
Lifting object	0	1	+1
Animal bite	0	1	+1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>+2</b>

## Individual Officer Analysis

While each employee's actions were reviewed immediately following the incident by the department, patterns of behavior can also indicate the need for additional training or supervision. Employees that were involved in multiple incidents this past year were reviewed in detail to determine if any additional training might be required.

## Damage and Injury

In 2019, there were seven (7) accidents and five (5) personal injuries which had some damage or lost work time associated with the incident.

## Policy Violations

The department policy on routine and emergency driving, including pursuits is reviewed periodically with employees to ensure they know their responsibilities. If an employee is found in violation of a department policy or law, the Chief may decide on an appropriate response, which may include additional training or even disciplinary actions if necessary.

In 2019, there were 0 policy violations identified in regards to vehicle operation or safety violations.





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## Summary and Recommendations

There were no significant changes in policy or procedures in 2019. There were seven (7) reported vehicle accidents in 2019 compared to the five (5) reported vehicle accidents in 2018. There were five (5) reported personal injuries in 2019 compared to the three (3) reported personal injuries in 2018. The overall reported vehicle accidents and personal injuries show a slight increase from the previous year. A supervisor's investigation and first report of injury report were completed for each reported incident. This reporting process is objective and thorough. All incidents were found to be unintentional and in compliance with Angleton Police Department policy and procedure.

In 2019, all Angleton Police Department sworn staff completed a TCOLE approved Law Enforcement Driving Safety School at MSR Houston. The school focuses on control and precision driving. Officers were taught to handle their patrol vehicles in both low/high-speed situations and wet/dry conditions. I believe that completing this driving course annually will minimize the number of at-fault vehicle accidents by sworn staff.

In 2019, Angleton Police Department was able to purchase three new Concept2 rowing machines. The Angleton Police Department has implemented a V02 Readiness program, which uses the new Concept2 rowing machines to test employees and promote physical fitness. I believe this step towards becoming healthier will reduce health related injuries in the future.

## Command Review:

Any Actions to be Taken:

- Continue to provide Annual EVOC training.
- Constitute a proactive vehicle preventative maintenance program
- Continue to educate on proper work place safety and ergonomics in collaboration with City of Angleton Human Resources/Risk Management.

Chief of Police

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Date

