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2021



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## Police Vehicle Collision and Injury Analysis





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## Police Vehicle Collision and Injury Analysis for 2021

This analysis was conducted for the purpose of reviewing the Angleton Police Department's Vehicle Police Vehicle Collisions and Personal Injuries for calendar year 2021. 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 Police Vehicle Collisions 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 Police Vehicle Collisions and personnel injuries.

This analysis consists of two parts. First is the analysis of all Vehicle Police Vehicle Collisions 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.

## Police Vehicle Collision and Injury Reporting Requirements

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

Any time an employee is involved in a Police Vehicle Collision, department policy requires a Supervisor be immediately notified by the Dispatch center. The supervisor is required to go to the scene and investigate the cause of the Police Vehicle Collision. 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 incident specialist or even by another law enforcement agency.

The Police Vehicle Collision 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.

## Police Vehicle Collision Comparison 2020/2021

There were a total of two (2) reported Police Vehicle Collisions this year compared to eight (8) last year. This represents an decrease of six (6). Two (2) of the reported Police Vehicle Collisions this year were Police Department Units.

The Police Vehicle Collision Causes are listed below by type with comparison to the previous year.

	2020	2021	Difference
Fail to Maintain Control	3	0	-3
Improper Backing	2	0	-2
Ran Red Light/Stop Sign	0	0	0
Speeding	0	0	0
Fail to secure Vehicle	0	0	0
Other Driver at Fault	3	1	-2
Offensive Tactic – Veh Purs	0	1	+1
<b>Total</b>	8	2	-6

## Personal Injury Analysis 2020/2021

There was a total of one (1) personal injuries reported this year compared to five (5) last year. This represents a difference of four (4). All reported personal injuries were Police Department sworn staff.

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





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	2020	2021	Difference
Fight with suspect	1	0	-1
Motor vehicle Police Vehicle Collision	0	0	0
Trip/Jump	1	1	0
Lifting object	0	0	0
Animal bite	0	0	0
COVID-19	3	0	-3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-4</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 2021, there were two (2) Police Vehicle Collisions and one (1) 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 2021, there was one (1) policy violation identified regarding vehicle operation or safety violations during a pursuit.

## Summary and Recommendations





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There were no significant changes in policy or procedures in 2021, except there were several COVID-19 protocols enacted pursuant to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services (DSHS) as well as the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) . There were two (2) reported Police Vehicle Collisions in 2021 compared to the eight (8) reported vehicle Police Vehicle Collisions in 2020. There was one (1) reported personal injuries in 2021 compared to the five (5) reported personal injuries in 2020. The overall reported Police Vehicle Collisions and personal injuries does not reflect a change from the previous year to warrant a drastic change or response by the department. 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 either preventable or non-preventable, which was reported to human resources.

In 2021, Angleton Police Department completed physical readiness testing in April and November. This physical readiness program promotes health and wellness for our officers. This physical readiness program is based on the Texas Department of Public Safety Row program, which uses Concept2 rowing machines for testing. I believe that continued use of this program will reduce health related injuries in the future.

## Command Review:

### Any Actions to be Taken:

The Police Vehicle Collision and injury policies and directives should be reviewed in briefing training for clarification and to refresh employees on safety procedures as well as reporting protocols for any future incidents that may occur. Professional Standards should continue to either primarily investigate all police vehicle collisions and personal injuries or do a thorough follow up of the initial investigation by the reporting supervisor.

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