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A Message from Chief David O. Brown

The below chart outlines the last (10) years of officer involved shootings, officers assaulted, and officer contacts with the public. In comparing 2013 to 2012, officer involved shootings are down 20% and officers assaulted by suspects are up 7%. Over the last decade, the lowest number of officer involved shootings occurred in 2011.

Dallas Police Department 2003 - 2013								
Year	Suspect Deceased	Suspect Injured	Total Suspects Injured or Deceased	Officers Killed by Suspects	Officers Assaulted by Suspects	Arrests	Dispatched Calls	Traffic Stops
2003	6	5	11	0	250	62,188	602,165	N/A
2004	5	4	9	0	246	60,336	595,161	69,161*
2005	2	6	8	1	251	70,153	606,975	93,700*
2006	2	6	8	0	250	72,412	620,192	108,494*
2007	6	5	11	1	220	68,101	623,901	96,486**
2008	5	6	11	0	210	78,639	609,515	110,369
2009	5	7	12	1	186	74,317	608,993	128,717
2010	8	3	11	0	197	76,901	589,718	196,331
2011	2	4	6	0	182	67,244	580,689	198,527
2012	10	5	15	0	195	60,978	591,727	160,515
Total	51	51	102	3	2,187	691,269	6,029,036	1,162,300
2013 YTD	6	6	12	0	209	58,836	588,790	133,469

* -- Patrol only traffic stops from Compstat Report

** -- Combination of Patrol and others due to implementation of new CAD in August, 2007

In 2012, in an effort to increase transparency, officer accountability, and improve officer safety, I directed and implemented the following policy changes and initiatives within the Dallas Police Department:

- Formalized process of notification and concurrent investigative review with the FBI Civil Rights Office of all officer involved shootings;

- Comprehensive officer use of force tracking and reporting system;
- Foot pursuit policy for officers;
- Reimplementation of a team with dash cam review responsibilities;
- Mandatory recertification “Taser” training for officers; and
- Mandatory written and/or recorded consent to search policy prohibiting verbal consent to search practices.

In order to further increase transparency, officer accountability, and to build on the public's trust and confidence in the police department, I directed additional changes and new initiatives in 2014 to include the establishment of a supervisory level “Use of Force” Training Team that will be tasked with training all officers on tactics, policy, and best practice evaluation. This newly formed group will replace the current officer level training team to provide a fresh perspective and management level insight.

In addition, the team has been advised to form liaisons with community groups for input and law enforcement associations such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Major Cities Chiefs Association, and Police Executive Research Forum. These professional organizations can provide expert knowledge in best in class practices on the use of force.

The Police Department is currently field testing fifty (50) body cameras. Twenty-five (25) additional cameras will be tested in the near future. The plan is to field test the equipment for ninety (90) days with the goal of identifying the best product for a department-wide Body Camera Program. The field testing of body cameras has no cost associated with it, but a funding source will need to be identified to implement the program. A Public Safety Committee briefing on the Body Camera Program will be scheduled.