

In the month of December, TMPA opened **77** legal cases to provide an attorney for officers in either an internal affairs investigation and/or an appeal from discipline taken against the officer. TMPA opened **1** case file with regard to defending civil lawsuits filed against police officers.

TMPA opened **10** case files for critical incidents. *Critical incidents are those cases where an officer's actions resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of a person; or could have resulted in such harm, and the officer discharged his firearm.* These critical incidents occurred in various agencies throughout the state including Weslaco Police Department, Liberty County Sheriff's Department, Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department, Harris County Sheriff's Department, Grand Prairie Police Department, San Angelo Police Department, Killeen Police Department, Rowlett Police Department, Hearne Police Department, and Bellaire Police Department. These incidents include:

1. A pursuit of an armed suspect at high speeds in which the suspect's vehicle flipped and killed the suspect.
2. Pursuit of a suspect on a motorcycle which crashed at approximately 80 mph.
3. During the course of a traffic stop, suspect attempted to swallow a controlled substance and officer had to use force to try and stop this from occurring.
4. A suspect, after a DWI arrest, was found unconscious in jail.
5. Five officer-involved shooting incidents, one of which involved the death of a fellow officer, and the suspect was shot.

TMPA provides legal services to our members using private practice attorneys. Without the dedication of many contract attorneys, TMPA would not be able to offer law enforcement officers the best legal protection plan in the State.



Spotlight on Tiger Hanner

Tiger Hanner has represented TMPA members for almost a decade. Following his graduation from UT Law School in 1991, Tiger began working as an insurance lawyer. Very soon he realized winning insurance companies millions of dollars didn't feel like a worthwhile career. 19 years ago he left the practice and began representing educators and police officers. Tiger represents these specific groups because, "these people give so much back, I want to benefit them in any way I can."

Tiger was born in Austin and raised in Round Rock back when it was a small town of 1200 with only two police officers, one for day and one for night. He currently lives in Austin and was just married to his wife Traci last month.

Tiger has two teenage daughters and loves to hike. He's been to 15 national parks in the last three years. He also runs marathons and coaches his daughter's kickball team.

Tiger's favorite way to serve members is by responding to critical incidents. His years of experience make him able to reassure members and help them understand what's going to happen. Recently he responded to a multiple fatality critical incident in Georgetown. He was on the scene within 15 minutes of the last shot fired. The scene was chaotic, but he was a very calming influence in an extremely stressful situation.

Tiger Hanner represents members in region 6.

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