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# Keller Police Department Assault on Sworn Officer Review 2018



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**Executive Summary:**

In an effort to continuously improve our delivery of services to our internal and external stakeholders, the Professional Standard Unit of the Keller Police Department completed its review of the Assaults on Sworn Officer. As a CALEA Accredited and Texas Police Chiefs Best Practices Recognized law enforcement agency we perform an internal review of all Assaults on Sworn Officers annually. The review is systematically structured to identify any patterns or trends associated with actions and decision making as it relates to dealing with citizens to enhance officer safety. Further, the review looks for patterns or trends that indicate a need for additional training, or policies modifications that may have become outdated or ineffective.

The Keller Police Department utilizes an Employee Assessment System (EAS) (AIM) which serves many purposes, one being a venue for identifying incidents and related circumstances which lead to a Sworn Officer Assault. By engaging in a systematic review of specific incidents, EAS (AIM) assists in the identification of circumstances that might need to be better addressed by policy, procedure or training.

It is the Keller Police Department's policy that all Assaults on Sworn Officer are reviewed, an employee report of incident and supervisor report of incident is completed and reviewed by the appropriate Division commander and Chief of Police. The intent of this policy is to protect the employee; enhance the safety of officers and the community; to identify and correct inappropriate behavior and thought processes; identify and remedy procedural problems; and to enhance the safety and profession of law enforcement.

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## **Introduction**

The Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and The Texas Police Chiefs Best Practices Recognition Program requires a documented annual review of Assaults on Sworn Officers. The definition of Assaults on Sworn Officers are as follows:

1. **Assault on Sworn Officer** - refers to an incident where an individual intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to a sworn officer while conducting his/her legal duty as a public servant.

## **Records Management**

The Department's current management and review of all Assaults on Sworn Officers is the responsibility of the initiating officer's supervisor, who reviews the incident and completes the Supervisor Incident Report, Division Commander and the Chief of Police. The forms are forwarded to Human Resources and also entered into the EAS / AIM software. Statistical information is reviewed and collected on a regular basis. Each year a comprehensive report is completed and compared to the previous year's report in order to identify any trends or needed policy modifications and/or changes. The final report is then presented to the Chief of Police for review.

The Assault on Sworn Officers reviews data collected for 2018 is as follows:

- In 2018, one sworn officer was assaulted.
  - The sworn officer was assisting another officer by attempting to place a spit mask on a belligerent, intoxicated arrested person while the suspect was seat belted in

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the rear of a patrol unit. The suspect then bit the officer's gloved ring and middle fingers. This bite did not break the skin and only resulted in pain.

- In the one Assault on Sworn Officer incidents in 2018, the suspects age, gender, and ethnicity were known as follows:
  - 1 w/f 24 yrs.
- **There were no known mental states observed at the time of this incident.**

### **Summary**

This review did not reveal any trends or patterns of conduct with the officer involved. In this case, department procedures were proven to be effective during the review of the incident. We did not identify any equipment issues involving this incidents. The review did not identify a need for additional training as to policy or procedure.