

San Francisco Police Department
Firearm Discharge Review Board Report
&
In-Custody Death Review Board Report



CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Police Department

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Firearm Discharge Review Board

In the 1st Quarter of 2021, the Firearm Discharge Review Board reviewed the following completed Officer Involved Discharge investigation:

- OID 001-20

Officer-Involved Discharge 001-20

Date & Time: December 3, 2020
approximately 20:45 hours

Location: Central Police Station (Men's Locker Room) 766 Vallejo Street

On December 3rd, 2020, at approximately 2045 hours, an officer was inside Central Police Station's Men's locker room after signing off from his shift. While inside the locker room , the officer was performing a "function check" of his personal handgun. The officer removed the magazine from the handgun and thought he had cleared the chamber.

The officer intentionally pulled the trigger of the handgun as part of the "function check" and the gun fired. The officer realized he did not actually clear the chamber of the handgun. The officer immediately checked and found that neither he nor anybody else was injured. The officer observed damage to the door of a locker.

The officer notified his supervisor of the discharge and notifications were made of the Officer Involved Discharge

Recommendation to COP: Out of Policy

In-Custody Death Review Board

In the 1st Quarter of 2021, there were (2) two cases presented to the In-Custody Death Review Board.

ICD 16-001

ICD 20-001

In-Custody Death 16-001

Date & Time: **January 13, 2016**
 approximately 21:04 hours

Location: **Fulton Street/ 14th Avenue**

On January 13, 2016 at approximately 2104 hours, officers responded to the area of Fulton St and 14th Ave regarding an individual yelling and screaming while running into the roadway. Per the 911 caller, the individual appeared to be attempting to be struck by passing motorists. Officers responded to the scene and observed westbound vehicle traffic had stopped on Fulton St and 14th Ave.

The officers exited their vehicles and observed a white male walking in the middle of the westbound lanes of Fulton Street. The individual was making “animal noises” and waving his arms and appeared to be in an altered mental state. The individual was ordered to walk to the northeast corner of Fulton St and 14th Ave but stopped a few feet from the corner. The individual was ordered to get onto the ground and complied. The officers requested an ambulance due to the individual's behavior.

As officers approached the individual, they ordered him to place his hands behind his back and he complied. The individual was handcuffed and secured to prevent him from standing up and running into the street.

In-Custody Death 16-001 cont'd

The individual was placed on his right side (position of recovery), while still making “animal noises.” San Francisco Fire Department arrived on scene and began to evaluate the individual. The medics requested the handcuffs be removed from the individual, allowing him to be placed on a backboard. The individual was moved into the ambulance and medics observed the individual was not breathing and began CPR.

The individual was transported to St. Mary’s Hospital and placed into the Intensive Care Unit. On January 21, 2016, the individual was pronounced deceased.

Recommendation to COP: In Policy- “Psychological Evaluation of Adults” & “In-Custody Deaths”

Insufficient Evidence- Booking and Detention

In-Custody Death 20-001

Date & Time: January 21, 2020
approximately 05:40 hours

Locations: 1851 Sunnydale Avenue

On January 21, 2020, at approximately 0540 hours, Officer were working the mid-night shift. While driving southbound on Sunnydale Ave, they heard what they believed to be gunshots coming from the housing development. They continued driving southbound until they observed a vehicle parked with its window shattered. As they parked the patrol car, they saw the window break from the inside as an occupant punched out the window. The officers rushed to the vehicle and saw that it was occupied by two people. As the officers checked on the well being of the occupants, they observed an individual in front of 1851 Sunnydale Ave face down holding a gun, with his finger on the trigger.

The officers sought cover on the side of 1851 Sunnydale Ave and immediately notified dispatch they had a subject on the ground holding a gun and requested additional units. The subject was given multiple commands to drop the gun, but he did not comply with the orders. Officers from Ingleside and Bayview Stations arrived on scene and assisted with a large crowd gathering to ensure the officers could safely deal with the subject holding the gun.

In-Custody Death 20-001 cont'd

A plan was formulated amongst the officers who were attempting to communicate with the subject using their Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. Sergeants responded on scene, taking control and provided further direction to the officers on scene.

The subject eventually dropped the gun and officers approached the subject and placed handcuffs on him. Officers secured the firearm and searched the subject for weapons and injuries but did not find either. A Sergeant asked the subject if he was shot. The subject stated he was not shot but said he was intoxicated.

Once the scene was deemed safe, San Francisco Fire Department personnel arrived on scene to assess the subject. The subject stopped breathing and medics lifted his shirt and located a bullet hole to the subject's right upper rib area. Medics initiated CPR and the subject was unhandcuffed and transported to San Francisco General Hospital. Once at San Francisco General Hospital, the subject was rushed into surgery but later succumbed to his injury.

Recommendation to COP: In Policy

Status of Open Officer-Involved Shooting Investigations
&
In-Custody Death Investigations

Open OIS Investigations: 2017-2020

Case	Investigation Status
17-001 (01/6/17)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
17-007 (12/01/17)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
18-002 (03/06/18)	Active administrative investigations.
18-005 (06/09/18)	Active administrative investigation. Presented in 1 st Quarter under further review.
19-001 (08/25/19)	Active administrative investigation.
19-003 (12/7/19)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
20-002 (04/21/20)	Active administrative investigations.
20-003 (10/10/20)	Active administrative investigations.
20-004 (11/17/20)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.

Open ICD Investigations: 2015-2020

Case	Investigation Status
15-002 (6/28/15)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
15-003 (7/30/15)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.
19-001 (1/7/19)	Active criminal and administrative investigations.



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