



## **DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### *Officer-Involved Shooting Cases Pending Administrative Review as of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2007:*

- March 29, 2007 Gang Unit shooting. 1 officer fired 2 shots at a suspect brandishing a possible firearm – the suspect was injured and later arrested. Case pending District Attorney review and a Use-of-Force Review Board.

### *Officer-Involved Shooting Cases Administratively Closed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007:*

- March 29, 2006 off-duty shooting. 1 shooting officer; 1 shot fired at an unarmed suspect who was not injured and was later arrested. (For background information, see OIM 2006 Annual Report at Chapter 6, pages 9-10). No District Attorney letter issued. Administratively resolved as “Not Sustained.” Closed on February 12, 2007. A report from the Manager of Safety was not necessary as the shooting did not result in an injury.

The ultimate finding issued by a Deputy Chief of Police was “not sustained.” The Monitor concurred with the Chief’s finding after concluding that due to the state of the evidence, it was not possible to determine whether the shooting was “in-policy” or “out-of-policy.” There were concerns that the officer should have gotten out of her car and better evaluated the situation before shooting in defense of a relative at an unarmed suspect (who the officer believed was armed with a knife and attacking the relative). At the conclusion of the investigation, however, it was impossible to determine whether the officer was reasonable or unreasonable in holding the belief that the suspect was armed and the relative was in mortal danger.

- June 25, 2006 Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT) shooting. 2 shooting officers; 17 shots fired at a suspect who had shot three civilians and wounded a police officer – the suspect was killed. (For background information, see OIM 2006 Annual Report at Chapter 6, pages 11-12). A District Attorney shooting letter was issued on June 29, 2006 (See, [denverda.org/News\\_Release/Decision\\_Letters](http://denverda.org/News_Release/Decision_Letters)). Administratively resolved as



“Exonerated.” The Monitor concurred with the Use-of-Force Board decision to find shooting “in-policy.” Closed on February 15, 2007. A report from the Manager of Safety will be required as this shooting did result in a death.

- August 27, 2006 hostage incident resulting in 2 officers firing four shots at an active shooter - no injuries resulted from the shots fired by the officers. (For background information, see OIM 2006 Annual Report at Chapter 6, page 12). Administratively resolved as “Exonerated.” A District Attorney shooting letter was not issued as there were no injuries from officer-fired shots. The suspect killed himself and his five-year-old son as a SWAT team was making entry. The Monitor concurred with the Use-of-Force Board decision to find the shooting “in-policy.” Closed on February 15, 2007. A report from the Manager of Safety was not necessary as the shots fired by the officers did not result in an injury.
- September 11, 2006 shooting. 1 officer fired 2 shots at a perceived active shooter – no injuries. (For background information, see OIM 2006 Annual Report at Chapter 6, pages 12-13). The officer resigned on October 3, 2006 while the administrative review was pending. No District Attorney shooting letter was issued as there were no injuries. Administratively resolved by the Use-of-Force Board as “out-of-policy.” The Monitor concurred with the Use-of-Force Board decision to find the shooting “out-of-policy.” Closed on February 9, 2007.

The officer’s action was found “out-of-policy” because the officer fired the weapon without first acquiring a target. The officer was responding to an active shooter situation, but fired when the officer saw “something” move. When the shots were fired, the officer did not know what the officer was trying to shoot. Since the officer did not know what or who his target was or whether or not the target was presenting any type of threat, the shooting was unjustified.

A report from the Manager of Safety was not necessary as the shooting did not result in an injury.



- November 20, 2006 shooting. 1 officer fired 1 shot at an armed robber – the suspect was not injured and was arrested. (For background information, see OIM 2006 Annual Report at Chapter 6, page 13). No District Attorney shooting letter was issued as there were no injuries. Administratively resolved as “Exonerated.” The Monitor concurred with the Use-of-Force Board decision to find the shooting “in-policy.” Closed on March 14, 2007. A report from the Manager of Safety was not necessary as the shooting did not result in an injury.
- December 2, 2006 shooting. 1 officer fired 2 shots at an unarmed robbery suspect who made furtive movements and refused to show his hands – the suspect was injured and arrested. (For background information, see OIM 2006 Annual Report at Chapter 6, page 13). A District Attorney shooting letter was issued on January 27, 2007 (See, [denverda.org/News\\_Release/Decision\\_Letters](http://denverda.org/News_Release/Decision_Letters)). Administratively resolved as “Exonerated.” The Monitor concurred with the Use-of-Force Board decision to find the shooting “in-policy.” Closed on February 15, 2007. A report from the Manager of Safety was not necessary as the shooting did not result in a death.

*In-Custody Death Cases Pending Administrative Review as of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007:*

- None.

*In-Custody Death Cases Administratively Closed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007:*

- In-Custody Death. Officers used take down and holding techniques to take a resistive suspect into custody. The suspect died. (For background information, see OIM 2006 Annual Report at Chapter 6, page 18). Administratively resolved as “Exonerated.” The Monitor concurred with the Use-of-Force Board decision to find that the officers did not violate policy in their Use-of-Force. A report from the Manager of Safety was not necessary as there was no evidence that the officers caused the death of the suspect. The cause of death was due to “acute cocaine and ethanol toxicity.”



## **DENVER SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

### *In-Custody Death Cases Pending Administrative Review as of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007:*

- In-Custody Death. An inmate died at the City Jail after suffering injuries from a DUI related accident. The inmate was released by the Denver Health Emergency Room to the custody of the Sheriff's Department. Pending completion of an Internal Affairs investigation.
- In-Custody Death. An inmate committed suicide in the County Jail. Pending completion of an Internal Affairs investigation.
- In-Custody Death. An inmate died at the County Jail as the result of a pre-existing medical condition. Pending completion of an Internal Affairs investigation.
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### *In-Custody Death Cases Administratively Closed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007:*

- In-Custody Death. An inmate died as the result of a pre-existing medical condition. A report from the Manager of Safety was not necessary as the involved officers did not cause the death of the inmate.



## **MANAGER OF SAFETY**

### *Cases Administratively Resolved – Still Pending a Report from the Manager of Safety:*

- April 20, 2006 police shooting. 1 shooting officer; 1 shot was fired at a suspect who threatened the officer with a moving vehicle – the suspect was killed. A District Attorney shooting letter was issued on May 5, 2006 (See, [denverda.org/News\\_Release/Decision\\_Letters](http://denverda.org/News_Release/Decision_Letters)). (For background information, see OIM 2006 Annual Report at Chapter 6, pages 10-11). The Monitor concurred with a Use-of-Force Board decision to find the shooting “in-policy.” Administratively resolved by the Use-of-Force Board on November 29, 2006.