



HPD Investigative Process for Officer Involved Shooting (OIS)

June 25, 2020

Special Investigations Unit

- ▶ On April 1, 2017, Chief Acevedo created the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) as a centralized investigative unit within the Homicide Division.
- ▶ The unit consists of: 2 Lieutenants / 4 Sergeants / 16 Officers
- ▶ SIU investigates allegations of criminal misconduct by:
 - ▣ Houston Police Department (HPD) employees, both classified and civilian.
 - ▣ Sworn peace officers from other agencies when the offense occurs within HPD jurisdiction.
- ▶ SIU automatically responds to and investigates all shootings and use of force by a law enforcement officer that results in serious bodily injury or death occurring within HPD jurisdiction.
- ▶ SIU automatically responds to and investigates In-Custody Death incidents occurring within HPD jurisdiction.
- ▶ SIU also conducts other special investigations at the direction of the Chief of Police, CIC Assistant Chief, and Homicide Commander from reports, complaints, and other sources.

HPD OIS Investigations 2017 - 2020

▶ **70** total SIU investigations conducted starting April 1, **2017** including the following:

➤ **Officer Involved Shootings (OIS) = 18**

▪ 15 HPD OIS*: 5 deaths

*HPD OIS data for all of 2017

▪ 3 Outside Agency OIS: 2 deaths

▶ **111** total investigations conducted in **2018** including the following:

➤ **Officer Involved Shootings (OIS) = 29**

▪ 18 HPD OIS: 8 deaths

▪ 11 Outside Agency OIS: 5 deaths

▶ **107** total investigations conducted in **2019** including the following:

➤ **Officer Involved Shootings (OIS) = 27**

▪ 21 HPD OIS: 9 deaths

▪ 6 Outside Agency OIS: 1 death

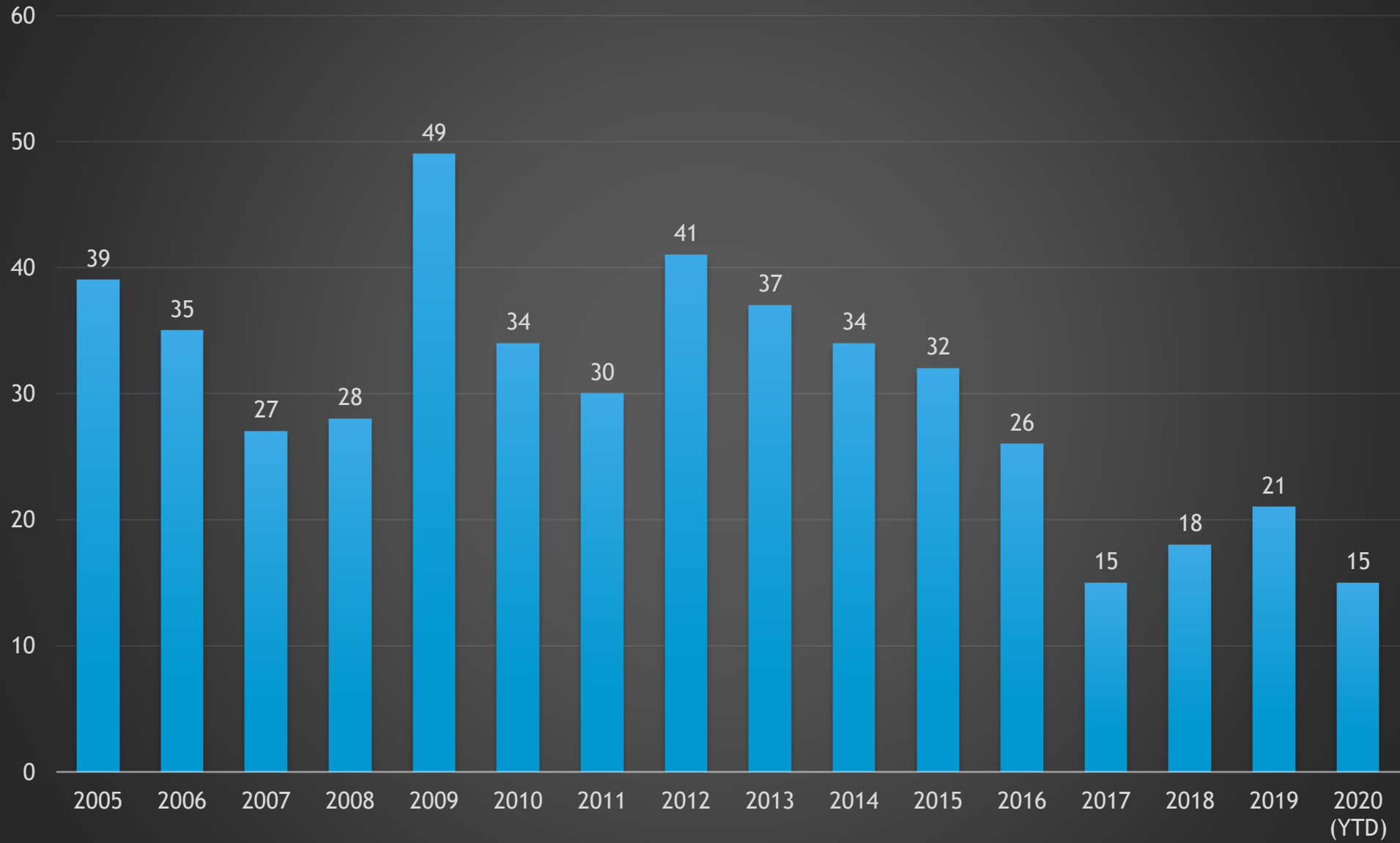
▶ **52** total investigations conducted in **2020** (as of June 16th) including the following:

➤ **Officer Involved Shootings (OIS) = 17**

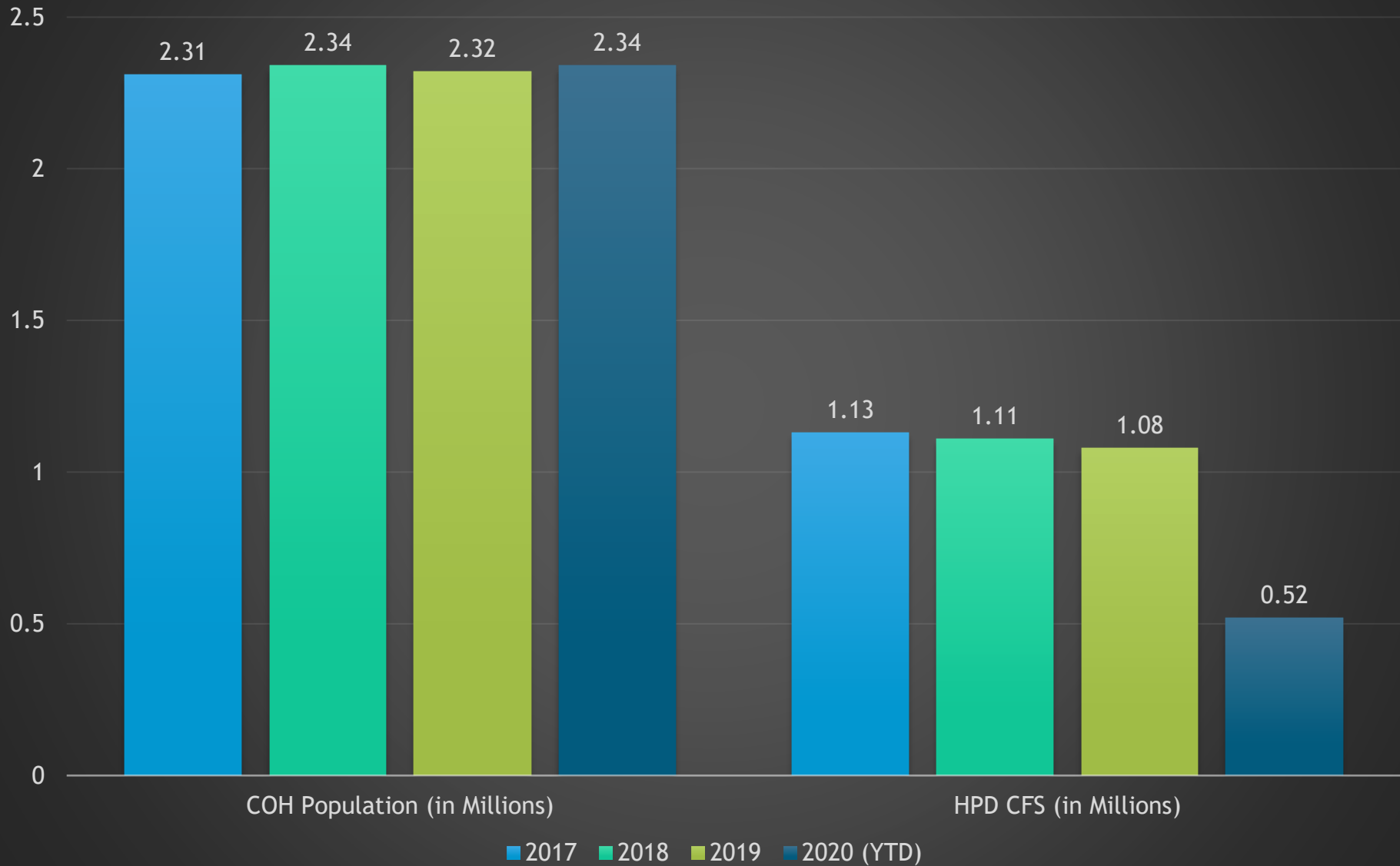
▪ 15 HPD OIS: 6 deaths

▪ 2 Outside Agency OIS: 0 deaths

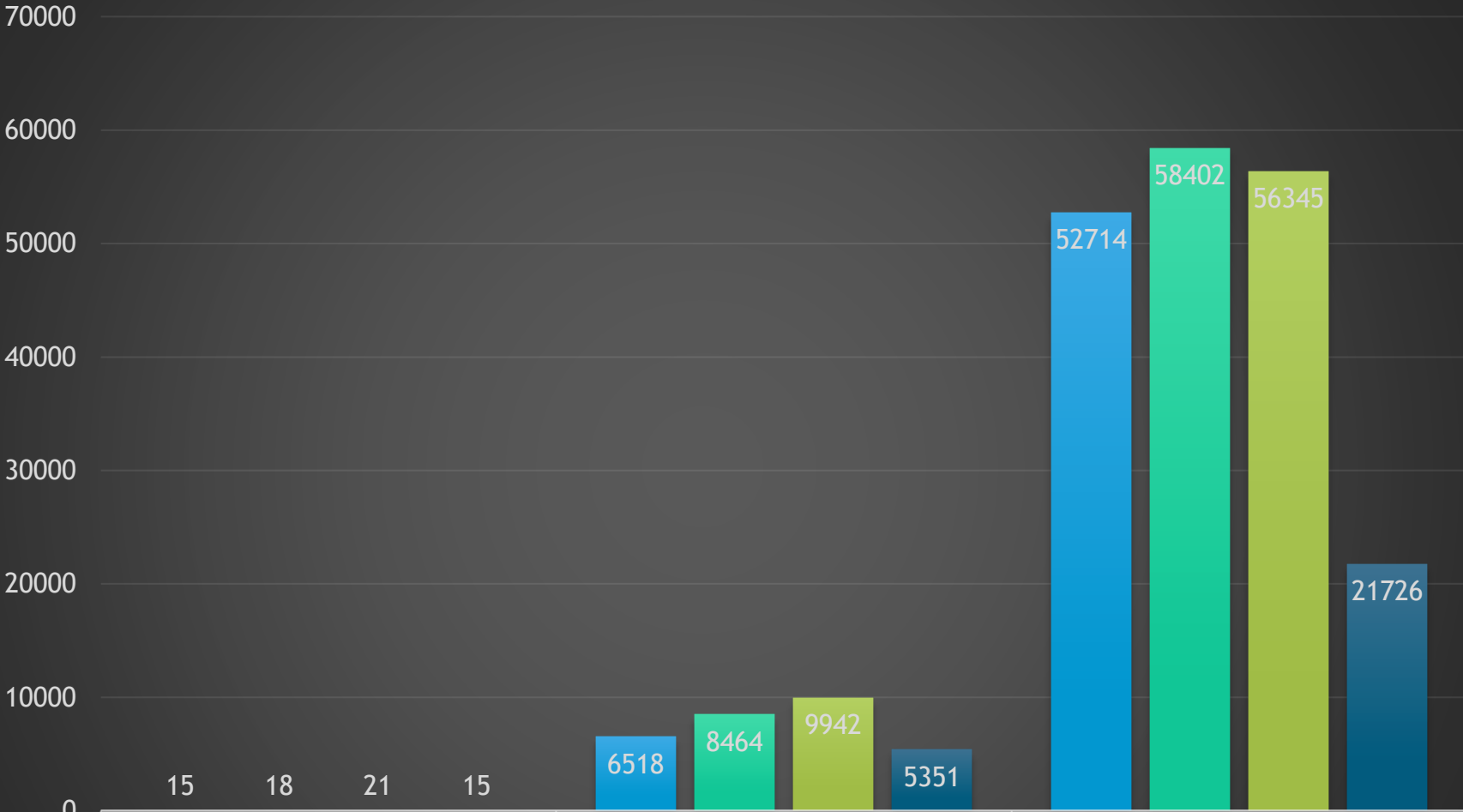
HPD OIS Incidents 2005 - 2020



COH Population with HPD Calls for Service



2017 - 2020 HPD R2R Comparisons



	OIS	R2R Used	Arrest Totals
■ 2017	15	6518	52714
■ 2018	18	8464	58402
■ 2019	21	9942	56345
■ 2020 YTD	15	5351	21726

HPD OIS Investigations 2017 - 2020

▶ 15 HPD OIS in 2017

▶ Demographics

□ Suspect (21)

14 B/M 3 H/M 2 W/F 2 U/M

□ Officer (34)

5 B/M 16 H/M 13 W/M

▶ 18 HPD OIS in 2018

▶ Demographics

□ Suspect (20)

10 B/M 6 H/M 2 W/M 1 A/M 1 U/M

□ Officer (25)

4 B/M 3 H/M 15 W/M 1 A/M 1 W/F 1 B/F

▶ 21 HPD OIS in 2019

▶ Demographics

□ Suspect (23)

13 B/M 5 H/M 2 W/M 1 A/M 1 H/F 1 W/F

□ Officer (36)

3 B/M 14 H/M 18 W/M 1 H/F

▶ 15 HPD OIS in 2020 (YTD)

▶ Demographics

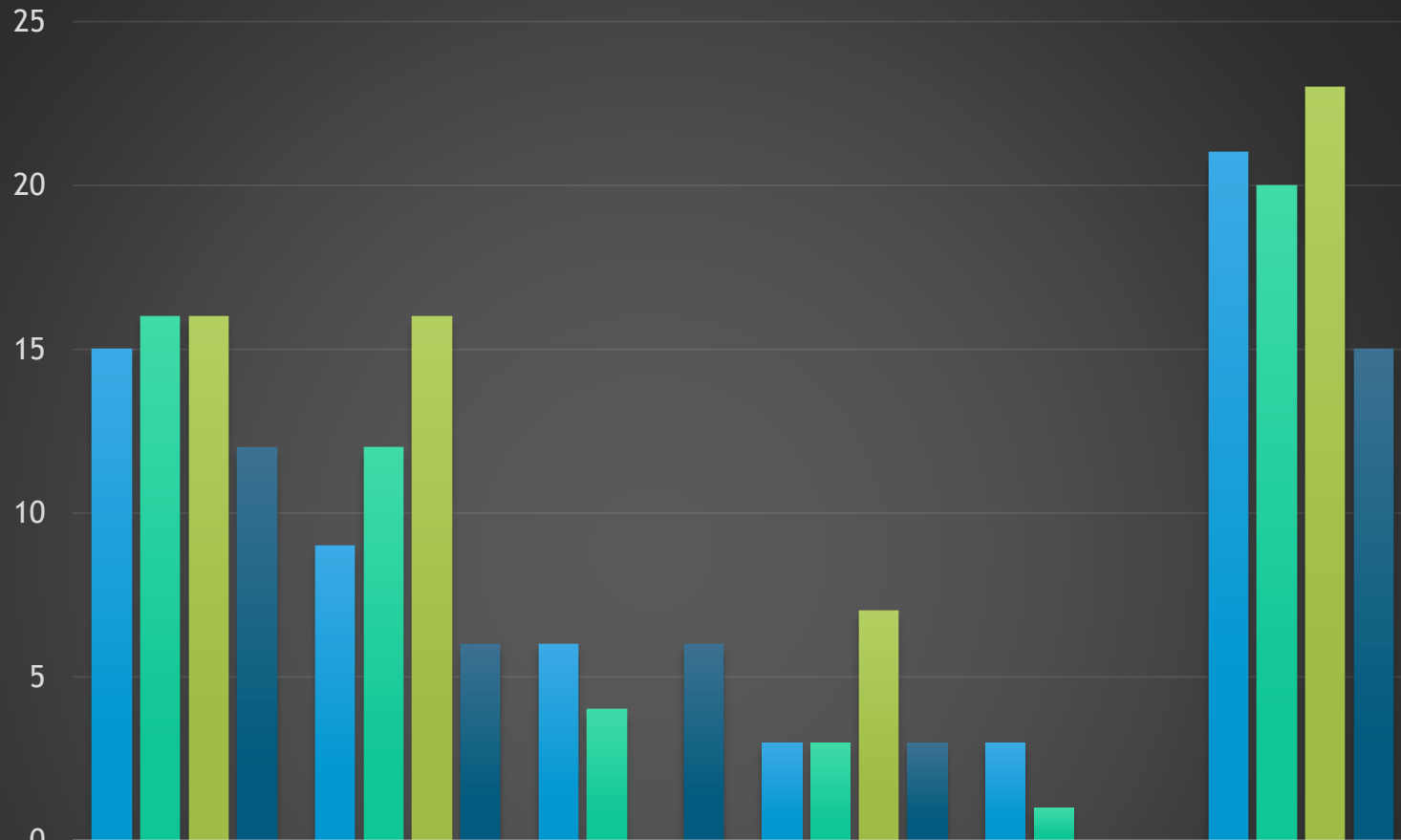
□ Suspect (15)

11 B/M 4 H/M

□ Officer (26)

5 B/M 8 H/M 11 W/M 2 A/M

Suspect Weapon Involvement in HPD OIS



	Total # of Weapons	Firearms	Other	None	Unknown	Total # of Suspects
2017	15	9	6	3	3	21
2018	16	12	4	3	1	20
2019	16	16	0	7	0	23
2020 YTD	12	6	6	3	0	15

2017 2018 2019 2020 YTD

HPD OIS Dispositions 2017 - 2020

➤ **15 HPD OIS in 2017**

➤ **Outcome of Investigation**

- ❑ 3 Administrative Closure - DAO
- ❑ 2 DAO Review / Verification
- ❑ 10 Grand Jury No-Bill

➤ **18 HPD OIS in 2018**

➤ **Outcome of Investigation**

- ❑ 4 Administrative Closure - DAO
- ❑ 1 Inactive – No Suspect Identified
- ❑ 11 Grand Jury No-Bill

➤ **21 HPD OIS in 2019**

➤ **Outcome of Investigation**

- ❑ 3 Administrative Closure - DAO
- ❑ 1 Open Investigation
- ❑ 7 Grand Jury No-Bill
- ❑ 10 DAO Review

➤ **15 HPD OIS in 2020 (TYD)**

➤ **Outcome of Investigation**

- ❑ 2 Open Investigations
- ❑ 13 DAO Review

Investigating an Officer Involved Shooting

Multidisciplinary Investigative Response Team

Houston Forensic Science Center* HFSC

- HFSC Management Team
- Crime Scene Units

Houston Police Department HPD

- Assistant Chief of Criminal Investigation Command (CIC)
- Commander of Homicide Division
- Special Investigations Unit (SIU)
- Internal Affairs Division (IAD)

District Attorneys Office DAO

- Assistant District Attorney of Civil Rights Division
- DA Investigators

Harris County Institute of Forensic Science HFISC

- Medical Examiner

Federal Bureau of Investigation FBI

Legal Representation

- Attorney Representing Officer(s) Involved (Primarily HPOU)

U.S. Attorney

*HFSC was created as an independent and separate entity in 2012.

Scene Investigative Responsibility

▶ **HPD**

- AC of CIC & Commander of Homicide – Coordinate the scene investigation and ensure SIU is completing all necessary tasks. Ensure Internal Affairs is on scene and has access to all needed information.

▶ **HFSC**

- Evidence Collection – Documents scene via pictures, video and drawings and collects all physical evidence.

▶ **DAO**

- ADA – Monitors investigation to ensure the scene is handled properly.
- DA Investigator – Conducts investigation independent of HPD-SIU.

▶ **HCIFS**

- Takes possession of the body on fatal shooting scenes and conduct an autopsy.

▶ **Officer's Legal Representative**

- Primarily HPOU Attorney – Provides legal representation for officer(s) involved.

Investigation Review and Oversight

- ▶ **Harris County District Attorney – Civil Rights Division**

Reviews the DA investigator's report and SIU's report, then presents all facts to a Grand Jury to let them determine if the incident was justified or if any charges should be filed as a result of the officers actions.

- ▶ **HPD - Internal Affairs Division (IAD) - Administrative Investigation**

Investigation by IAD to determine whether officer's conduct complies with law and policy.

- ▶ **Independent Police Oversight Board (IPOB)**

IPOB is provided access to entire investigation and provides recommendations regarding thoroughness of investigation, propriety of cites and whether training or policy needs revision.

- ▶ **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

FBI is presented a full copy of the same investigation, at the same time, presented to the HCDA Civil Rights Division. This allows review as to the thoroughness of the investigation, as well as review evidence and determine if there were any federal civil rights violations during the incident.

- ▶ **U.S. Attorney's Office**

If requested the U.S. Attorney's Office reviews the investigation to determine whether any federal violations may have occurred.