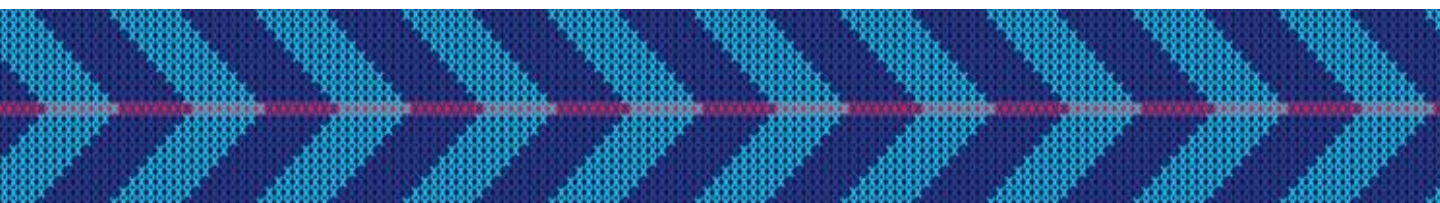




Tactical Options Supplement **Police Shootings 1916 – 2023**





The purpose of this supplemental report is to provide transparency about shootings by NZ Police as far back as records allow. No police officer ever wants to be in the position of deciding whether they need to discharge a firearm at a member of the public, but it is a responsibility they bear in fulfilling their duty to maintain law and order and to keep people safe.

A substantial number of requests for Official Information focus on police shootings; this list is intended to address the high level of public interest surrounding these incidents. While addressing the public interest, we must also be respectful of all the people involved in these incidents, and their right to privacy. In balance, this list includes the key details that most OIA requests focus on.

Notes

Data Accuracy

The information included in this list is the most accurate available at the time of reporting. The list has been updated to 24 April 2024. Efforts have been made to correct any identified errors, however inaccuracies may still exist.

The Fatalities and Shooting Injuries Database

Historically, fatalities and shooting injuries have not been recorded in TOR data, primarily because these events are subject to detailed and established investigative processes. However, because the team responsible for monitoring, analysing, and reporting on TOR data are not involved in these investigations, there were implications for the prompt and ready visibility of fatalities and shooting injuries for reporting purposes. Given that these uses of force result in more serious—potentially fatal—injuries, these events are essential to a comprehensive understanding of the use of force environment. In July 2017, NZ Police made changes to its reporting policies and introduced the *Fatalities and Shooting Injuries database* to enable the prompt reporting of high-level details about these events, and to improve the quality and completeness of data in this area of reporting. From 2018 onwards, this data has been incorporated into the TOR annual report.

Incident Type Information

Officers select an incident type that best describes the nature of the incident at which tactical options were used. Because shooting incidents prior to July 2017 were not reported in a centralised database, available details have been compiled from other information sources. As a result, the type and format of information prior to 2017 is not standardised, and some information is missing. For these earlier records, information in the column “Incident Type” has been evaluated based on interpretation of the available information, and may not be consistent with how it would have been reported by the officers involved. All other records are based on the information provided by the reporting officer/supervisor.

IPCA Independent Investigations: Public Reports

The IPCA is notified about any event that involves a serious injury or fatality. Where available, links to the public reports from IPCA independent investigations have been provided—these reports contain much more detail about the context and circumstances of each incident than is possible to provide in this list.

Ethnicity Classifications

Ethnicity terms and classifications are based on the Statistics New Zealand Statistical Standard for ethnicity (ETHNIC05 v2). MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American and African.

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2/04/1916	Bay of Plenty	Fatal	Arrest/Gun fight			M	Māori	
2/04/1916	Bay of Plenty	Fatal	Arrest/Gun fight			M	Māori	
2/04/1916	Bay of Plenty	Non-fatal injury	Arrest/Gun fight			M	Māori	
2/04/1916	Bay of Plenty	Non-fatal injury	Arrest/Gun fight			M	Māori	
20/10/1941	Tasman	Fatal	Homicide (multiple)			M	Unknown	
14/12/1949	Canterbury	Fatal	Discharge firearms at police and public			M	Unknown	
7/07/1969	Northland	Non-fatal injury	Kidnapping/Hostage situation; threaten/discharge firearms	Firearm		M	Unknown	
16/04/1970	Wellington	Fatal	Hostage situation; threaten Police with firearm	Firearm		M	Unknown	
5/01/1971	Waikato	Non-fatal injury	Accidental; situation unknown				Unknown	
1/06/1975	Canterbury	Fatal	1M - mental health; stabbing			M	Unknown	
4/01/1976	Central	Fatal	Discharge firearms at police			M	Unknown	

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20/05/1979	Waitematā	Fatal	1D - domestic dispute incident			M	Unknown	
24/12/1982	Wellington	Fatal	Assault police with weapon	Bludgeoning weapon		M	Unknown	
28/01/1983	Auckland	Non-fatal injury	Hostage situation; threaten with firearm	Firearm	18	M	Unknown	
18/04/1983	Wellington	Fatal	Execute search warrant; threaten police with weapon	Bludgeoning weapon	26	M	Māori	
6/06/1985	Southern	Fatal	Homicide	Firearm	32	M	European	
7/04/1986	Bay of Plenty	Non-fatal injury	Homicide	Firearm	18	M	Māori	
14/03/1986	Northland	Fatal	Robbery; hostage situation			M	Unknown	
27/10/1990	Auckland	Fatal	Threaten police with firearm	Firearm		M	Unknown	
14/11/1990	Southern	Fatal	Homicide (multiple)	Firearm	33	M	European	
25/01/1991	Southern	Non-fatal injury	Discharge firearm at police	Firearm		M	Unknown	
30/12/1991	Central	Non-fatal injury	Armed robbery	Firearm	36	M	European	

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29/07/1993	Waikato	Fatal	Hostage situation; threaten with weapon	Cutting/stabbing weapon	47	M	European	
17/09/1994	Northland	Non-fatal injury	1C - car/person acting suspiciously	Cutting/stabbing weapon	22	M	Unknown	IPCA Report
19/07/1995	Wellington	Non-fatal injury	1M - mental health incident	Firearm	57	M	Unknown	IPCA Report
27/09/1995	Southern	Fatal	1M - mental health incident; siege; discharge firearm	Firearm	34	M	European	IPCA Report
20/11/1995	Northland	Fatal	1M - mental health incident; discharge firearm	Firearm		M	Unknown	IPCA Report
6/02/1996	Tasman	Non-fatal injury	1D - domestic dispute incident	Cutting/stabbing weapon	25	M	European	
24/06/1996	Eastern	Fatal	Homicide	Firearm	43	M	Māori	IPCA Report
29/08/1996	Auckland	Non-fatal injury	1M - mental health incident; hostage situation	Cutting/stabbing weapon	24	F	European	IPCA Report
21/09/1996	Counties Manukau	Fatal	Threaten/discharge firearm	Firearm	46	M	Māori	IPCA Report
26/08/1998	Canterbury	Non-fatal injury	Hostage situation; threaten/discharge firearm	Firearm	20	M	European	IPCA Report
21/12/1998	Wellington	Non-fatal injury	Robbery	Firearm	26	M	Māori	

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23/04/1999	Canterbury	Non-fatal injury	Threaten police with firearm	Firearm	60	M	Māori	
1/07/1999	Waitematā	Fatal	1S - sudden death	Replica firearm	31	M	Pacific peoples	IPCA Report
6/08/1999	Waitematā	Non-fatal injury	1D - domestic dispute incident	Cutting/stabbing weapon	33	M	European	IPCA Report
16/02/2000	Southern	Non-fatal injury	Threaten police with weapon	Cutting/stabbing weapon	26	M	Māori	IPCA Report
30/04/2000	Central	Fatal	Threaten police with weapon	Bludgeoning weapon	23	M	Māori	IPCA Report
31/05/2001	Wellington	Miss	Kidnapping aggravated robbery		31	M	Unknown	
21/11/2001	Canterbury	Non-fatal injury	Threaten police with weapon	Cutting/stabbing weapon	32	M	Unknown	IPCA Report
1/10/2002	Counties Manukau	Non-fatal injury	Threaten police	No weapon	26	M	Pacific peoples	
20/04/2004	Waitematā	Non-fatal injury	Threaten police with weapon	Cutting/stabbing weapon	37	M	Pacific peoples	IPCA Report
16/06/2004	Auckland	Miss	2Z - Other service request response	No weapon	27	M	European	
14/08/2004	Counties Manukau	Fatal	1D - domestic dispute incident	Cutting/stabbing weapon	37	M	MELAA	IPCA Report

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28/11/2005	Waitematā	Non-fatal injury	1110 - Homicide	Cutting/stabbing weapon	34	M	European	
6/01/2007	Wellington	Non-fatal injury	6820 - Firearms offences	Firearm	35	M	European	IPCA Report
26/09/2007	Canterbury	Fatal	3530 – Disorder	Bludgeoning weapon	37	M	Māori	IPCA Report
27/11/2007	Northland	Miss	2R - Recovery motor vehicle	Vehicle	17	M	Māori	
21/01/2008	Waikato	Non-fatal injury	4120 – Burglary	Firearm	19	M	European	
23/10/2008	Northland	Fatal	1S - sudden death	Firearm	37	F	European	IPCA Report
23/01/2009	Auckland	Non-fatal injury (offender)	2R - recovery motor vehicle	Firearm	50	M	Māori	
23/01/2009	Auckland	Fatal (bystander)	2R - recovery motor vehicle	No weapon	17	M	Pacific peoples	IPCA Report
23/01/2009	Auckland	Non-fatal injury (bystander)	2R - recovery motor vehicle	No weapon	30	M	European	
7/05/2009	Eastern	Miss	Execute search warrant	Firearm	51	M	Unknown	

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28/06/2009	Canterbury	Fatal	1C - car/person acting suspiciously	Firearm	42	M	European	IPCA Report
27/07/2009	Auckland	Non-fatal injury	6820 - Firearms offences	Cutting/stabbing weapon	36	M	Māori	
18/07/2010	Auckland	Non-fatal injury	1Z - other incident	Airgun	38	M	Māori	
24/02/2011	Central	Non-fatal injury	1Z - other incident	Firearm	28	M	European	IPCA Report
28/03/2011	Eastern	Fatal	Homicide	Firearm	19	M	Māori	IPCA Report
16/07/2011	Central	Fatal	Kidnapping	Cutting/stabbing weapon Firearm	46	M	Māori	IPCA Report
20/10/2011	Eastern	Non-fatal injury	1710 - Intimidation/threats	No weapon	51	M	Māori	IPCA Report
21/01/2012	Counties Manukau	Non-fatal injury	1D - domestic dispute incident	Bludgeoning weapon Flammable weapon	43	M	Māori	
15/03/2012	Canterbury	Non-fatal injury	3530 – Disorder	Cutting/stabbing weapon	31	M	MELAA	IPCA Report
2/05/2013	Wellington	Non-fatal injury	1D - domestic dispute incident	Cutting/stabbing weapon	47	M	Māori	IPCA Report

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8/06/2013	Central	Fatal	4U - arrest and follow up	Firearm	33	M	Māori	IPCA Report
8/07/2013	Waitematā	Fatal	Firearms offence	Firearm	20	M	Māori	IPCA Report
16/08/2013	Eastern	Non-fatal injury	1M - mental health	Airgun	33	M	Māori	
7/11/2013	Counties Manukau	Miss	6E - EM bail breach	Bludgeoning weapon	46	M	Māori	
21/10/2014	Waikato	Non-fatal injury	1D - domestic dispute incident	Firearm	50	M	European	IPCA Report
28/04/2015	Counties Manukau	Non-fatal injury	6820 - Firearms offences	Firearm	42	M	Māori	IPCA Report
2/05/2015	Waikato	Fatal	1110 – Homicide	Firearm	33	M	Māori	IPCA Report
2/08/2015	Auckland	Fatal	1S - sudden death	No weapon	21	M	European	IPCA Report
20/08/2015	Tasman	Non-fatal injury	Driving and firearms offences	Firearm	27	M	Māori	IPCA Report
8/09/2015	Wellington	Fatal	2M - missing person	Firearm	25	M	Māori	IPCA Report
26/10/2015	Eastern	Non-fatal injury	1110 - Homicide	Firearm Vehicle	28	M	European	IPCA Report

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9/03/2016	Bay of Plenty	Miss	4O - other special/major operation	Firearm	27	M	Māori	IPCA Report
24/03/2016	Central	Non-fatal injury	1C – car/person acting suspiciously	Replica firearm	49	M	Pacific peoples	IPCA Report
10/06/2016	Waikato	Fatal	1D - domestic dispute incident	Cutting/stabbing weapon	57	M	European	IPCA Report
12/07/2016	Waikato	Fatal	1S - sudden death	Firearm	36	M	European	IPCA Report
14/07/2016	Bay of Plenty	Fatal	Assault	Cutting/stabbing weapon	35	M	Māori	IPCA Report
6/01/2017	Central	Fatal	1S - sudden death	Firearm	32	M	Asian	IPCA Report
4/02/2017	Canterbury	Non-fatal injury	1X - threaten/attempt suicide	Replica firearm	24	M	European	IPCA Report
26/02/2017	Wellington	Fatal	2R - recovery motor vehicle	Cutting/stabbing weapon	44	M	European	IPCA Report
7/07/2017	Tasman	Non-fatal injury	3T - turnover	No weapon	34	M	Māori	IPCA Report
26/07/2017	Northland	*Fatal-cause unconfirmed	Homicide	Firearm	56	M	European	IPCA Report

* Incident resulted in the death of the subject, however the coroner was not able to confirm whether the fatality was attributable to shots fired by police.

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13/08/2017	Waikato	Miss	3T - turnover	Firearm	36	M	Māori	IPCA Report
28/08/2017	Waikato	Miss	2W - arrest warrant (other)	Vehicle	37	M	Māori	IPCA Report
19/12/2017	Central	Non-fatal injury	1D - domestic dispute incident	Firearm	22	M	Māori	IPCA Report
23/02/2018	Northland	Miss	1C – car/person acting suspiciously	Throwing weapon Firearm; Vehicle	40	M	Māori	IPCA Report
31/03/2018	Waitematā	Fatal	1M - mental health	Cutting/stabbing weapon	29	M	European	IPCA Report
19/10/2018	Waitematā	Non-fatal injury	1Z - other incident	Firearm	22	M	Māori	IPCA Report
25/11/2018	Canterbury	Fatal	1D - domestic dispute incident	Firearm Vehicle	56	M	Unknown	IPCA Report
31/01/2019	Counties/Manukau	Miss	4U - arrest and follow up	Firearm Vehicle	44	M	Māori	IPCA Report
21/02/2019	Bay of Plenty	Fatal	4U - arrest and follow up	Firearm Vehicle	29	M	Māori	IPCA Report
26/02/2019	Canterbury	Non-fatal injury	2W - arrest warrant (other)	Firearm	32	M	Pacific peoples	IPCA Report
28/07/2019	Tasman	Non-fatal injury	1Z - other incident	Cutting/stabbing weapon	27	M	European	IPCA Report

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24/11/2019	Bay of Plenty	Fatal	1E - emergency/disaster/spill	Cutting/stabbing weapon	40	M	Māori	IPCA Report
5/12/2019	Southern	Fatal	1X - threaten/attempt suicide	Firearm	66	M	Unknown	IPCA Report
17/12/2019	Eastern	Non-fatal injury	4U - arrest and follow up	Airgun	31	M	Māori	IPCA Report
13/02/2020	Bay of Plenty	Fatal	PURSUIT	Firearm	33	M	Māori	IPCA Report
20/04/2020	Counties Manukau	Fatal	1C - car/person acting suspiciously	Cutting/stabbing weapon	43	M	Asian	IPCA Report
19/05/2020	Central	Fatal	1C - car/person acting suspiciously	Firearm	54	M	European	IPCA Report
27/05/2020	Bay of Plenty	Miss	2W – arrest warrant (other)	Firearm	28	M	Māori	IPCA Report
01/12/2020	Northland	Non-fatal injury	6820 - Firearms offences	Firearm	30	M	European	IPCA Report
25/02/2021	Counties Manukau	Fatal	6820 - Firearms offences	Firearm	34	M	Pacific peoples	IPCA Report
14/07/2021	Waikato	Fatal	Unknown	Firearm	42	M	European	IPCA Report

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15/07/2021	Auckland City	Non-fatal injury	4211 - Car Conversion	Firearm	36	M	Pacific peoples	IPCA Report
26/07/2021	Central	Miss	2W - Arrest Warrant	No weapon	31	M	European	IPCA Report
3/09/2021	Waitematā	Fatal	1Z - other incident	Cutting/stabbing weapon	32	M	Asian	IPCA Report
30/09/2021	Auckland City	Non-fatal injury	FLEE - Fleeing Driver	Firearm	27	M	Pacific peoples	
29/11/2021	Waitematā	Fatal	6800 - Firearms Offences	Firearm	55	M	Māori	IPCA Report
19/03/2022	Southern	Non-fatal injury	5F - Family harm	Firearm Cutting/stabbing weapon Vehicle	45	M	European	IPCA Report
16/04/2022	Central	Fatal	FLEE - Fleeing Driver	Vehicle	22	M	Māori	
7/06/2022	Wellington	Fatal	5F - Family harm	Cutting/stabbing weapon	30	M	Pacific peoples	IPCA Report
25/06/2022	Canterbury	Non-fatal injury	4u - arrest and follow up	Bludgeoning weapon Cutting/stabbing weapon	56	M	European	IPCA Report

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18/07/2022	Auckland City	Non-fatal injury	6820 - Firearms Offences	Firearm	32	M	Māori	
17/03/2023	Waitematā	Fatal	6820 - Firearms Offences	Firearm	26	M	Pacific peoples	
27/03/2023	Central	Miss	6820 - Firearms Offences	Firearm	33	M	Māori	IPCA Report
23/04/2023	Central	Fatal	6820 - Firearms Offences	Firearm	53	M	Not recorded	
20/07/2023	Auckland City	Non-fatal injury*	6820 - Firearms Offences	Firearm	24	M	Māori	
27/09/2023	Waitematā	Non-fatal injury	6861 - Firearms Offences	Firearm	29	M	European	
16/11/2023	Wellington	Fatal	1510 – Serious Assaults	Cutting/stabbing weapon	36	M	Māori	
12/12/2023	Central	Non-fatal injury	2W – Arrest Warrant	Cutting/stabbing weapon	34	M	Māori	

* Police firearm discharges were not fatal, however, the subject died of other causes.