

Example #1

- **Close call category** – Driving
- **Description of close call** – Officer was responding to a domestic dispute without lights and siren, and ran several stop signs. Officer was also not wearing a seat belt. No accident occurred and officer made it safely to scene.
- **Why did the close call happen** – Officer was trying to arrive at scene without alerting the suspect, but also risked his own safety and those of others by violating traffic laws without using lights and sirens. If he had been in an accident, he was at risk of much more serious injury by not wearing the seatbelt.
- **What action(s) could have prevented this close call** – Either use lights and siren with due regard while driving, or follow all traffic laws while responding to a call. Officers should always wear their seatbelt regardless of response while operating their vehicles.
- **Describe your agencies solution** – Review of policy for responding to calls for service at roll call.

Example #2

- **Close call category** – Situational Awareness
- **Description of close call** – Four officers located a suspect in a backyard after he ran from them. The officers all had weapons drawn and found themselves in a cross-fire situation.
- **Why did the close call happen** – Two different groups of two officers arrived shortly after one another. Could have slowed down and realized the situation sooner.
- **What action(s) could have prevented this close call** – Slow down, be aware of situational changes, and be ready to transition.

Example #3

- **Close call category** – Equipment
- **Description of close call** – Trash in cruiser, almost causes accident (glass bottle under brake pedal)
- **Why did the close call happen** – Failure to inspect cruiser before starting shift.
- **What action(s) could have prevented this close call** – Clean up after yourself; and check your equipment before going on duty.