

## Note from the Social Defense Secretariat

We inform you that Pernambuco is among the states of the federation with the lowest death rate due to police intervention, according to the latest edition of the Brazilian Yearbook of Public Security. In 2020, the year of analysis, the state had a rate of 1.2 deaths per group of 100,000 inhabitants, against 3 deaths for the national average. In the Northeast, Pernambuco had the lowest index compared to those registered by the states of Bahia, Sergipe, Rio Grande do Norte and Ceará.

In Pernambuco, the security policy is guided by the Pact for Life (PPV - Pacto pela Vida), which main objective is the preservation of people's lives and integrity. The integrated actions of the PPV collaborated so that more than 18 thousand deaths were avoided in the almost 15 years of the program's existence, compared to the same period that preceded it. The priority of the State's public security is the adoption of operations using police intelligence to reduce the chances of armed confrontation. In the entire history of the PPV, no qualified crackdown carried out by the Civil Police resulted in death.

It is also important to clarify that, in addition to guidelines and goals, Pernambuco's police receive constant training and refresher courses for a technical and legal action, in order to preserve all lives. The effective participation of society and control bodies of police activity, within the security policy, helps Pernambuco to have security that is increasingly oriented towards citizenship. The Military Police, through its Directorate of Social Articulation and Human Rights, has strengthened preventive actions and actions to get closer to the community, such as the Maria da Penha Patrol, School Patrol, Bairro Patrol, The Proerd (Drug Abuse Resistance Education - Programa Educacional de Resistência às Drogas e à Violência), Koban Community Policing System (The kōban is a model of a Japanese police station) and other initiatives. The body of civil servants of the PMPE and of other state forces, for the most part, is made up of civil servants dedicated to social welfare. In their day-to-day work, they put their lives at risk for the benefit of the population.

We inform you that all occurrences of death as a result of police intervention are rigorously investigated in the disciplinary sphere by the General Office of the Secretariat for Social Defense. In the criminal scope, the investigation is carried out by the Civil Police of Pernambuco. These works are carried out impartially, technically and legally, stoutly seeking to elucidate the facts and the due accountability, when they are proven within the investigations, in which there is a guarantee of ample defense.

## Statistics

It is worth explaining that deaths by police intervention include, to a significant extent, confrontations with criminals in police operations to combat drug trafficking and legitimate defense by the security server. When there are signs of imprudence, malpractice or intentionality, there is no condescension on the part of the Internal Affairs Division of SDS, a national reference for its firm action in prevention and administrative accountability in case of

infractions or excesses. Immediately after the complaint or activation, the Tactical Group of Correctional Actions (GTAC) starts the initial steps in order to collect information, for the subsequent establishment of a Preliminary Investigation (IP). The deadline for completing the IP is 30 days, extendable for an equal period. Once authorship is verified and indications of irregularities that may have occurred during the police action are identified, the Preliminary Investigation can become a Disciplinary Administrative Proceeding (PAD).

Throughout 2020, the Internal Affairs Unit registered 57 cases of death resulting from police intervention that required investigation by the correctional body. In 2021, there were a total of 58 records. From January to October 2021, the total number of cases of violent deaths resulting from confrontations with public security agents fell 12% in Pernambuco, compared to the same period in 2020. If in these ten months of this year there were 88 CVLIs (Intentional Lethal Violent Crimes), in 2020 there were 100. In the whole year of 2020, there were 116 deaths, while in the previous year there were 74.

Considering all the motivations and nature of the complaints, the SDS General Internal Affairs Unit instituted 129 procedures to investigate the conduct of military police officers and another 133 related to civil police officers during the year 2020. In the previous year, there were 204 (MP) and 140 (CP). With regard to the exclusions of military police officers, the Internal Affairs Unit determined 13 in 2020 and another 35 in 2019. The dismissals of civil police officers after responding to a procedure in the Internal Affairs were 7 last year and 10 in 2019. The reasons are diverse.

The total number of deliberations carried out by the Internal Affairs Unit against Military Police officers reached 226 in 2020, classified according to the type of decision: 1 warning, 4 filings, 12 declarations of extinguishing punishment, 13 exclusions for the sake of discipline, 21 licensing for the benefit of discipline, 26 extinctions without resolution of merit, 27 detentions, 28 arrests and 94 absolutions. In the previous year, there were 379 resolutions, including 5 warnings, 6 declarations of extinction of punishment, 11 detentions, 12 licensing for the sake of discipline, 27 arrests, 35 exclusions for the sake of discipline, 38 filings, 52 extinctions without resolution of merit and 193 absolutions