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VINCIBLE - SAFETY INITIATIVE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Understanding that a group effort could help take VINCIBLE to the next level, the TPCA Officer Safety Committee approached the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP) in 2016 to share its vision and direction. TMLIRP provides coverages and services to over 700 Texas law enforcement agencies, so leveraging those relationships to create involvement and support for the VINCIBLE program made great sense. TMLIRP currently provides financial support and is involved in various aspects including course content, training, planning and promotional items.

VINCIBLE uses five cornerstones to change deeply ingrained, risk-prone behaviors and ultimately reduce deaths and injuries: wear your vest, wear your seatbelt, watch your speed, stay fit, and "540." The 540 concept comes from 360 degrees of protection, plus 180 degrees above or below an officer. The concept is one of holistic safety, as 540 captures both tactical competencies and resiliency factors related to an officer's health and wellness.

TPCA distributes regular "roll-call training" as the primary means of promoting the cornerstones, hoping to invade police culture and thereby reduce preventable injuries and deaths. The TPCA Officer Safety Committee prepares programming to share in a short PowerPoint presentation, usually based on recent, real-world examples. The lead roll-call officer lays out the scenario and asks for a brief (10 minutes or less) discussion from officers. This simple exercise aims to keep the cornerstones, and safety in general, at the forefront of an officer's mind throughout his or her shift. Thus far, TPCA has prepared close to 400 roll-call presentations, and a new one is created each week.

The TPCA Officer Safety Committee wants this safety initiative to spread across the nation. To learn more about making your department VINCIBLE, or to be included in future weekly training presentations, send an email to info@texaspolicechiefs.org or visit www.vincible.org. In addition, the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool's [*Stronger, Together* Podcast Series](#) includes a [14-minute podcast](#) that further explains the program (scroll down to Episode 5).