

Police Department

2020 Mid year Use of Force Overview





Use of Force Review

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Policy:

The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law enforcement community. Officers are involved on a daily basis in numerous and varied interactions and, when warranted, may use reasonable force in carrying out their duties.

Officers must have an understanding of, and true appreciation for, their authority and limitations. This is especially true with respect to overcoming resistance while engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties.

The Department recognizes and respects the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone. Vesting officers with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation and a careful balancing of all interests.



What Constitutes Use of Force ?

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Force:

The application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents or weapons to another person. It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed or restrained.

Reasonableness:

Officers shall use only that amount of force that appears reasonable, given the facts and circumstances perceived by the officer at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.



Use of Force Statistics

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	January 01, 2020 – June 30, 2020
TOTAL FORCE INCIDENTS	11
TOTAL INVOLVED OFFICERS	18
TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FORCE	20



Categorical Uses of Force

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SIX MONTH SUMMARY OF CATEGORICAL FORCE APPLICATIONS

	Jan 1 – June 30, 2020
Strikes (Bodily Force)	7
TASER	5
Less Lethal (O.C. Spray)	2
Baton/Impact Weapon (40 mm)	1
Handgun	4
Carotid (Suspended as of 6/7/20)	0
K-9 Contact	1
TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FORCE	20



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SIX MONTH SUMMARY OF ARRESTS VS. FORCE INCIDENTS

	Jan 1 – June 30, 2020
Arrests	2129
Force Incidents	11
% of arrests with force	0.5%



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TOTAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

Twelve Month Period	Twelve Month Period	Six Month Period
2018	2019	2020
30	34	11 (YTD)