



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department

2018 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 1-September 30, 2018
TOTAL FORCE INCIDENTS	24
TOTAL INVOLVED EMPLOYEES	30
TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FORCE	35



Categorical Uses of Force

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2018 SUMMARY OF CATEGORICAL FORCE APPLICATIONS

	2018
Strikes (Bodily Force)	12
Conductive Energy Weapon	17
Less Lethal (O.C. Spray)	2
Baton/Impact Weapon	0
Handgun	0
Carotid	3
K-9 Contact	1
TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FORCE	35



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2010-2018 SUMMARY OF ARRESTS VS. FORCE INCIDENTS

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Arrests	4447	6408	6796	7481	5668	6630	8756	8562
Force Incidents	24	44	45	36	33	35	53	67
% of arrests with force	.53%	.69%	.66%	.48%	.58%	.53%	.61%	.78%



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TOTAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

Twelve Month Period 2016	Twelve Month Period 2017	9 Month Period 2018
45	44	24