



WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS – 2020



TOTAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS		
YEAR	2020	NO. OF OFFICERS INVOLVED
1ST QUARTER	0	0
JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	0	0
MARCH	0	0
2ND QUARTER	1	3
APRIL	0	0
MAY	0	0
JUNE	1	3
3RD QUARTER	4	
JULY	2	2
AUGUST	1	2
SEPTEMBER	1	3
4TH QUARTER	0	0
OCTOBER	0	0
NOVEMBER	0	0
DECEMBER	0	0
TOTAL	5	10

OFFICERS INVOLVED IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS		OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
BRUNO, NICHOLAS SERGEANT	1	PATROL
CALELLO, NICHOLAS OFFICER	1	PATROL
CARRERO, ERIC OFFICER	1	PATROL
JACKUS, KRISTOPHER OFFICER	1	PATROL
MOYA, FRANK OFFICER	1	PATROL
PERKINS, DONALD OFFICER	1	PATROL
POLLOCK, MICHAEL OFFICER	1	PATROL
SANTANGELO, CHRISTOPHER OFFICER	1	PATROL
SWIDERSKI, JOHN OFFICER	1	PATROL
WENT, DAVID OFFICER	1	PATROL

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK	
MONDAY	0
TUESDAY	2
WEDNESDAY	0
THURSDAY	1
FRIDAY	0
SATURDAY	0
SUNDAY	2

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY	
0000-0100 (1)	0
0100-0200 (2)	0
0200-0300 (3)	0
0300-0400 (4)	0
0400-0500 (5)	0
0500-0600 (6)	0
0600-0700 (7)	0
0700-0800 (8)	0
0800-0900 (9)	0
0900-1000 (10)	1
1000-1100 (11)	0
1100-1200 (12)	0
1200-1300 (13)	0
1300-1400 (14)	0
1400-1500 (15)	1
1500-1600 (16)	0
1600-1700 (17)	1
1700-1800 (18)	0
1800-1900 (19)	0
1900-2000 (20)	0
2000-2100 (21)	0
2100-2200 (22)	1
2200-2300 (23)	0
2300-2400 (24)	1

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY INVOLVED OFFICERS' SHIFTS	
0600 – 1700 HOURS (PATROL DAY)	2
0800 – 1900 HOURS (PATROL OVERLAP)	2
1600 – 0300 HOURS (PATROL NIGHT)	5
1900 – 0600 HOURS (PATROL MIDNIGHT)	1
2200 – 0400 HOURS (SPECIAL DWI PATROL)	0
0800 – 1800 HOURS (DETECTIVE)	0

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY INITIAL INCIDENT TYPES	
CRIME IN PROGRESS	0
DISORDERLY PERSON	0
DOMESTIC INCIDENT	1
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	1
MEDICAL	1
MUTUAL AID REQUEST	1
OTHER DISPUTE/DISTURBANCE	0
PSYCHIATRIC SCREENING	1
SUICIDAL PERSON	0
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0
TRAFFIC STOP	0

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY SUBJECTS' APPARENT STATE	
PSYCHIATRIC ISSUE	4
UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1
UNKNOWN	0
NO APPARENT ISSUE	0

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY SEX OF SUBJECTS	
MALE	4
FEMALE	1

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY RACE OF SUBJECTS	
BLACK	1
WHITE	4

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS – SUBJECTS ARRESTED	
YES	0
NO	5

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS – SUBJECTS INJURED AS RESULT OF USE OF FORCE	
INJURED	0
UNINJURED	5
KILLED	0

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY SUBJECTS' ACTIONS	
RESISTED POLICE OFFICER CONTROL	2
PHYSICAL THREAT/ATTACK ON OFFICER OR ANOTHER	3
THREATENED/ATTACKED OFFICER OR ANOTHER WITH BLUNT OBJECT	0
THREATENED/ATTACKED OFFICER OR ANOTHER WITH KNIFE/CUTTING OBJECT	0
THREATENED/ATTACKED OFFICER OR ANOTHER WITH MOTOR VEHICLE	0
THREATENED OFFICER OR ANOTHER WITH FIREARM	0
FIRED AT OFFICER OR ANOTHER	0
OTHER	0

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY OFFICERS' USE OF FORCE TOWARD SUBJECT	
COMPLIANCE HOLD	3
HANDS/FISTS	1
KICKS/FEET	0
CHEMICAL/NATURAL AGENT	0
STRIKE/USE OF BATON OR OTHER OBJECT	0

ANALYSIS COMMENTS:

Officers are only permitted to use that amount of force which is “objectively reasonable and necessary” to mitigate an incident, make an arrest, or protect themselves or other from harm.

Both the Attorney General’s Use of Force Policy (Issued April 1985; Revised June 2000) and this agency’s Use of Force Policy and Procedure (Issued: August 2000; Revised: September 2000) require that officers report all instances in which “physical, mechanical or deadly force” was used.

Every officer who uses force is required to complete and submit a Use of Force Report, this in addition to any other reports made necessary by the nature of the underlying incident. Effective 10/01/2020, all Use of Force Reports are now completed utilizing the Benchmark Analytics Use

of Force Reporting Portal created by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.

The use of force by a police officer should never be considered routine. Furthermore, the level of force used will always vary based on the situation. As such, it is not possible to properly analyze use of force incidents without examining the specific facts and circumstances of each and every incident. Therefore, this use of force analysis required a thorough review of not just each "Use of Force Report," but also all other reports related to the incident resulting in the use of force.

In all of the reported use of force incidents, the officers and supervisors utilizing force were assigned to patrol duties and responding to assigned calls for service. This included a mutual aid request for assistance from another law enforcement agency, whose officers responded to a reported domestic dispute at a private residence and were actively engaged in a physical altercation with a person.

Officers were most likely to use force against white males, and most often employed compliance holds only on persons who resisted police officer control. No use of force incidents resulted in arrests.

Most notably, however, is that all use of force incidents involved persons who were under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, or suffering from apparent psychiatric issues. This was the most predictive factor identified as a result of this analysis.

No persons sustained any injuries as a result of officers' uses of force. Additionally, all persons were subsequently transported with police accompaniment to local psychiatric emergency rooms for evaluations and/or treatment.

Two (2) of the five (5) reported use of force incidents involved the same person, who, on both occasions, physically attacked the involved officers.

This agency's Use of Force Standard Operating Procedure (Issued: March 2020; Revised: October 8, 2020) not only fully complies with the present law and Attorney General policy, but also meets New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) accreditation standards, which represent law enforcement's "best practices."

The Use of Force Standard Operating Procedure places minimal reliance on the use of force and emphasizes the use of de-escalation tactics to the extent possible under circumstances. It also precludes the use of any chokehold or vascular restraint, except in those instances in which the use of deadly force is authorized.

Pursuant to agency General Order 2020-06 (Issued: June 2020), each use of force incident is subject to a "Meaningful Review," by supervisors, which is a formal documented process to determine whether policy, training, equipment or disciplinary issues need to be addressed. As a result of those meaningful reviews and this analysis, no training needs or equipment improvements or acquisitions were identified and no modification to any agency standard operating procedures were deemed necessary. All uses of force were deemed to be lawful and proper, and in full accordance with this agency's Use of Force Standard Operating Procedure.

Officers should be commended for using only reasonable force in all incidents, and using it only when absolutely necessary. It is important to note, this agency's Internal Affairs Unit did not report receipt of a single use of force-related complaint in 2020.

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