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 Re: Use of Force Reports 2015

Chief,

I have completed a review of the use of force reports that were filed in 2015. Below is a list of statistics that were gathered from these reports. For the non-animal related incidents I break down the details of the incidents and conduct an analysis to document the present trends. In reviewing the reports I have not observed any patterns that would require re-training.

Our present use of force reporting and supervision system requires the following. Officers must complete a Response to Resistance & Non-Compliance form in addition to their police report. The police narratives and Response Forms are reviewed and signed off by a shift supervisor who is required to document their preliminary investigation in a Guardian entry. Guardian entries are not required when the supervisor is involved in the incident and has completed a police narrative. Supervisors are required to immediately report any non-policy compliant use of force incidents to the Captain-Administration. The Captain reviews every incident and documents a disposition in Guardian. Follow up investigations are conducted and documented when warranted.

The use of force Guardian entries are tracked as part of the department's early warning system with 3 incidents in a 30 day time frame triggering a use of force flag. In 2015 there were 3 Use of Force flags generated by the ACO and these flags were cleared as they were clearly part of daily operations. There were also 2 flags on an Officer. The flags were created when policy compliant animal Use of Force incidents combined with policy compliant Responses to Resistance to trigger flags. The flags were reviewed by the Captain-Administration and no training issues or problematic patterns of conduct were detected. The Captain –Administration maintains a spreadsheet for all reportable use of force incidents (attached).

Total Humane Disposal of Animals	29
Non-Animal Use of Force Incidents	15
Total Use of Force Reports Generated	44

Types of Force in Non-Animal Incidents

Force Employed	Total Times Employed	Separate Incidents Involved	Notes
OC Spray	6	6	5 sprayed/1 brandished
Taser	6	6	1 deployed/ 5 brandished
Firearm	7	4	7 brandished only
Baton	0	0	
Physical Force	12	6	4 with injuries
K 9	0	0	
Restraint Chair	1	1	physical force used (no injury)

Note: Ten (10) incidents have multiple uses of force listed

Force Justification	Total Reported
Protect Self	6
Protect Citizen	0
Prevent Felony	0
Prevent Escape	0
Violent Resisting Arrest	8
Other	1

Incident Type	Total Incidents
Crime in Progress	2
Warrant (Arrest/Search)	0
Traffic Incident	3
Suspicious Situation	4
Disturbance	3
Domestics	0
Other	3

Suspect Condition	Total Reported
Under the Influence	10
Emotionally Unstable	4
Goal Directed	1

Officers Injured: 4, 1 officer sustained a bruise, a second officer sustained lacerations and later underwent a blood exposure treatment at hospital, the other 2 officers felt discomfort but no visible signs of injury, none of the 4 officers missed time from work.

Suspects Injured: 4 (4 listed as minor injury)

Analysis

Year	Force Reports	Force most used	Custodial Arrests	% force report to custodial arrest
2012	18	Physical Force	623	.028
2013	12	Firearm, OC, Taser, Physical	543	.022
2014	11	Taser & Physical	500	.022
2015	15	Physical Force	543	.027

The statistics generated in the past four years show the department's use of force reports have been remained the same the last two years. In 2015 there were four incidents involving emotionally unstable persons, whereas in 2014 there was only one reported incident and in 2013 there were none documented. In two of the four incidents involving emotionally unstable persons, there was more than one type of force used. I believe the increase of encounters with emotionally unstable persons' is what led to the increase in force reports generated for the year of 2015.

I do not see any trends in the statistics that show a need for additional training or supervision for the department's Use of Force incidents.