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Captain Ryan Prest
Re: Use of Force 2024

Chief Rekas,

I have completed a review of the Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance reports that were filed in 2024. Below is a list of information that was gathered from these reports. I have reviewed the details of each incident to document the present trends. After reviewing the incidents involving use of force, my conclusion is that there are no patterns that are evident or misuses of force that would require re-training or any further analysis.

Our present use of force reporting and command structure requires the following: Officers must complete a Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Form in addition to their incident/arrest report. The incident narratives and Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance forms are reviewed by a shift supervisor. The Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are then forwarded to the Office of Professional Standards for review and approval. This approval is documented as a Response to Non-Compliance Guardian Entry. Supervisors are required to immediately report any non-policy compliant use of force incidents to the Administrative Captain. Follow-up investigations are conducted and documented when warranted.

The Response to Non-Compliance Guardian entries are tracked as part of the department's Early Warning System. In 2024, there were no Response to Non-Compliance/Use of Force Early Warning System Indications.

There were a total of ten (10) Response to Non-Compliance entries into Guardian during 2024. Two of the Response to Non-Compliance reports documented officers euthanizing injured deer (not considered use of force incidents). Another entry was related to a prisoner complaining about thumb pain from handcuffs where there was no force utilized during the arrest. There were seven (7) Guardian entries documenting actual Use of Force incidents.

OC spray was deployed on two (2) occasions having its desired effect on two combative individuals. OC spray was used to subdue a resistant party during a large disturbance at the Block Island Ferry terminal. It was also used to subdue a violent, resistant subject that officers were attempting to arrest on a 24 hour domestic warrant.

The Taser was deployed in one (1) incident involving a combative individual suffering from mental health issues and armed with a knife. The Taser was effective and the subject was secured safely.

There were no K9 use of force reports in 2024.

Firearms were brandished on two (2) separate occasions. No shots were fired at any point, and all subjects were taken into custody without injury. The reasons for officers brandishing their firearms included: a

combative subject armed with a knife and a combative subject the officer believed was armed with a knife. There were no high-risk motor vehicle stops conducted in 2024.

A police baton (flashlight) was utilized on one (1) occasion during a violent struggle where an officer believed a resistant subject was trying to grab an officer's firearm.

All the above-mentioned incidents were policy compliant. The determination of compliancy was based on information contained in Narragansett Police Department Policies to include: 301.01 Use of Force, 310.07 Taser Deployment, 310.02 Oleoresin Capsicum Spray, 310.06 Police Baton, 370.07 Emergency Restraint Chair and 365.02 Canine Policy.

After reviewing these matters, all Use of Force incidents are being documented correctly with no patterns of misuse that would require re-training.

Respectfully submitted,



Captain Ryan Prest
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