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Subject: Use of Force Analysis 2017

The following is a summary of the Use of Force Analysis for the calendar year 2017.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Accreditation Standard 1.3.13 I have completed an analysis and review of all use of force reports from January – December 2017. Data for this report was obtained through OSSI, use of force report forms, and a manual search of arrest and incident files. This data was analyzed for patterns or trends that might reflect the need for modifications to training, equipment, and policy.

COMPARATIVE DATA

The following table depicts four-year comparative data pertaining to the use of force by officers of the department:

Year/Incidents	2014	2015	2016	2017
Incident Reports	1644	1622	1615	1920
Persons Arrested	224	222	179	201
Use of Force Incidents	14	13	16	12
Use of Force: Incident Reports	0.85%	0.80%	0.99%	0.63%
Use of Force: Arrests	6.25%	5.85%	6.14%	2%
Use of Force Incidents - 4 Year Average	0.78%	0.80%	0.81%	0.81%
Use of Force Arrest - 4 Year Average	6.30%	4.59%	6.06%	6.6%
Use of Force - 4 Year Average	12.0	12.6	14.3	13.8



Analysis of data revealed the number of use of force actions by members of our agency decreased by 25% when compared to calendar year 2016. There were sixteen uses of force incidents reported from January – December 2016 and twelve reported over the same period in 2017. There were 4 incidents of a perpetrator being arrested after force was used in 2017.

2017 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

The months of April, August, and November, had the highest Use of Force incidents with at least two occurrences each month (there were 3 in April).

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday saw the most use of force incidents with 3 occurrences each in 2017. The most Use of Force occurred between the hours of 1501 – 1800 hours and 0001 – 0300 hours with 4 incidents each within those time-frames.

<u>BY MONTH</u>				<u>DAY OF WEEK</u>		<u>HOUR OF DAY</u>	
January	1	July	1	Monday	1	0601 – 0900	0
February	0	Aug.	2	Tuesday	1	0901 – 1200	0
March	1	Sept.	1	Wednesday	0	1201 – 1500	0
April	3	Oct.	0	Thursday	3	1501 – 1800	4
May	1	Nov.	2	Friday	3	1801 – 2100	2
June	0	Dec.	0	Saturday	3	2101 – 2400	0
				Sunday	1	0001 – 0300	4
						0301 – 0600	2

2017 USE OF FORCE STATISTICS

The following provides a statistical overview of all incidents involving the use of force in 2017:

- In calendar year 2017, two females (17%) were the focus of the Use of Force.
- Minorities were the focus of the Use of Force in 33% of the overall Use of Force incidents in 2017.

- There were no incidents of force being used on a juvenile in 2017.
- Officers deployed their duty weapon once during a use of force incidents for 2017 which accounts for 8%. No firearms were discharged outside of training in 2017. A conducted energy or TASER weapon was activated or displayed in three incidents (25%).

CALENDAR YEAR ANALYSIS

Officers used force to achieve lawful custody on twelve occasions during the past calendar year. In one of those incidents an officer drew their firearm and in three incidents officers drew their TASER. In the incidents where a firearm was deployed, the weapon was not discharged. In the three incidents in which the TASER was deployed it was not utilized. Physical empty hands control accounted for the remaining incidents.

Analysis of information regarding the subject's actions toward officers revealed in most instances that the suspect used physical resistance, (Active resistance or attacking movements likely to cause bodily harm but not serious injury). Statistical data also revealed officers used empty hands/physical force in 8 of the 12 incidents (67%) to gain control of the situation. Physical force available to the officers includes arm/wrist locks, grabbing, kicking, pressure points, pushing/shoving, striking with hand, wrestling or any other hand-to-hand type force.

Two of the twelve Use of Force incidents in 2017 involved the same individual. This in-turn, influenced the number of Use of Force incidents for the year.

A review of all force related incidents revealed that no officer discharged a firearm for other than training or recreational purposes. Also, no officers were removed from duty pending an administrative review due to any use of force action that resulted in any injury or death of a suspect. All departmental use of force report forms were forwarded through the chain of command in a timely manner. Any medical examinations that were needed were conducted by EMS on-scene or hospital personnel and documented on the use of force reports. No significant trends or training needs were identified because of this analysis.

Conclusion

Based on the analysis of the information there were no patterns of abuse or mistreatment of others by members of this department in terms of our response to active resistance. Officers used only the force necessary to accomplish lawful objectives. Also, a

thorough review of the data showed no potential areas of concern regarding use of force actions applied by members of our agency. The agency did not receive any complaints of excessive force associated with all the reported use of force actions taken during calendar year 2017. Our agency has annual retraining during mandated in-service and during firearms qualification that focuses on high liability issues such as impact weapons, firearms, less lethal weapons, and legal updates.