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## 2019 Use of Force Summary Report

During the calendar year 2019, there were 7 incidents which necessitated the Use of Force. A total of 15 officers used force during those incidents.

A meaningful review for each Use of Force incident was conducted by a front-line supervisor and the internal affairs unit supervisor. The meaningful review is a format documented process to determine whether policy, training, equipment or disciplinary issues need to be addressed.

- 1) Two officers responded to a neighborhood dispute at a condominium complex and attempted to speak with the parties involved. One of the subjects charged at officers and attempted to assault them. Officers took the subject to the ground used compliance holds to take him into custody. He was charged with assault on a police officer.
- 2) Two officers responded to a crime in progress at Bayshore Plaza. The subject eluded officers on foot and when he reached a waiting car, attempted to escape and assaulted one of the officers while the car sped off almost striking the officer. The subject was taken to the ground and compliance holds were used to take him into custody. He was charged with several drug offenses as well as assault on a police officer.
- 3) Three officers that responded to a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a possible drunk driver. On scene while investigating the crash officers used compliance holds to take a suspected drunk driver into custody.
- 4) Two officers responded to a reported attempted suicide in progress with a subject attempting to hang himself. Both officers had to use compliance holds while moving the subject to safety as well as safely detaining him for transport to the hospital for crisis assistance.
- 5) Two officers responded to a request for assistance from the family of a violent juvenile EDP (emotionally disturbed person). Upon arrival the juvenile was attempting to run away outside and was stopped by officers. Compliance holds were used while he was detained safely for transport to the hospital for crisis.
- 6) Two officers responded to a request from the family of a violent juvenile EDP. Upon arrival the juvenile immediately attempted to assault one of the officers. The two responding officers used compliance holds to take him into custody safely for transport to the hospital for crisis.
- 7) Two officers responded to a neighborhood dispute in a condominium complex. Upon arrival one of the involved parties was discovered to be an EDP. Both officers had to use compliance holds and carry the subject to waiting EMS for transport to the hospital for crisis.

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