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2020 Use of Force Summary Report

During the calendar year 2020, there were 7 incidents which necessitated the Use of Force. A total of 16 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 a policy, training, equipment or disciplinary issues need to be addressed.

- 1) Two officers responded to a child custody dispute. While attempting to get the mother of the child to the hospital for crisis evaluation officers were forced to place the female in compliance holds while she was being handcuffed. She was then transported to the hospital for crisis evaluation.
- 2) Two officers responded to a reported domestic dispute in a condominium complex where they came into contact with a male subject. The male subject did not comply with officers' orders therefore compliance holds were used to place him under arrest. The male subject was successfully handcuffed and subsequently placed under arrest for simple assault and resisting arrest.
- 3) Three officers responded to a condominium complex for a report of a suicidal female subject. The female subject was located in her apartment and was found under the influence of alcohol. Officers attempted to convince her to come out of her bathroom but refused all orders. She was then removed from the bathroom and placed on the ground in the prone position. Officers used compliance holds in order to handcuff her for her own safety. She was then transported to the hospital for crisis evaluation
- 4) Two officers responded to Municipal Harbor for a report of a suspicious female subject that appeared to be intoxicated and was acting inappropriately. Upon arrival they located the female and determined that she was intoxicated and possibly under the influence of narcotics. Officers, family members and EMS personnel attempted to convince her to go to the hospital but the female subject became hostile and difficult to deal with. Officers made the decision to handcuff her for her own safety and were required to use compliance holds to handcuff her. Once handcuffed she was then transported to the hospital for crisis evaluation.
- 5) Two officers were dispatched to investigate a domestic dispute at a residence. They came into contact with a male subject who was known to be violent and erratic from past incidents. While attempting to convince the male subject to go to the hospital he was holding a vodka bottle which he refused to put down. At this time officers on scene used a compliance hold to handcuff the male subject. The male subject refused to put his hands behind his back and was eventually handcuffed. The subject was transported to the hospital for crisis evaluation and was ultimately charged with resisting arrest, harassment and disorderly conduct.
- 6) Two officers responded to the Municipal Harbor for a domestic dispute. While on scene they came into contact with a highly intoxicated female subject who was possibly in need of medical attention. While officers were attempting to assist her, she attempted to strike one of the officers with a closed fist. The decision was then made to place her under arrest for disorderly conduct and criminal mischief. While attempting to place her under arrest officers had to use compliance holds on the female subject to

- handcuff her. Once she was handcuffed, she was transported to Police Headquarters where she was processed and released to her mother after refusing medical attention.
- 7) Three officers responded to a domestic dispute between husband and wife. The female subject was found barricaded behind a closed door that she refused to open. Officers were able to push their way through the door and place her under arrest for criminal mischief. While attempting to handcuff the female she began resisting arrest. Compliance holds were used to place her on a bed in the room to handcuff her successfully. She was then transported to Police Headquarters where she was ultimately transported to the hospital for crisis evaluation. The female subject was charged with criminal mischief, resisting arrest and obstruction of justice.

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