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2022 Use of Force Summary Report

During the calendar year of 2022, there were three incidents which necessitated the Use of Force. A total of 6 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) Three officers backed up a Middletown Officer in Middletown Township where a male subject who was homeless and needing crisis intervention was initially stopped for a title 39 violation. The subject refused to listen to the Middletown Officers commands, made several statements for the officers to shoot him and a large kitchen knife was observed on his possession visible in a bag. After the subject refused to comply and place his hands behind his back as they were handcuffing the subject he attempted to pull away, kicking his legs and yelling. He then continued to resist control and was taken to the ground with compliance holds. He was then successfully handcuffed with no injury to the defendant. While in the ambulance prior to being transported to the hospital each officer had to use pressure to hold the subjects' arms, legs, and shoulders down as he made attempts to kick and remove himself from the cot. The subject was then transported safely to the nearest hospital.

2) Two officers responded to a residence where a subject needing crisis intervention was hallucinating from alcohol/drugs and was reported cutting himself. The patient voluntarily committed himself to crisis but became irate attempting to consume an alcoholic beverage. The patient pulled away and as the officers attempted to handcuff the subject and used compliance holds while on the living room sofa. He was eventually handcuffed and escorted safely to the patrol car where he was transported for crisis intervention. There was no injury to the patient.

3) One officer responded to a residence for a domestic violence incident where the subject was making threats and breaking things in the home. The subject was located and taken into custody. While in custody the defendant made suicidal statements and was then transported to the hospital for crisis intervention. While in the emergency room at the hospital the defendant was able to free herself from being handcuffed to the cot and lunged forward to get up. The officer was able to gain control of the defendant by holding the area of the left arm/shoulder down until hospital staff and security arrived. The defendant was not injured.

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