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2023 Use of Force Summary Report

During the calendar year of 2023, there were seven incidents which necessitated the Use of Force. A total of fifteen 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 responded to a restaurant/bar for a report of an assault. The three officers on scene came into contact with the actor who was advised that he was being placed under arrest. While placing the actor in handcuffs the subject began resisting. One officer needed to grab the actors left arm to place it behind his back. Once handcuffed he was walked to the rear of a patrol car where he became combative while trying to place him in the vehicle. The actor spit in one of the officer's eyes. He was then forcefully placed into the rear of the patrol vehicle by all three officers. One at police headquarters it was decided that the actor needed medical attention due to his altered mental state. Once transported to the hospital, one of the officers advised they need to hold his leg down to stop him from kicking hospital staff. There were no injuries to the actor during this incident.

2) Two officers were required to use force on a male subject who was being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct. While attempting to secure the subject in handcuffs from behind the subject, one officer was head butted causing the arresting officer to take the male subject to the ground and use a compliance hold on the subject's ankle. The second officer also used a compliance hold on the subject's other leg. Once the male subject was handcuffed by other officers, he was stood up and escorted to a police vehicle. The one officer received a red mark on his face while the actor was not injured during the incident.

3) One officer responded to a residence for a diabetic emergency. The officer needed to use a compliance hold on the patient's right arm since the subject was disoriented and combative. The compliance hold was used so paramedics could administer and IV into the patient. Once the subject was no longer a threat to paramedics or himself the use of force ceased with no injury to the patient.

4) One officer was dispatched to a report of an intoxicated male walking around a shopping center. A second officer was leaving his shift in his personal vehicle when he observed the first officer out with the male subject. The off-duty officer then grabbed the subject's arm to prevent him from going into the roadway. The male subject then broke loose of the off-duty officer and walked across the street. He then attempted to make his way towards the highway when both officers grabbed the male subject and everyone fell to the ground. Both officers used compliance holds to subdue the subject. Minimum force was used to apprehend him. He was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, terroristic threats and disorderly conduct. He was then transported to Monmouth Medical Center for crisis evaluation. The actor was not injured during the incident.

5) Three officers arrived at a home for a disorderly male subject involved in a domestic violence incident. Upon arrival the male subject tried to stop officers from entering the home. They entered the home and all attempted to deescalate the situation for several minutes to no avail. The male subject was walking all over the home and not listening to officers while screaming. It was determined that the male subject was being placed under arrest. Once the male subject attempted to enter the kitchen after being told not to, officer placed him under arrest as he passively resisted. Compliance holds were used to handcuff the individual and escort him out of the home to police headquarters for booking. There were no injuries to report.

6) A female subject was involuntarily committed to the hospital by a mobile crisis screener at Police Headquarters. Officers spoke with the female for several minutes to try and get her to walk a patrol car so she could be transported to the hospital. One officer used a compliance hold after many failed attempts to get her to walk to the patrol car under her own will. She was handcuffed without incident and transported to the hospital. There were no injuries to report.

7) Two officers responded to a call for a male subject passed out. The two officers administered Narcan to the subject for a possible overdose. Once the male subject began to wake, the subject started kicking and flailing his arms. Officers used compliance holds to keep the subject from harming himself or anyone else until he calmed down. No injuries reported.

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