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Re: Use of Force Reports 2021

Chief,

I have completed a review of the Response to Resistance/Non-compliance Reports that were filed in 2021. Below is a list of information that was gathered from these reports. I have reviewed the details of each incident to document the present trends. After reviewing the incidents involving use of force, my conclusion is that there are no patterns that are evident or misuses of force that would require re-training or any further analysis.

Our present use of force reporting and command structure requires the following: Officers must complete a Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Form in addition to their incident/arrest report. The incident narratives and Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are reviewed by a shift supervisor. The Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance Forms are then forwarded to the Office of Professional Standards for review and approval. This approval is documented as a Response to Non-Compliance Guardian Entry. Supervisors are required to immediately report any non-policy compliant use of force incidents to the Administrative Captain. Follow-up investigations are conducted and documented when warranted.

The Response to Non-Compliance Guardian entries are tracked as part of the department's Early Warning System. In 2021, there were no Response to Non-Compliance/Use of Force Early Warning System indications.

There were a total of forty-three (43) Response to Non-Compliance entries into Guardian and a total of thirteen (13) Response/Non-Compliance Forms completed. The reason for the disparity in numbers is due to events where multiple officers were involved.

Whereas each officer involved in a Use of Force event requires a separate Guardian entry, one Response/Non-Compliance Form is required to be completed for each incident.

In reviewing each incident through arrest reports, incident reports, Guardian entries and Response to Non-Compliance Forms, it appears multiple officers were involved in every use of force incident.

Officers displayed department issued OC Spray, OC Fogger and Pepper Gun on two occasions, however due to the use of verbal commands neither of the above mentioned were actually deployed.

The Taser was deployed in one incident involving a combative, intoxicated individual. Its use had its desired effect on the individual and he was taken into custody without further incident.

One of department's K9's, Astor, was deployed on two separate occasions. One was for crowd control and the other was on a felony car stop. Astor was not needed to engage any of the individuals, his presence alone was effective enough to peacefully end both deployments.

The Emergency Restraint Chair was used on six different occasions to control combative, destructive or suicidal individuals. After being taken into custody, these individuals attempted to destroy or vandalize the cell block area or attempted to assault police officers or harm themselves. All occasions were documented correctly and all individuals were seen by Narragansett Rescue personnel or taken to South County Hospital as needed.

Firearms were brandished only on two separate occasions. No shots were fired during either incident. One was a felony car stop and the other involved a suicidal subject who had a firearm pointed at his own head while waiting for police to arrive. During this calendar year, there were no police involved shootings.

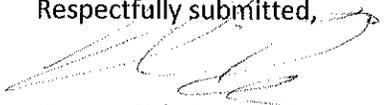
Physical force was used on six different occasions. Physical force means "physical techniques used by an officer to control potentially violent situations." This force was used to control combative or non-compliant individuals.

In all of the above incidents, Narragansett Fire/Rescue were called when needed to address any complaints of pain, discomfort etc. All incidents were also documented correctly.

All of the above mentioned incidents were policy compliant. The determination of compliancy was based on information contained in the Narragansett Police Department Rules and Regulations or Policy and Procedures to include but not limited to: 300.01 Use of Force, 310.07 Taser Deployment, 310.02 Oleoresin Capsicum Spray, 370.07 Emergency Restraint Chair and 365.02 Canine Policy. At least annually, the department ensures that each officer receives training on the department's use of force policies, and documents receipt of the same.

After reviewing these matters, it appears all Use of Force incidents are being documented correctly with no patterns of misuse that would require re-training. The current Use of Force policy is up to date and set for review in November of 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Captain Kyle Rekas
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