



**TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Captain Kyle Rekas
Re: Use of Force 2023

Chief,

I have completed a review of the Response to Resistance/Non-Compliance reports that were filed in 2023. 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 2023, there were no Response to Non-Compliance/Use of Force Early Warning System Indications.

There was a total of twenty (20) Response to Non-Compliance entries into Guardian and a total of eleven (11) 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 the above-mentioned incidents where force was used, seven (7) of the incidents involved two or more officers, whereas two incidents involved a single officer.

OC spray was deployed on two occasions having its desired effect on two combative individuals.

The Taser was deployed in one incident involving a combative individual suffering from mental health issues. The Taser was ineffective and other force options were used to take the subject into custody safely.

One of the departments K9's, Napoleon, was deployed on two separate occasions. In one incident the K9 was used to evacuate and clear a building where a possible active shooter was present. The use of the K9 was effective and the active shooter was non-existent. In the other incident the K9 was used to attempt to arrest a combative and barricaded subject. The K9 was deployed, and the subject surrendered before any interaction with the K9 took place.

Firearms were brandished only, on seven separate occasions. No shots were fired at any point, and all subjects were taken into custody without injury. The reasons for officers brandishing their firearms included: a possible kidnapping, numerous felony car stops, active shooter call and various other incidents which officers were justified, and their actions fell within policy guidelines.

Physical force was used on one occasion as the Taser was ineffective and OC spray did not have its fully desired effect. The subject was eventually strapped to a stretcher with the assistance of Narragansett Fire/Rescue and transported to South County Hospital. There were no injuries reported but it appeared this subject was suffering from a severe mental health issue.

All the above-mentioned incidents were policy compliant. The determination of compliancy was based on information contained in Narragansett Police Department Policies to include: 301.01 Use of Force, 310.07 Taser Deployment, 310.02 Oleoresin Capsicum Spray, 370.07 Emergency Restraint Chair and 365.02 Canine Policy.

After reviewing these matters, all Use of Force incidents are being documented correctly with no patterns of misuse that would require re-training.

Respectfully submitted,



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Office of Professional Standards