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RE: Annual Internal Affairs Analysis

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Sir,
During the calendar year 2019 there were 40 Use of Force reports filed in 17 separate incidents. Of these reports 13 involved officers drawing a firearm, 2 of which was a less-than-lethal shotgun, 21 involved officers using compliance techniques, 1 officer using a baton strike along with OC spray, and 2 involving officers using OC spray in the form of a compliance technique.

A review and analysis of each incident report indicates the proper level of force was used in each case and no deaths or serious injuries resulted. Although officers did draw a firearm in six incidents, none involved the discharge of a firearm. The two incidents involving a less-than-lethal shotgun were for a suicidal person who was transported to the hospital for evaluation after being shot by the less-than-lethal shotgun.

Our review and analysis of the Use of Force reports do not reveal any patterns or trends which would indicate a need for additional training or policy modification.

						2019
1/14/2019	19001634	OUI	B/M	Yes	Compliance Techniques	
2/6/2019	19004923	B&E MV arrest	W/M	Yes	Compliance Techniques	
2/26/2019	19007625	Armed Person	W/M	No	Less Lethal/Bean Bag	
3/20/2019	19010382	Search Warrant	H/M	Yes	Drew Firearm	
3/29/2019	19011664	Protective Custody	H/M	No	Compliance Techniques	
4/18/2019	19014974	A&B w/ firearm	H/M	No	Drew Firearm	
4/24/2019	19015963	Assault to murder arrest	B/M	Yes	Less Lethal/Bean Bag	
					Drew Firearm	
5/3/2019	19019644	Protective Custody	W/M	No	Drew Firearm	
6/3/2019	19022503	Minor in poss of alcohol	W/M	Yes	Defensive Tactics	
6/9/2019	19023476	Attempted Suicide	W/M	No	Drew Firearm	
6/30/2019	19026813	Indecent A&B	W/M	Yes	OC spray/Comp Tech	
					Compliance Techniques	
8/29/2019	19036277	M/V Crash (assist MSP)	B/M	Yes	Compliance Techniques	
9/6/2019	19037465	Disorderly Conduct	H/M	Yes	Baton strike/OC Spray	
9/24/2019	19040520	Warrant Arrest	W/M	Yes	Compliance Techniques	
9/30/2019	19046751	Trespass	W/M	Yes	Compliance Techniques	
10/9/2019	19042980	Family Disturbance/Sec. 12	W/M	NO	OC Spray	
12/3/2019	19052465	Armed Robbery	W/M	YES	Drew Firearm	
	17 Incidents					40 Reports

During calendar year 2019 there were a total of 8 citizen complaints investigated by the Newton Police. One of the complainants was anonymous, one of the complaints was not sustained, five complaints resulted in the involved officer(s) being exonerated, and two complaints were withdrawn. The seven complaints were investigated by Internal Affairs.

During calendar year 2019 there were no complaints which required an extension to the 30-day period for completing investigations.

A guide to making complaints and inquiries is available on the Newton Police website as is information on requesting annual statistical summaries. During calendar year 2019 there were no requests for annual summaries of cases investigated by the Internal Affairs Bureau.

		2019		
2/19/2019	██████████	Officers entered his home	██████████	Exonerated
2/22/2019	██████	inhumane killing of deer	██████████	Exonerated
4/17/2019	██████████	Rudeness/Inappropriate Behavior	██████████	Exonerated
5/20/2019	██████	Missing Property after arrest	██████████	Withdrawn
5/27/2019	██████	Racial profiling	██████████	Exonerated
5/28/2019	██████	Rudeness	██████████	Not Sustained
9/26/2019	██████	Bias	██████████	Exonerated
12/13/19	██████	Possible NPD vehicle/ped accident	██████████	Withdrawn

The Internal Affairs Bureau conducted twelve internal investigations in addition to the civilian complaints. One investigation resulted in a 3-day suspension, one resulted in a 2-day suspension and one resulted in a 1-day suspension. Three investigations resulted in a letter of reprimand. Two of the reprimands involved sworn police officers and one involved civilian employees. Four of the internal affairs investigations were initiated by a supervisor. Two of the IA investigations involved insubordination. Two sworn officers had their probationary period extended. One sworn Officer was assigned to remedial training in the form of further DT instruction. No employees were terminated during calendar year 2019. During the calendar year of 2019 no discipline was related to details. Counseling was not used as a function of discipline during 2019.

During the course of these investigations no employees were subject to photographs, medical or laboratory examinations, polygraph tests, line-ups or were required to submit financial disclosure statements. One employee was placed on administrative leave while investigations were being conducted.

During calendar year 2019 there were no reported incidents where Newton Police Officers engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit. There were no reported incidents that involved warning shots.

Respectfully,

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