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RIPAC 2.15 Use of Force Report Review Use of Force Summary 2022 January 24, 2023

To: Chief DelPrete

2022 Use of Force Summary

Introduction

Between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022, members of the Glocester Police Department completed twenty-eight (25) Use of Force Forms. All forms that were completed involved sworn officers. No Use of Force forms were completed by non-sworn civilian employees.

Of the 28 Use of Force Forms completed, sixteen (16) were Firearm related for the humane Euthanization of sick or injured animals. This amount of wild life euthanizing by firearm has been consistent on a yearly basis due to the rural jurisdiction.

Three reports (3) reports were completed for incidents using compliance techniques to restrain the subjects prior to transport to the hospital for psychiatric evaluations. Five (5) reports were completed for incidents of "Resistance/Non-Compliance and hands on while officers were attempting to effect lawful arrests. **One (1) report was completed for use of a Taser on a fleeing fugitive who physically resisted the patrol officer.** Subject had minor facial injuries and was transported to Rhode Island Hospital.

The officers used Compliance Techniques to gain control and effect the arrest of the Non-Compliant suspect for one Impaired Vehicle Operator. In any of the use of force hands on compliance techniques no suspects reported injuries to police.

In year 2022, there were no use of force in: Vehicle Intervention, OC Aerosol Spray, Expandable Baton/ASP.

During year 2022, there were no citizen complaints generated as a result of Use of Force by the members of this department. All Use of Force reports are tracked by the issuance of report numbers. Additionally, this agency continued follow the adopted and updated Use of Force Policy disseminated statewide by the RI Interlocal Trust. All members of this department reviewed and received an electronic copy of the update via PowerDMS, and signed off electronically that they understood the updated policy. This policy is further reviewed at mandated yearly Use of Force Training and at Firearms mandated qualifications.

Analysis

Glocester Police Officers use force in a very small percentage of their encounters with citizens. Because systems for monitoring police force vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, it is difficult to compare force rates between jurisdictions. The analysis/data recorded in this report reflects the Glocester Police Departments Use of Force for 2022. This data confirms that in Glocester, less than 1% (.043) of total calls for service involve force by police and less than one percent of total arrests involve force. This does not include euthanizing sick/hurt animals with firearms which is common place in this rural community.

Overview for 2022

2022 Calls for Service	30,152
2022 Incident Reports	773
2022 Arrests	210
Percent of Calls involving Force	.029%
Percentage of Incidents involving Force	1.6 %
Percentage of Arrests involving Force	.042%

The Glocester Police Department Use of Force reporting system generally includes seven (7) types of Force: Compliance Techniques, Stop Sticks, Expandable Baton/ASP, OC Aerosol Spray, Physical Struggle, Taser, and Firearm. Each type of force can include several types of tactics. The Glocester Police Department frequently reports the most common force type as Firearm for "Animal Euthanization", this was followed by Compliance Techniques (physical force used to gain control).

Conclusion

As can be seen from this analysis, there were very few Use of Force reports for 2022 and less percentage than 2021 compared to arrests. This analysis of Use of Force has not revealed any general patterns or trends suggesting that additional training is warranted. In addition, the analysis has not identified an employee or group of employees whose actions in 2022 resulted in the disproportionate number of Use of Force reports or complaints. The yearly uses of force analysis have been consistent and appropriate over the past three years.

The Glocester Police Department is committed to monitoring the performance of its employee, as well as investigating Use of Force reports or complaints. The Glocester Police Department will continue to ensure that all employees are providing the citizens of Glocester a service that is professional and consistent with Department Policies, General Orders, Special Orders, and Rules and Regulations.

Submitted by.



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