

Town and Country Police Department

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USE OF FORCE REPORT Calendar Year 2019

In 2019, Town & Country Police Department (TCPD) affected 456 custodial arrests; of which, 5 resulted in a TCPD policy defined “Use of Force” event. A “Use of Force” event is defined as an incident in which a TCPD officer uses force to control the situation and/or affect an arrest. Use of force reporting includes suspect(s) pedigree, describes the force threatened/used, time of day, day of week, type of offense, and number of officers involved. Each of these events is further identified by a case report number and date. The following information describes specific factors of the events:

1. 5 of the 6 reported events resulted in the arrest of a suspect.*
 - a. A former high school student arrived at a local school event and initiated a physical confrontation with a current student. (arrest made)
 - b. Three “high-risk” traffic stops were conducted on vehicles driven by individuals suspected of “flourishing” a weapon(s) (arrests made)
 - c. An individual, believed to be experiencing a mental health crisis, was involved in a traffic crash on I-64. (no arrest)
 - d. A burglary suspect fled on foot from responding officers. (arrest made)

*There was no evidence to suggest any of the individuals involved in these incidents were under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Every “Use of Force” event is reviewed, evaluated, investigated (if necessary), and documented by a Command Officer holding the rank of Lieutenant or higher. Each “Use of Force” event previously described was determined to be within the standards of TCPD policies and procedures. The reviews/evaluations revealed no concerns to one specific officer or group of officers (squads).

A total of twelve Officers were involved in Use of Force Events:

- A. Six Officers were primary in the events.
- B. Seven Officers assisted in Use of Force events.
- C. No officers were primary in more than one event
- D. One Officer was primary in one event and assisted in one event.

Reason for Use of Forceⁱ

Effect Arrest	4
Defend Another	1
Restrain for Subject’s Safety	4
Prevent Violent Act	2
Defend Officer	1

Point in the Encounter Force was Necessaryⁱⁱ

Initial Contact	5
First Touch	1

Level of Resistance / Force used by Subjectⁱⁱⁱ

None	3
Passive Resistance	1
Defensive Resistance	2
Active Aggression	3

Level of Control / Force used by Officer^{iv}

Verbal	5
Muscling Techniques	2
Joint Locks	1
Display of Firearm	3
Taser	1

Reason Subjects were Arrested/Detained

Assault
Burglary
Flourishing a Weapon
Mental Health Crisis

Injury to Suspects Resulting from Use of Force

1 Subject sustained a small cut from the Taser probes

Injury to Officers

No Officers were injured.

Gender

Male	4
Female	3

Age

Juvenile	1
17-20	1
21-25	2
31-35	0
36-40	1
55-60	2

Suspect Under the Influence

CIT / Mental Health	1
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ⁱ Force events may have multiple reasons force became necessary

ⁱⁱ During a Force event there may be multiple points in the process that force becomes necessary.

ⁱⁱⁱ Each Suspect could use Multiple Types of Force or Resistance

^{iv} Officers may use Multiple Levels of Control or Force in One Event.