

# Town and Country Police Department

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## USE OF FORCE REPORT Calendar Year 2020

In 2020, Town & Country Police Department (TCPD) effected 291 custodial arrests; of which, 4<sup>i</sup> 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 are further identified by a case report number and date. The following information describes specific factors of the events:

1. 2 of the 4 reported events resulted in the arrest of a suspect.\*
  - a. A drug intoxicated driver was arrested for DWI after numerous calls about his driving. (arrest made)
  - b. A driver was arrested for DWI and then began to passively resist all direction. (arrest made)
  - c. An individual, believed to be experiencing a mental health crisis, was taken into custody for her safety and released to medical personnel. (no arrest)
  - d. A tire deflation device was deployed in an attempt to stop a fleeing vehicle. The suspects ditched the vehicle down the road and fled on foot. (no arrest)

\*There was evidence to suggest two of the individuals involved in these incidents were under the influence of drugs and/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 nine Officers were involved in Use of Force Events:

- A. Four Officers were primary in the events.
- B. Five Officers assisted in Use of Force events.
- C. No officers were primary in more than one event
- D. No Officer was involved in more than one event.

### Reason for Use of Force<sup>ii</sup>

Effect Arrest	1
Restrain for Subject’s Safety	1
Prevent Violent Act	1
Defend Officer	1
Passive Resistance after Arrest	1

### Point in the Encounter Force was Necessary<sup>iii</sup>

Initial Contact	2
First Touch	2
After Arrest	1

### Level of Resistance / Force used by Subject<sup>iv</sup>

Passive Resistance	1
Defensive Resistance	2
Active Aggression	1

**Level of Control / Force used by Officer<sup>v</sup>**

Verbal	3
Muscling Techniques	3
Taser	1
Tire Deflation Device	1

**Reason Subjects were Arrested/Detained**

DWI	2
Mental Health Crisis	1

**Injury to Suspects Resulting from Use of Force**

1 Subject sustained a small cut from the Taser probes

**Injury to Officers**

1 Officer sustained a shoulder strain that required no medical treatment.

**Gender**

Male	2
Female	1
Unknown <sup>vi</sup>	1

**Age**

Unknown	1
21-25	1
26-30	1
41-45	1

**Suspect Under the Influence**

CIT / Mental Health	1
Drugs/Alcohol	2

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<sup>i</sup> One incident involved the deployment of a tire deflation device to stop a fleeing motor vehicle.

<sup>ii</sup> Force events may have multiple reasons force became necessary

<sup>iii</sup> During a Force event there may be multiple points in the process that force becomes necessary.

<sup>iv</sup> Each Suspect could use Multiple Types of Force or Resistance

<sup>v</sup> Officers may use Multiple Levels of Control or Force in One Event.

<sup>vi</sup> The occupants of the fleeing vehicle fled on foot and were never identified.