



MEMORANDUM No. 2019-025

DATE: MAY 28, 2019

SUBJECT: USE OF FORCE REVIEW 1st QUARTER 2019

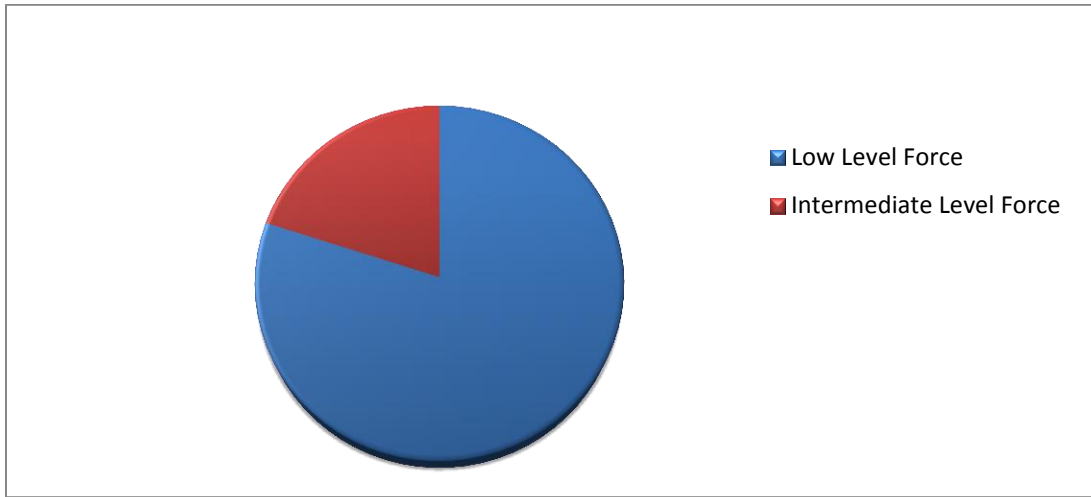
Background

It is the policy of this department that officers hold the highest regard for the sanctity of human life and liberty of all persons and that no unnecessary or unreasonable force shall be used. Use of force incidents, at a minimum, are reviewed by the involved officer's chain of command, and by two separate use of force review boards; an internal board staffed by department employees and an external board comprised of community members appointed by the Mayor. In each incident, the officer's actions are scrutinized using case law, department policy, and best practices in policing.

January, February, March 2019 Review

During the first quarter of calendar year 2019, Chandler Police Officers logged 2,071 arrests, averaging twenty-three (23) arrests per day. Officers used force to affect the arrest or lawfully detain a person(s) under reasonable suspicion or probable cause in twenty (20) of the 2,071 incidents. Each application of force used by the officer was evaluated independently to determine if the officer's actions are within policy. Of the twenty (20) use of force incidents, a total of thirty (30) applications of force were documented.

Force Used	Applications	Additional Details
Low Level Force	24	Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands
Intermediate Force	6	K9 bite, fist strikes, Kicks, Sage round
Total	30	



Use of Force Demographics by Race/Gender/Age

Number	Race	Gender	Age Range	Average Age	%
7	White	Male	17-48	28	35%
3	White	Female	12-39	27	15%
4	Hispanic	Male	16-36	28	20%
3	Hispanic	Female	34-36	28	15%
2	Black	Male	17-28	22.5	10%
1	Black	Female	30	30	5%

(20 total subjects in the use of force incidents)

Injuries

Four (4) officers were injured during use of force incidents. The injuries sustained were mostly minor in nature, generally consisting of sprains, abrasions, cuts, or bruising. The majority of the officers' injuries appeared to stem from body-to-body contact, takedowns, and struggling to handcuff suspects on hard surfaces.

Nineteen (19) suspects were injured or complained of injury. The majority of these injuries were minor in nature, consisting of lacerations, abrasions, contusions, and complaints of pain. In all cases, medical treatment was provided on scene by fire department personnel or at a medical facility.