



MEMORANDUM No. 2019-044

DATE: JULY 24, 2019

SUBJECT: USE OF FORCE REVIEW 2nd QUARTER 2019

Background

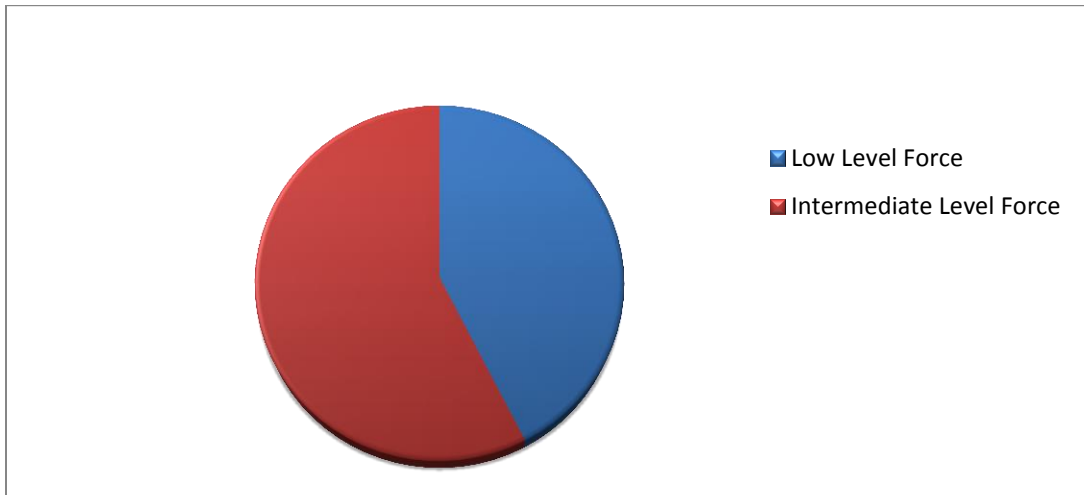
It is the policy of this department that officers hold the highest regard for the sanctity of human life and liberty of all persons and that no unnecessary or unreasonable force shall be used. Use of force incidents, at a minimum, are reviewed by the involved officer's chain of command, and by two separate 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 policing best practices.

April, May, June 2019 Review

During the second quarter of calendar year 2019, Chandler Police Officers logged 2,048 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-three (23) of the 2,048 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-three (23) use of force incidents, a total of forty-seven (47) applications of force were documented.

Force Used	Applications	Additional Details
Low Level Force	20	Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands
Intermediate Force	27	Bilateral vascular restraint, fist strikes, Knee strikes, Kicks, 40 mm Sage rounds, CEW
Total	47	

Second Quarter Use of Force



Use of Force Demographics by Race/Gender/Age

Number	Race	Gender	Age Range	Average Age	%
6	White	Male	17-55	35	26%
1	White	Female	31	31	4%
8	Hispanic	Male	16-47	26	35%
6	Black	Male	19-31	26	26%
1	Black	Female	23	23	4%
1	Native American	Male	32	32	4%

(23 total subjects in the use of force incidents)

Injuries

In the second quarter of 2019, eight (8) officers were injured during use of force incidents. The injuries sustained by officers 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. Significant injuries to officers included a concussion and shoulder injury requiring ongoing medical treatment.

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