



MEMORANDUM No. 2020-005

DATE: January 28th, 2020

SUBJECT: USE OF FORCE REVIEW 4th 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.

October, November, December 2019 Quarter Review

During the fourth quarter of calendar year 2019, Chandler Police Officers logged 2,045 arrests averaging twenty two (22) arrests per day. Officers used force to affect the arrest or lawfully detain a person(s) under reasonable suspicion or probable cause in twenty-two (22) of the 2,045 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-two (22) use of force incidents, a total of forty-eight (48) applications of force were documented.

Force Used	Applications	Additional Details
Low Level Force	21	Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands, etc
Intermediate Force	27	K9 Bite, fist strikes, Knee strikes, Kicks, Less lethal, CEW, Impact push, etc
Total	48	

Total Force Used Fourth Quarter 2019

Total Arrests	Force Used	Percentage
2045	48	2.3%

Use of Force Demographics by Race/Gender/Age

Number	Race	Gender	Age Range	Average Age	%
9	White	Male	27-50	36	41.2%
2	White	Female	21-44	33	9%
6	Hispanic	Male	21-60	33	27.3%
1	Hispanic	Female	24	24	4.5%
1	Black	Male	39	39	4.5%
1	Black	Female	15	15	4.5%
1	Native American	Male	29	29	4.5%
1	Native American	Female	44	44	4.5%

(22 total subjects in the use of force incidents)

Injuries

In the fourth quarter of 2019, nine (9) 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, takedown techniques, and struggling to handcuff suspects on hard surfaces or from direct assaults on the officers themselves.

Fifteen (15) suspects were injured or complained of injury during the use of force incidents. The majority of these injuries were minor in nature, consisting of lacerations, abrasions, contusions, complaints of pain, and CEW puncture wounds.