



**MEMORANDUM No. 2020-022**

**DATE:** April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**SUBJECT:** USE OF FORCE REVIEW 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2020

**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.

**January, February, March 2020 Quarter Review**

During the first quarter of calendar year 2020, Chandler Police Officers logged 1,930 arrests averaging twenty one (21) arrests per day. Officers used force to affect the arrest or lawfully detain a person(s) under reasonable suspicion or probable cause in twenty-five (25) of the 1,930 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-five (25) use of force incidents, a total of forty-five (45) applications of force were documented.

**Type of Force Used First Quarter 2020**

<b>Force Used</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Additional Details</b>
Low Level Force	<b>17</b>	Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands, etc
Intermediate Force	<b>28</b>	K9 Bite, fist strikes, Knee strikes, Kicks, Less lethal, CEW, Impact push, etc
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	

**Total Force Used First Quarter 2020**

<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>Force Used</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>1930</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

### Use of Force Demographics by Race/Gender/Age

Number	Race	Gender	Age Range	Average Age	%
12	White	Male	20-61	35	48%
1	White	Female	28	28	4%
5	Black	Male	20-59	31	20%
1	Black	Female	33	33	4%
4	Hispanic	Male	27-71	44	16%
2	Native American	Male	30-37	34	8%

(25 total subjects in the use of force incidents)

### Injuries

In the first quarter of 2020, five (5) 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.

Twenty (20) 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.

The officer, the suspect, or both received medical attention in the use of force incidents with injury when requested. Medical treatment was either provided on scene by fire department personnel or at a hospital for more extensive care or evaluation.