



TOWN OF HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

2020 Use of Force Annual Report

To: Chief Michael Mason

From: Lt. Mitchell Kuc

Re: Annual Use of Force Report, CY 2020

Chief,

As required by our Use of Force Reporting Policy, please find here a summary of the annual Use of Force report for the calendar year 2020.

During 2020, Officers of the Hadley Police Department used force at 13 separate incidents. There were no injuries to suspects/subjects or officers, and of all 13 incidents, only two involved actual force applied to the suspect. The other 11 were all presentation of lethal/less lethal options. Furthermore, of the 13 incidents, three involved the same individual at different times of the year at a residence on Greenleaves Drive, and another two use of force incidents involved the same resident on Chmura Road, bringing the number of individuals that forced was used against down to 10.

Of the 13 incidents, each were reviewed and determined to be justified.

Lethal weapons were un-holstered during five separate incidents, three of which times were actually pointed at an offender, two of which they were kept at the low-ready and not pointed.

Electronic Conductive Weapons (ECW's), or Taser's were deployed on seven occasions, none of which resulted in a subject/suspect being tased.

Less-Lethal Shotguns were removed from their cruiser locks on two occasions, but were not fired during either incident.

It should be noted that of each of the 13 incidents, three incidents involved the deployment of more than one force option.



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The following are the demographics of the involved in which force was used upon;

Gender- 13 Male, 0 Female

Race- 12 Caucasian, 1 African American

Average Age- 30

The following are the types of incidents where force was used;

Domestic Assaults- 4

Other Assaults- 2

Motor Vehicle Stops- 1

Robbery/Larceny-2

Mental Health/Substance Use-3

Warrant Service-1

CY 2020 Statistics showed that Use of Force related incidents most often occur on the 3-11 shift, on a Friday or Saturday, and of the 13 incidents, five resulted in mental health evaluations or transportation for medical evaluation not related to use of force. Seven incidents resulted in the filing for application for criminal complaints, and for one incident, the above listed warrant service, the offender could not be located.

In comparison to 2019, which had 11 Use of Force incidents, 2020 had two additional Use of Force Incidents from a call volume increase of over 1400 calls for service.

In closing, with force being used in 0.09% of incidents, that over 84% of our Use of Force Incidents involve calls for service as opposed to calls initiated by officers, with a 0.00% injury rate on suspects and officers, I do not find any recognizable need for re-training, nor do I have any recommendations for policy or procedure adjustments.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lt. Mitchell Kuc