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Memorandum

DATE: March 26th, 2018

TO: Cleveland Spruill, Chief of Police

FROM: Major Barry Graham

SUBJECT: 2017 Use of Force Analysis Report.

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the 2017 Internal Affairs/Professional Standards Analysis Report. The Huntersville Police reported eight (8) incidents involving use of force during 2017. This is a decrease of one (1) incident compared to the 9 reports from 2016.

Use of Force

	2015	2016	2017
Firearm	0	0	1
EMD (TASER)	1	0	1
Baton	0	0	0
OC	0	0	0
Weaponless	8	8	4
Use of K-9	0	0	0
Total Use of Force Incident Reports	9	8	6
Total Use of Force Arrests*	9	9	5
Complaints	0	0	0
Total Agency Custodial Arrests	380	376	386

*This indicated the total number of arrest resulting from the 6 Use of Force incidents.

There was one use of deadly force incidents in 2017. This was a result of an active shooter response at Novant Hospital. The police used weapon less techniques during four (4) of the incidents. All incidents showed that officers started with verbal commands and escalated the use of force appropriately.

All six (6) of the Use of Force incidents where a result of police responding to calls for service or on view arrests. There were multiple police officers present on five (5) of the use of force incidents. Verbal commands were issued in all six (6) incidents and the suspects were actively physically resisting in all of the incidents as well.

In 2017 the North Mecklenburg SWAT team was deployed six (6) times. This is five (5) less incidents compared to 2016. Of the six (6) SWAT incidents four (4) of these incidents involved high risk narcotics warrant service, one (1) incident was a barricaded subject and one (1) deployment in Davidson as a quick reaction force for a demonstration. There were no injuries to any of the SWAT members or suspects during 2017.

DEMOGRAPHICS

OFFICER TO SUSPECT DEMOGRAPHIC						
Incident Number	Officer Race	Officer Sex	Officer Age	Suspect Race	Suspect Sex	Suspect Age
001	W	M	28	B	M	23
002	W	M	27	W	F	36
003	W	M	41	B	F	35
004	W	M	32	W	M	67
004	W	M	27	W	M	67
005	W	M	32	W	M	33
006	W	M	29	B	F	23

PATTERNS OR TRENDS

This is the twelfth analysis of force prepared for the Huntersville Police Department. The department showed a decrease in the use of force between 2016 and 2017 of 25%. The use of force incidents compared to the number of full custody arrests made by the Huntersville Police Department is one (1) out of every 64 arrests or 1.6% of all arrests required some type of use of force.

A trend has developed where officers have chosen to use weaponless techniques as the primary use of force. The trend has been the same since 2011. In 2017, there were no injuries to officers from suspects while they were actively resisting arrest. The force options provided by the department are weaponless, OC Spray, TASER, Baton, or firearm. The chances for either officers, or suspects, to be injured are increased when using s techniques to control a struggling suspect.

An administrative examination of each incident showed that officers followed proper procedure. There were three (3) officers that had more than one use of force incident during 2017. These officers had two (2) incidents each during the year.

TRAINING

Annual in-service training is conducted for the Huntersville Police Department where the use of force continuum, prevailing law, and department policy are reviewed. The police conduct training on the proper use and deployment of each of the tools provided to control suspects. The Huntersville Police Officers are issued a collapsible baton, OC Spray, and TASER as standard less-lethal weapons to provide force options. The department currently has the ability to deploy five trained police K-9 units.