



BURLEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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FROM: Tonya Nichols, Administrative Supervisor
Burleigh County Sheriff's Department

REF: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

DATE: March 21, 2024

Per the records request sent March 19, 2024, regarding use of force incidents and civilian complaints, attached is the information that we keep track of. If you would need further information, please feel free to contact us at 701-222-6651.

See attached

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Tonya Nichols
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RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE REVIEWS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REVIEWS CONDCUTED</u>	<u>JUSTIFIED</u>	<u>NOT JUSTIFIED</u>
2017	75	73	2
2018	80	78	2
2019	70	67	3
2020	47	44	3
2021	58	53	5

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>QUORUM REVIEWS</u>	<u>OTHER REVIEWS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>JUSTIFIED</u>	<u>NOT JUSTIFIED</u>
2022	18	18	36	34	2

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BURMOR</u>	<u>BCSD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>QUORUM REVIEWS</u>	<u>OTHER REVIEWS</u>	<u>JUSTIFIED</u>	<u>NOT JUSTIFIED</u>
2023	27	14	41	5	36	39	2

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BURMOR</u>	<u>BCSD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>QUORUM REVIEWS</u>	<u>OTHER REVIEWS</u>	<u>JUSTIFIED</u>	<u>NOT JUSTIFIED</u>
2024	8	1	9	2	7	8	1

Citizen Complaints

Year

2020---- 20 Citizen Complaints

2021---- 15 Citizen Complaints

2022---- 12 Citizen Complaints

2023---- 13 Citizen Complaints

2024---- 2 Citizen Complaints

Burleigh County Sheriff's Department
North Dakota Open Records Law Office
PO Box 1416
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March 19, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the North Dakota Open Records Law, I hereby request the following records:

1. the total number of use of force incidents from 2017-2022, separated by year. Please include as part of this a breakdown of how many use of force incidents in 2022 were related to law enforcement operations and how many were related to correctional/custodial operations.
2. the total number of use of force incidents, separated by year and type of force, from 2017-2022 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2022, baton incidents in 2022, etc.)
3. the total number of civilian complaints against law enforcement that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year.
4. the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year.
5. the total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year.
6. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year.
7. the total number of officer-involved shootings from 2017-2022, both fatal and non-fatal, separated by year.
8. the total number of people who the sheriff's department used force against, broken down by race/ethnicity, in 2022.

When available, I would appreciate being sent individualized data for each item in this request in spreadsheet format. If individualized data are unavailable, please send information that includes aggregate statistics for the item instead.

Note that my requests for civilian complaints are specifically for civilian complaints alleging police misconduct, please do not include complaints filed by one officer/the department against another officer.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sinyangwe

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