



Town of Dartmouth

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July 17, 2024

Samuel Sinyangwe

Re: Public Records Request

Mr. Sinyangwe,

On July 1, 2024, the Dartmouth Police Department received your request pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law for the following records:

1. the total number of police use of force incidents reported from 2017-2022, separated by year.
2. the total number of police use of force incidents, separated by type of force and year, from 2017-2022 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2022, baton incidents in 2022, taser incidents in 2021, baton incidents in 2021, 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 police used force against in 2022, broken down by race/ethnicity.

With respect to your request, the Dartmouth Police Department is providing you with the following requested records in a complete and unredacted format:

1. the total number of police use of force incidents reported from 2017-2022, separated by year. – **Please see attached spreadsheet.**
2. the total number of police use of force incidents, separated by type of force and year, from 2017-2022 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2022, baton incidents in 2022, taser incidents in 2021, baton incidents in 2021, etc.) – **Please see attached spreadsheet.**
3. the total number of civilian complaints against law enforcement that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year. – **Please see attached spreadsheet.**
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. – **Please see attached spreadsheet.**



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6. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained from 2017-2022, separated by year. – **Please see attached spreadsheet.**
7. the total number of officer-involved shootings from 2017-2022, both fatal and non-fatal, separated by year. - **0**
8. the total number of people who police used force against in 2022, broken down by race/ethnicity. – **Please see attached spreadsheet.**

Please be advised that the software used to track the information above, has only been used by the Department since 2021.

Pursuant to 950 CMR 32.00 and G.L. c. 66, § 10A(a) you have the right to appeal this decision to the Supervisor of Public Records within 90 calendar days. Such appeal shall be in writing and shall include a copy of the letter by which the request was made and, if available, a copy of the letter by which the custodian responded. The Supervisor shall accept an appeal only from a person who had made his or her record request in writing. Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, section 10A(c), you also have the right to seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in the superior court.

The estimate of fees and costs associated with this request have been waived. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Records Division at 508-910-1774.

Thank You,

Jodi Phillips

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