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Re: SFPD Use of Force and Complaint Data for 2022

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe:

The Sioux Falls Police Department received your request for the following information:

1. the total number of use of force incidents in 2022.
2. the total number of use of force incidents, separated by type of force, in 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 for 2022.
4. the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
5. the total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
6. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
7. the total number of officer-involved shootings in 2022, both fatal and non-fatal.
8. the total number of people who police used force against, broken down by race/ethnicity, in 2022.

The response to each question is below.

1. Total number of use-of-force incidents: 214

2. Type of Force Tally:

Type Of Force	Effective		Not Effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
ECD- Drive Stun	2	50	2	50	4
Impact Weapon (Other)	2	22	7	78	9
FN 303	1	100	0	0	1
Bean Bag	0	0	1	100	1
OC Spray	1	100	0	0	1
Strike- Forearm	4	100	0	0	4
Feet/Legs	2	100	0	0	2
Strike- Palm Heel	3	100	0	0	3
Takedown- Str Armbar	7	100	0	0	7
Stun- Br. Palm Heel	1	100	0	0	1
Point Weapon	24	73	9	27	33
Hands/Arms	21	88	3	13	24
Kick-Front Thrust	1	100	0	0	1
Arm Bar	4	80	1	20	5
Kick-Angle	1	50	1	50	2
Strike- Knee	8	100	0	0	8
Takedown- Other	26	100	0	0	26
ECD- Display Only	36	73	13	27	49
Pressure Pt- Mandibular	1	100	0	0	1
Firearms Discharge	3	100	0	0	3
Joint Lock	4	100	0	0	4
Canine	1	100	0	0	1
Takedown- Inside	2	100	0	0	2
ECD- Probe Deployment	35	76	11	24	46
Baton	1	100	0	0	1

3-6: This information is available at <https://www.sioxford.org/police/complaints-commendations/complaints>

7. In 2022 the Sioux Falls Police Department had seven officer involved shootings, three were fatal, four were non-fatal.

8. Use of Force by Race/Ethnicity

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Person	Use of Force #
N/A Female	6
Black Female	7
Native Am Female	12
Unknown Female	1
White Female	8
N/A Male	2
Black Male	43
Hispanic Male	14
Native Am Male	51
Other/Multi Male	1
Unknown Male	4
White Male	71
N/A Unknown	1

If you have questions, further information or clarification concerning your request, you can contact Keith E. Allenstein, Jr., our legal advisor, at kallenstein@siouxfalls.org or 605-367-8880.

Sincerely,



Jon Thum
Police Chief