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Mr. Sinyangwe,

I received your faxed request on July 15, 2024 for various use of force data related to our agency from 2017 to 2022.

You reference an original submission on July 2, 2024 but I did not receive a request with that date.

Please be aware that due to a software transfer complication in 2019, much data was lost for that year and years prior to that. I have made an effort to gather as much as can be located prior to September 2019, but it is likely incomplete.

We are a small agency. Much of what we are providing you comes from manual research from both the Jail and the Law Enforcement divisions. I do intend for the information to be accurate, but minor discrepancies are possible.

The total number of use of force incidents from 2017-2022, separated by year and broken down between law enforcement operations and correctional operations and by the type/instrument of force used.

**Law Enforcement:** 2017 Total: 2

 Firearm 1 Pepper Spray 1

 2018 Total: 10

 Pepper Spray 1 Empty Hands 9

 2019 Total: 9

 Pepper Spray 7 Empty Hands 2

 2020 Total: 6

 Firearm 1 Pepper Spray 3 Empty Hands 2

 2021 Total: 8

 Pepper Spray 7 Empty Hands 2

 2022 Total: 6

 Pepper Spray 4 Vehicle 1 Empty Hands 1

2022 use of force incidents by ethnicity:

 White 5, Black 1

**Jail Operations:** 2017 and 2018: not available

 Jan. 2019 through August 2019: not available

 2019 from September Total : 6

 Pepper Spray 3, Empty Hand 3

 2020 Total: 31

 Taser 4, Pepper Spray 4, Empty Hands 23

 2021 Total: 38

 Taser 4, Pepper Spray 15, Empty Hands 19

 2022 Total: 53

 Taser 4, Pepper Spray 15, Empty Hands 34

2022 use of force incidents by ethnicity: White 43, Black 10

Number of civilian complaints against law enforcement, and total sustained from 2017 to 2022, broken down by year.

2017 Complaints: None

2018 Complaints: 1, Sustained Complaints: 0

2019 Complaints: 1, Sustained Complaints: 1

2020 Complaints: 3, Sustained Complaints: 2

2021 Complaints: None

2022 Complaints: 2, Sustained Complaints: 0

Total civilian complaints of excessive force for years 2017-2022: 1, Sustained Complaints 0

Total civilian complaints alleging biased policing for years 2017 – 2022: 1, Sustained Complaints 0

Total civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct for years 2017-2022: 1, Sustained Complaints 1

Total number of officer involved shootings from 2017 to 2022: 2, one (fatal) in 2017 and one (non-fatal) in 2020.

Total number of people who the Sheriffs’ Office used force against, broken down by race/ethnicity, both law enforcement and jail operations in 2022: White: 48 Black 11

Regards,

David Hazel, Chief Deputy