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This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Alaska Public Records Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 26, 2024. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On Feb. 21, 2024:

Subject: Alaska Public Records Act Request: Police data collection (2017-2022) (Valdez Police Department)  
To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Alaska Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

1. the total number of use of force incidents reported from 2017-2022, separated by year.
2. the total number of 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.

When available, I would appreciate being sent individualized data 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, 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, as the statute requires.

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sinyangwe

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1. 2017 – 5, 2018 -10, 2019 – 6, 2020 – 7, 2021 – 2, 2022 – 3
2. 2017 – 2 each Hand Control Techniques
  - 2018 - 2 each Hand Control Techniques
    - 3 each Hand Control Technique with Threat of Taser use
    - 1 each Threat of Taser with Use of Taser
    - 1 each Hand Control Techniques with Physical Strikes and Taser Use
    - 2 each Vehicle Pursuits ending with Firearms Drawn
    - 1 each Vehicle Pursuits ending with Firearms Drawn and Hand Control Techniques
  - 2019 – 2 each Hand Control Techniques with Threat of Taser use
    - 3 each Hand Control Techniques with Use of Taser
    - 1 each Hand Control Techniques with Physical Strikes
  - 2020 – 5 each Hand Control Techniques
    - 1 each Use of Taser
    - 1 each Firearm Drawn
  - 2021 – 2 each Hand Control Techniques
  - 2022 - 2 each Hand Control Techniques
    - 1 each Use of Taser
3. 2017 – 2022 16 total civilian complaints reported
  - 1 civilian complaint sustained in 2021
4. 2017 – 2022 0 complaints of excessive use of force
5. 2017- 2022 0 complaints of biased policing or racial profiling
6. 2017-2022 1 complaint of trespassing in 2021 on private property, resolution ACO stay off property
7. 2017-2022 0 Officer involved shootings
8. 2017 -2022 3 each individuals, 1 unknown race male, 1 Caucasian female, 1 Alaska Native female.

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