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Dear Samuel Sinyangwe

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In response to your Public Records Request with the Walnut Creek Police Department regarding Use of Force incident and Citizen Complaints. Please be advised both SB 1421 and public transparency information regarding Use of Force and misconduct incidents are located on our website under our transparency page at https://www.walnutcreekpdca.gov/i-want-to/view-transparency-portal

The following are responsive records per your request.

1. There are no responsive documents for the year 2017 and 2018. Below are the total number of use of force incidents reported:
   1. 2019- 6
   2. 2020- 11
   3. 2021- 3
   4. 2022- 12
   5. 2023- 9
2. There are no responsive documents for the year 2017 and 2018. Total number of force incidents, separated by force and year:
   1. The below chart shows our percent of force applications for the past 5 years.
   2. The following breakdown by weapon type is available only for 2023. Officers used intermediate force in nine separate incidents. In Seven incidents’ officers used multiple intermediate force options:
      1. CED – 10
      2. Baton- 0
      3. OC- 0
      4. Personal Body Weapons- 9
      5. Firearms- 0
      6. K9- 0
      7. Kinetic Energy Projectile – 9
3. Total Number of civilian complaints against law enforcement that were reported, and the total number sustained from 2019-2023. There are no responsive documents for the year 2017 and 2018.

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|  | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Unfounded | 9 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 7 |
| Exonerated | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Not Sustained | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Sustained | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Pending | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| **TOTAL** | **12** | **10** | **12** | **5** | **15** |

1. There are no responsive documents for the years 2017 – 2022 for the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained. In 2023 four allegations were made of alleged unlawful detention or excessive force. Please refer to the above table for overall closure of the cases. Specific closure for these instances is not available.
2. There are no responsive documents for the years 2017 – 2022 for the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained. In 2023 six allegations were made of alleged racial or identity profiling. Please refer to the above table for overall closure of the cases. Specific closure for these instances is not available.
3. There are no responsive documents for the years 2017 – 2022 for the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained. In 2023 no allegations of criminal misconduct were reported.
4. Total number of Officer involved Shootings is located on our transparency page from 1996 to present: Per your request I have itemized the years 2017-2023
   1. 2017- 0
   2. 2018- 0
   3. 2019- 1
   4. 2020- 0
   5. 2021- 0
   6. 2022- 0
   7. 2023- 0
5. There are no responsive records relating to Race or Ethnicity for Use of Force incidents in 2022.

Thank you,

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