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Muck Rock News,

As I understand your FOIA request, you requested to following:

*Lynchburg Police Department
FOIA Office
905 Church St.
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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

- 1. the total number of use of force incidents, separated by type of force and year used in 2020 and 2021 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2020, the number of taser incidents in 2021, baton incidents in 2020, baton incidents in 2021, etc.)**
- 2. the total number of civilian complaints alleging any form of law enforcement misconduct that were reported and the total number sustained in 2020 and 2021.**
- 3. the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained in 2020 and 2021.**
- 4. the total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained in 2020 and 2021.**
- 5. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained in 2020 and 2021.**
- 6. the total number of officer involved shootings in 2020 and 2021, both fatal and non-fatal.**



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When available, I would appreciate being sent individualized data for each item in this request in spreadsheet format. If individualized data are unavailable, please send information that includes aggregate statistics for the item instead.

The following are the results for which the Lynchburg Police Department has records as of 06/28/2022:

2020 Use of Force (UOF) Totals:

- **Total Number of UOF Incidents: 51**
- **Total Number of Applications of Force: 112**
 - 63 applications of physical force to subdue an individual (56.25%)
 - 19 applications of a Taser to subdue an individual (16.96%)
 - 8 applications of a diversionary device to assist in securing a residence or to subdue an individual (7.14%)
 - 7 applications of pain compliance to subdue and individual (6.25%)
 - 5 applications of force with a K-9 to subdue an individual (4.46%)
 - 4 applications of chemical munitions to subdue an individual (3.57%)
 - 2 applications of a 40mm exact impact device to subdue an individual (1.79%)
 - 1 applications of OC spray to subdue an individual (.89%)
 - 1 applications of an expandable baton to subdue an individual (.89%)
 - 1 application of force using a Police Department Vehicle to stop another vehicle/driver (.89%)
 - 1 use of force in which a suspect jumped off of a bridge (due to Injury was a UOF investigation was completed although there was no application of force)



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2021 Use of Force (UOF) Totals:

- **Total Number of UOF Incidents: 69**

- **Total Number of Applications of Force: 149**
 - 92 applications of physical force to subdue an individual (61.74%)
 - 22 applications of a Taser to subdue an individual (14.77%)
 - 10 applications of a diversionary device to assist in securing a residence or to subdue an individual (6.71%)
 - 5 applications of force with a K-9 to subdue an individual (3.36%)
 - 4 applications of OC spray to subdue an individual (2.68%)
 - 4 applications of chemical munitions to subdue an individual (2.68%)
 - 4 application of force using a Police Department Vehicle to stop another vehicle/driver (2.68%)
 - 4 applications of force using Spike Strips to stop a vehicle (2.68%)
 - 2 applications of force using a Department issued firearm(handgun) (1.34%)
 - 1 applications of pain compliance to subdue and individual (.67%)
 - 1 application of a 40mm exact impact device to subdue an individual (.67%)

2020 Civilian Complaints of Allegation of Misconduct Totals:

- **2020 Total Number of Civilian Complaints of Allegation of Misconduct Incidents: 45**

- **2020 Total Number of Civilian Complaints of Allegations of Misconduct Incidents Sustained: 6**

2021 Civilian Complaints of Allegation of Misconduct Totals:

- **2021 Total Number of Civilian Complaints of Allegation of Misconduct Incidents: 32**

- **2021 Total Number of Civilian Complaints of Allegation of Misconduct Incidents Sustained: 5**



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2020 Civilian Complaints Alleging Use of Excessive Force

Totals:

- 2020 Total Number of Civilian Complaints Alleging Use of Excessive Force: 7
- 2020 Total Number of Civilian Complaints Alleging Use of Excessive Force Sustained: 0

2021 Civilian Complaints Alleging Use of Excessive Force Use

Totals:

- 2021 Total Number of Civilian Complaints Alleging Use of Excessive Force: 2
- 2021 Total Number of Civilian Complaints Alleging Use of Excessive Force Sustained: 0

2020 Civilian Initiated Complaints of Bias Policing or Racial

Profiling Totals:

- 2020 Total Number of Civilian Initiated Complaints of Bias Policing or Racial Profiling: 6
- 2020 Total Number of Civilian Initiated Complaints of Bias Policing or Racial Profiling Sustained: 0

2021 Civilian Initiated Complaints of Bias Policing or Racial

Profiling Totals:

- 2021 Total Number of Civilian Initiated Complaints of Bias Policing or Racial Profiling: 5



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- **2021 Total Number of Civilian Initiated Complaints of Bias Policing or Racial Profiling Sustained: 0**

2020 Officer Involved Shooting Totals:

- **2020 Total Number of Officer Involved Shootings: 0**

2021 Officer Involved Shooting Totals:

- **2021 Total Number of Officer Involved Shootings: 2**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Thank you,

Sergeant J. C. Romano
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