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Re: Data request made via email on October 27, 2022

To Whom This May Concern,

Our office received your data request on October 27, 2022, for the following information and our response to the request is outlined below. Please contact me with any questions.

1. The total number of use of force incidents, separated by type of force and year used in 2021 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2021, baton incidents in 2021, etc.). Please include as part of this a breakdown of how many use of force incidents in each year were related to law enforcement operations and how many were related to correctional/custodial operations.

**See attached 2021 Use of Force Report for Patrol Division stats.**

**The Corrections Division did not track Use of Force Stats until April of 2021. They did not break those stats down by type of force used in 2021 but have begun to do that for 2022.**

**2021 Use of force/Extraction numbers by month:**

**April**

Use of force – 10  
Cell Extractions – 1

**May**

Use of force – 22  
Extractions – 2

**June**

Use of force – 28

Extractions – 3

**July**

Use of force – 3

Extractions – 5

**Aug.**

Use of force – 7

Extractions – 7

**Sept.**

Use of force – 12

Extractions – 2

**Oct.**

Use of force – 19

Extractions – 2

**Nov.**

Use of force – 7

Extractions – 1

**Dec.**

Use of force – 26

Extractions – 2

2. The total number of civilian complaints alleging any form of law enforcement misconduct that were reported and the total number sustained in 2021.

**11 civilian complaints with 2 sustained**

3. The total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained in 2021.

**1 civilian complaint with 0 sustained**

4. The total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained in 2021.

**3 civilian complaints with 0 sustained**

5. The total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained in 2021.

**1 civilian complaint with 0 sustained**

6. The total number of officer involved shootings in 2021, both fatal and non-fatal.

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