

Town of Tonawanda Police Department Use of Force Incidents 2016-2021

2016

Firearm Displayed – 20
Less Lethal Shotgun Deployed – 1
Physical Force – 89
Taser Deployed – 1
Taser Displayed – 8
Chemical Agent – 1
Total – 120

2017

Firearm Displayed – 29
Less Lethal Shotgun Displayed – 1
Baton – 2
Physical Force – 90
Taser Deployed – 2
Taser Displayed – 6
Total – 130

2018

Firearm Displayed – 21
Flashlight Strike – 1
Physical Force – 97
Taser Deployed – 2
Taser Displayed – 7
Total – 128

2019

Firearm Displayed – 38
Less Lethal Shotgun Displayed – 2
Baton - 1
Physical Force – 147
Taser Deployed – 5
Taser Displayed – 8
Chemical Agent – 4
Total – 205

2020

Firearm Displayed – 41
Physical Force – 144
Taser Displayed – 17
Chemical Agent – 3
Total – 205

2021

Firearm Displayed – 25

Physical Force – 128

Taser Deployed – 1

Taser Displayed – 9

Total – 163



The following statistics have been compiled for the purpose of satisfying #3, #4, #5, and #6 of the freedom of information request (Muckrock News #1520242):

#3 – Total number of civilian complaints of law enforcement misconduct and number sustained from 2016-2021:

2016 – 7
Sustained – 3

2017 – 1
Sustained – 0

2018 – 4
Sustained – 0

2019 – 10
Sustained – 1

2020 – 12
Sustained – 4

2021 – 8
Sustained – 2

#4 – Total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force and number sustained from 2016-2021:

2016 – 1
Sustained – 1

2017 – 0

2018 – 0

2019 – 0

2020 – 0

2021 – 0



#5 – Total number of civilian complaints alleging biased based policing or racial profiling and number sustained from 2016-2021:

2016 – 1
Sustained – 1

2017 – 2
Sustained – 0

2018 -1
Sustained – 0

2019 – 2
Sustained – 0

2020 – 0

2021 – 0

#6 – Total number of officer involved shootings from 2016-2021 (excluding animals and accidental discharges):

2016 – 0

2017 – 0


2018 – 0

2019 – 0

2020 – 0

2021 – 0

Sincerely,


Captain Thomas Moore #511

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