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MuckRock News
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Dear Mr. Sinyangwe:

We have no record of your July 16, 2021 request, however, your FOIA request dated August 24, 2021 and received by this office on August 31, 2021, wherein you requested the following:

1. the total number of use of force incidents reported by law enforcement, separated by year and by type of force used from 2013-2020 (for example, "27 taser incidents in 2019, 3 baton incidents in 2020, etc.)
2. the total number of civilian complaints alleging any form of law enforcement misconduct that were reported and the total number sustained from 2013-2020, separated by year (for example, 8 complaints in 2016, 2 complaints sustained in 2016, 4 complaints in 2017, 1 complaint sustained in 2017, etc.)
3. the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained from 2013-2020, separated by year.
4. the total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained from 2013-2020, separated by year.
5. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained from 2013-2020, separated by year.

6. all information reported to the FBI's National Use-of-Force Data Collection program to date.
7. a list of all officer involved shootings that were directed at a person from 2013-20 (excluding shootings of animals and accidental discharges that are not directed at a person).
8. the total amount of money paid out in lawsuits and settlements relating to allegations of police misconduct per year from 2013-20. This includes copies of all reports, lists, databases, or individual documents that detail lawsuits brought against the city's police department and the outcome of lawsuits brought against the city's police department including any financial settlement occurring from 2013-20. It should also include any documents that your department submits to local, state, or federal agencies listing the number and/or status of lawsuits brought against the police department. This request includes any documents compiled quarterly, annually, or in other increments as well as any documents or databases that contain responsive information.

was reviewed in accordance with West Virginia Code §29B-1-1, et seq. and applicable legal standards.

In response to Requests 1, 2, 3 4, 5 and 7, please see the attached documents. In response to Requests 6 and 8, the City has no responsive documents.

The City reserves its right to assert any exemption from disclosure pursuant to West Virginia Code §29B-1-4, the common law, and other applicable law. With the submission of this letter, the response of the City to your request is complete. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter and the City elects to waive assessing any fees respecting your request as authorized in West Virginia Code §29B-1-3. You are further advised that the Freedom of Information Act affords you the opportunity to seek injunctive or declaratory relief in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County. As always, if we have misunderstood your request, or if you are requesting different or additional information, please contact our office.

Sincerely,


Tiffany

Enclosures

PSD INCIDENT REVIEWS - 2015

Type of Force Used

Total Use of Force Reports 156

Armbar	1
ASP	2
Assist with handcuffing	19
Display of Firearm Only	27
Grabbed	4
K-9	2
Kick	1
Leg Sweep	2
Lift/Carry	4
OC Spray	1
Pain Compliance Hold	5
Physical force	19
Pressure Point	6
Push/Pull	20
Restraint Device	2
Shoulder Pin	8
Shoved	3
Strikes/Punch	24
Tackle	6
Take down	82
Taser	9
Transport Wrist Lock	13
Wrist lock	13

Within Policy	155
Not Within Policy	1
Retraining (1)	

PSD INCIDENT REVIEWS - 2016

Type of Force Used

Armbars	5
Assist with handcuffing	17
Display of Firearm Only	51
Grabbed	20
Held arms/legs	34
K-9	3
Kick	5
Leg Sweep	5
OC Spray	5
Pain Compliance Hold	8
Physical force	14
Pressure Point	5
Push/Pull	18
Shoulder Pin	7
Shoved	11
Strikes/Punch	36
Tackle	5
Take down	77
Taser	10
Transport Wrist Lock	9
Wrist lock	10

Total Use of Force Reports 181

Within Policy	180
Not Within Policy	1
Retraining (1)	

USE OF FORCE — 2017

Type of Force Used

ASP	1
Armbat	3
Assist with handcuffing	21
Display of Firearm Only	73
Firearms	5
Grabbed	19
Held/Forced arms/legs	39
K-9	3
Kick	18
Leg Sweep	12
OC Spray	6
Pain Compliance Hold	11
Physical force	9
Pressure Point	18
Push/Pull	16
Restrain part of body	18
Shoulder Pin	4
Shoved	3
Strikes/Runch	78
Tackle	7
Take down	120
Taser	23
Transport Wrist Lock	12
Wrist lock	23

Total Use of Force Reports 224

Within Policy	221
Not Within Policy	3
Retraining (2)	

Race of Suspect/Accused

there are multiple suspects in some reports

White	141
(Males 112)	
(Females 29)	

Black	98
(Males 79)	
(Females 19)	

Hispanic	3
(Males 3)	
(Females 0)	

PSD INCIDENT REVIEWS – 2018

Type of Force Used

ASP	1
Armbat	4
Assist with handcuffing	24
Display of Firearm Only	41
Firearms	4
Grabbed	8
Held/Forced arms/legs	22
K-9	5
Kick	11
Leg Sweep	4
OC Spray	6
Pain Compliance Hold	17
Physical force	40
Pressure Point	13
Push/Pull	20
Restrain	15
Shoulder Pin	2
Shoved	5
Strikes/Punch	97
Tackle	9
Take down	93
Taser	19
Transport Wrist Lock	18
Wrist lock	31

Total Use of Force Reports 195

Within Policy	191
Not Within Policy	4

Use of Force by Race

some reports have multiple suspects

White	123
(Males 97)	
(Females 26)	
Black	72
(Males 60)	
(Females 12)	
Hispanic	1
(Male 1)	
(Female 0)	
not available	6

PSD INCIDENT REVIEWS – 2019

Type of Force Used

Armbaar	3
ASP	6
Assist with handcuffing	26
Baton	4
Display of Firearm Only	46
Displayed firearm	3
Escorted to cruiser	1
Firearm	2
Foot Sweep	1
Forced arm/leg	7
Grabbed	10
Head lock	2
Held arms/legs	13
K-9	7
Kick	14
Knee in back	10
Leg Sweep	9
Lift/Carry	4
OC Spray	6
Pain Compliance Hold	9
Physical force	12
Pressure Point	11
Push/Pull	10
Restrain part of body	9
Shoulder Pin	8
Shoulder restraint	5
Shoved	1
Strikes/Punch	85
Tackle	4
Take down	98
Taser	8
Transport Wrist Lock	23
Wrist lock	12

Total Use of Force Reports 195

Within Policy	195
Not Within Policy	0

Race of Suspect/Accused

there are multiple suspects in some reports

White	115
(Males 88)	
(Females 27)	
Black	86
(Males 69)	
(Females 17)	
Asian	1
(Male 1)	

PSD USE OF FORCE STATS – 2020

Type of Force Used

Armbar	4
ASP	1
Assist with handcuffing	15
Assisted with detention	8
Display of firearm only	40
Firearm	2
Forced arm/leg	1
Grabbed	7
Headlock	1
Held arms/legs	22
K-9	2
Kick	4
Knee in back	4
Knee strikes	4
Leg Sweep	6
Lift/Carry	4
OC Spray	1
Pain Compliance Hold	9
Physical force	7
Pressure Point	7
Push/Pull	13
Restrain part of body	2
Shoulder pin restraint	15
Shoved	2
Strikes/Punch	52
Tackle	4
Take down	82
Taser	9
Transport Wrist Lock	40

Total Use of Force

<u>Reports</u>	<u>150</u>
Within Policy	148
Not Within Policy	2

Use of Force by Race/Sex

some reports have multiple suspects

White	90
(Males 68)	
(Females 22)	
Black	61
(Males 49)	
(Females 12)	
Hispanic	1
(Male 1)	

The number of complaints for officer misconduct per year from Jan 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2020:

2016	21
2017	27
2018	11
2019	15
2020	12

For each year from Jan 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2020, the number of officers that have been the subjects of complaints:

2016	30
2017	36
2018	17
2019	20
2020	14

The number of Use of Force incidents for each year from Jan 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2020:

2016	184
2017	224
2018	195
2019	196
2020	150

The number of internal reviews for each year from Jan 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2020 including:

- a. Reviews initiated by civilian complaint
- b. Reviews initiated internally

	a.	b.
2016	17	4
2017	19	8
2018	6	5
2019	12	3
2020	5	7

For each year from Jan 01, 2016 to Dec 31, 2020, the number of disciplinary actions, broken down by the type of disciplinary action taken:

	Retraining	Counseling	Suspension	Reprimand	Resignation/Termination
2016		2			1
2017	4	2	3		1
2018					1
2019		2		1	1
2020		1	8	4	1



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Use of Force Reports of a firearm being discharged at a suspect:

2015-2016

0

2017

117022602

Age

Race

Sex

Location

Offense

43

White

Male

Sanderson

Armed Robbery-Stolen Vehicle

117100714

25

White

Male

Leon Sullivan Way

Wanted Endangerment

117111701

30

White

Male

Albert Street

Malicious Assault of Police Officer

2018

118110215

Age

Race

Sex

Location

Offense

25

White

Male

Griffin Drive

Domestic Disturbance/Kidnapping

2019

119022703

Age

Race

Sex

Location

Offense

38

White

Male

Westmoreland/Allen Drive

Attempted Murder

119030112

36

White

Male

Lotus Dr., Kanawha County
(WVSP/KCSD)

Brandishing a Firearm at Police Officer

2020

120021108

Age

Race

Sex

Location

Offense

27

White

Male

Bigley Avenue/Buchanan St.

Attempted Murder on Police Officer

120041107

21

White

Male

Renaissance Circle

Robbery

120120114

38

White

Male

Garrison Avenue

Attempted Murder on Police Officer