WAHPETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Question 1.the total number of use of force incidents reported by the police department, 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.)

Answer- The Wahpeton Police Department did not maintain a comprehensive "Use of Force" master list during the specified time period. Use of force reports were instead placed in specific case files. The Wahpeton PD does not issue batons or other impact tools so has had no incidents involving their use during the specified time period. TASER devices have been deployed very sparingly, generally only 1 -2 times per year or less. The majority of Wahpeton PD Officers have only activated their TASER during training.

Question 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.)

Answer- No complaints alleging police misconduct were received during the specified time period

Question 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.

Answer- No excessive force complaints in 2013, No excessive force complaints in 2014, No excessive force complaints in 2015, No excessive force complaints in 2016, No excessive force complaints in 2017, No excessive force complaints in 2018, No excessive force complaints in 2019, No excessive force complaints in 2020.

Question 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.

Answer- No complaints of biased policing or racial profiling were received during the specified time period.

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Question 5. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained from 2013-2020, separated by year.

Answer- No complaints alleging criminal conduct involving police offlicers were received during the specified time period.

Question 6. all information reported to the FBI's National Use-of-Force Data Collection program to date.

Answer- The Wahpeton Police Department, although an enrolled participant in the FBI's National Useof-Force Data Collection program, has not been involved in any use of force incidents that meets the reporting criteria during the specified time period. .

Question 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).

<u>Answer- There have been no officer involved shootings in Wahpeton since the 1950's or earlier.</u>

Question 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.

Answer- There have been no lawsuits against the police department nor settlements of any kind paid during the specified time period.

Questionnaire completed by Wahpeton Police Chief Scott Thorsteinson

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