

Use of Force Data

July Data Update

CPC September 9, 2021

Updated September 10, 2021 –

Assigned the July 17th incident to potential mental health
& added CPC questions for follow-up discussions

State Database

- Attorney General has attempted to create a consistent data mechanism across police organizations in New Jersey
- All data is collected and available at: www.njoag.gov/force and then click on DASHBOARD.
- This is still a BETA dashboard version; database driven by individual officer report vs. incident

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Comparing Communities

- You can view data at the state, county, and then individual department level or officer name
- Data captured from October 1, 2020 through July 2021 (so far)
- Only completed or closed incidents are included (closed by August 2)
- For all of New Jersey 10 months:
 - 6,736 incidents
 - 11,923 total officer reports
 - 1.77 officer reports per incident

Select County, PD, & Officer ▼

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Agency Name ▼

Enter Officer Name...

South Orange Data

- Reminder that SOPD responds to about 25 calls a day, so over these 10 months this is more than 7,000 calls
- Between October 2020 and July 2021, South Orange PD reported **9** use of force incidents with 18 officer reports
 - 3 incidents with 1 officer report
 - 3 incidents with 2 officer reports
 - 3 incidents with 3 officer reports
- **Incident Types**
 - **5** of 9 (55%) potential mental health or medical emergencies – 1 arrest (July 17th report in database is listed as interaction type “none provided” should be listed as potential mental health)
 - **1** trespassing, **1** disturbance, **1** MV stop and **1** welfare check (Jan. 1st incident),– all arrested
- **Subject Demographics**
 - 3 of 9 (33%) involved juveniles; 6 of 9 (67%) males; 2 white, 3 black, 3 Hispanic, and 1 two or races identified
- **Injuries**
 - 1 of 9 (11%) involved injury to the subject
 - 2 of 9 (22%) involved injury to officers (of individual reports this involved **3** officers of 18 reports (17%))

October 2020 – July 2021

Difficult to categorize type of force across incidents

| number officers | incident date | incident type 1 | Interaction Type | Subject Age | Subject Gender | Subject Race | Subject Resistance 1 | subject actions 1 | arrested | subject injured | officer injured |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 10/24/20 | Disturbance (drinking, fighting, disorderly) | used take down | 32 | male | hispanic | other | prevent harm to another; threat with edge | yes | no | no |
| 3 | 11/9/20 | medical emergency | used arms / other / other | Juvenile | female | two or more | resistive tension | attempt to self harm | no | no | no |
| 2 | 11/28/2020 & 11/29 | potential mental health | used legs/kicked; used arms | 39 | male | black | verbal | resisted arrest/police officer control | no | no | yes |
| 3 | 1/1/2021 & 1/02 | other/welfare check / mv traffic stop | used arms; used take down; used arms | 50 | male | hispanic | resistive tension | resisted arrest/police officer control | yes | no | no |
| 2 | 3/11/21 | Medical Emergency | other; used arms | Juvenile | female | white | non responsive | resisted arrest/police officer control | no | no | no |
| 3 | 4/3/21 | mv/traffic stop | used arms | 24 | male | hispanic | resistive tension | resisted arrest/police officer control | yes | no | no |
| 1 | 4/5/21 | potential mental health | used arms | Juvenile | female | black | attempt to flee | resisted arrest/police officer control | no | no | no |
| 1 | 4/6/21 | trespassing | used take down | 28 | male | black | resistive tension | resisted arrest/police officer control | yes | yes | no |
| 2 | 7/17/21 | Potential mental health (but listed in database as none provided) | used take down | 56 | male | white | non-responsive | attempt to self harm | yes | no | yes |

The combining of incidents with different dates in the database is subjective and due to the context of the incident.

Demographics of SO Police Officers Involved

- 17 reports were made by male officers, one report Other gender identified
- One officer had 4 reports, one had 3, two had 2, and seven had 1 report.

Questions from CPC conversation

- How can we tie this data to community member complaints?
- How can we tie this data to internal affairs review of “appropriateness” of use of force?
- How often should this report be updated? Are these the right metrics?
- How would our community react to the demographics of the subjects vs. population (2 white, 3 black, 3 Hispanic, and 1 two or races identified) as was the approach (correctly or not) of the November 2018 NJ.com report?
- How do we provide the context to our community about some of these incidents that go beyond a simple count?