

2020 Use of Force Report

Policy Review

On Monday January 4th, 2021, I conducted a review of the policy under:

- Part B – Adequacy Standards
 - Section 6 – Administration and Infrastructure
 - Subsection 612 – Use of Force

In accordance with the policy, the Chief of Police shall provide a copy of the police service's annual use of force study to the LaSalle Police Board for review, and ensure the availability of the study to the community.

Activity

Detective Sergeant FOREMAN, a qualified Use of Force Instructor, completed an analysis of the force used by sworn members of the LaSalle Police Service.

The following is a Use of Force Analysis for 2020:

Use of Force reports are submitted to track and analyze incidents when force is applied by officers. This is done so that training concerns can be addressed or changes to policy can be contemplated.

In 2020 there were **16** Use of Force Reports filed.

- 9 instances of Service Firearms being discharged (pistol 6); (shotgun 0) and (C-8 carbine patrol rifle 1). The discharges were to destroy injured animals as a result of prior collisions with a motor vehicle.
- 2 instances where officers were required to draw and point their firearms and rifles, while in public view, at a subject for Officer Safety and/or public safety concerns during the arrest process.
- 4 instances where an Officer utilized or displayed the CEW in an “overt manner” to gain compliance from a subject using the Conducted Energy Weapon commonly known as a TASER.
- 1 instance of Officers having to take physical control of subjects by using empty hand techniques. Minor injuries to the subject. No injuries to the Officers involved.
- 0 instances where an Officer utilized O.C. spray in 2020.
- 0 instances where an Officer utilized an ASP baton in 2020.
- 7 instances of Officers using verbal interaction during use of force situations that was successful in bringing the situation to a conclusion.

****Note in some of the above instances more than one Use of Force option was utilized. (i.e.: C.E.W. with Empty Hand Techniques and Verbal Commands). The option noted was the initial Use of Force option utilized by officer.**

2020 Weather Conditions:

16 Total instances:

- 15 (clear weather)
- 1 (rain/snowing/sleet).

2020 Time of Day:

16 Total instances:

- 8 during daylight hours
- 8 during non- daylight hours.

2020 Types of Force Used

9 Firearm used to destroyed injured animal

2 Firearm pointed at suspect for Officer Safety concerns during arrest.

4 Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser) usages/overt display

0 Expandable Baton (ASP) usages.

0 O.C spray

1 Empty Hand techniques

****Note: during the above mentioned instances more than one Use of Force Option could have been utilized and the above noted type was the initial Use of Force option used during the interaction.**

Location of Incidents in 2020

- 4 occurred on Roadways
- 10 occurred in Private Yards/Private Property
- 1 occurred in Private Driveway
- 1 occurred in a Motor Vehicle

In analysis of the reports filed in 2020, there were no instances that appear to cause any training concerns or require changes to existing policies.

The most interesting statistic was the “overt display category” where the CEW was displayed but not necessarily deployed doubled from 2019. This means the subject was not “Tasered” but submitted to arrest without injury to themselves or the officers.

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