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## Highland Park Police Department Use of Force Incidents for 2019

In 2019 Highland Police Officers answered a total of 18,227 calls for service.

Over the course of 2019 officers used force on 6 individuals.

Of the 6 individuals:

- 2 were African American
- 2 were Caucasian
- 2 were Hispanic

Of those 6 incidents:

- 2 individuals exhibited mental health issues
- 1 individual was intoxicated

None of these incidents originated from one of the 3,669 traffic stops our officers conducted.

- During 2 of these incidents, officers only used force to stop someone from hurting themselves and there were no criminal charges filed
- 4 of these incidents occurred while officers were attempting to make an arrest and resulted in criminal charges being filed

In regards to the types of force used:

- On all 6 occasions officers used Physical Force\* in the form of a compliance hold such as a wrist or arm lock
- During 2 separate occasions 1 officer deployed a natural agent spray

During these 6 incidents:

- 2 resulted in injuries to the subject, both of which were minor
- 3 officers were injured, 1 of them seriously causing the officer to miss work for a significant amount of time.

The use of force is never a routine matter and the Highland Park Police Department takes each of these incidents very seriously.

\* Per NJ AG Guidelines Definition - Physical force involves contact with a subject beyond that which is generally utilized to effect an arrest or other law enforcement objective. Physical force is employed when necessary to overcome a subject's physical resistance to the exertion of the law enforcement officer's authority, or to protect persons or property. Examples include wrestling a resisting subject to the ground, using wrist locks, or arm locks, or other similar methods.