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## Highland Park Police Department Use of Force Incidents for 2020

Between June 16th, 2020 and September 16, 2020, Highland Police Officers answered a total of 4,131 calls for service. Over the course of that time officers used force on 2 individuals.

Of the 2 individuals:

- 2 were African American
- 2 individuals reside in the Borough of Highland Park

Of those 2 incidents:

- 1 individual exhibited mental health issues

None of these incidents originated from traffic stops our officers conducted.

- During 1 of these incidents, officers only used force to stop someone from hurting themselves and there were no criminal charges filed.
- 1 of these incidents occurred while officers were attempting to make an arrest and/or conducted an investigation that resulted in criminal charges being filed.

In regards to the types of force used:

- On all 2 occasions officers used Physical Force\* in the form of a compliance hold such as a wrist or arm lock

During these 2 incidents:

- 1 resulted in a minor injury to the individual
- 1 officer was injured

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

\* 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.