



HIGHLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Highland Park Police Department Use of Force Incidents
October 1st through December 31st, 2021

Between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, Highland Police Officers answered a total of 5,661 calls for service.

Over the course of that time, officers used force on one individual.

Of the one individuals:

- Subject was Black
- Subject resides in the Borough of Highland Park

Origins of Police Contact:

- This incident did not originate from a traffic stop conducted by our officers
- This incident occurred while officers were attempting to make an arrest and/or conducting an investigation that resulted in criminal charges being filed

In regards to the types of force used:

- On the one occasion one officer used Physical Force* on the subject in the form of a takedown**
- The subject resisted arrest/officer control and attempted to flee

During this one incident:

- The subject received a minor injury (a scrape) and subsequently refused any medical attention
- One 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. It is the lowest form of force that is required to be documented. 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 from harm. Examples include wrestling a resisting subject to the ground, using wrist or arm locks to facilitate handcuffing, or other similar methods.

** A takedown is a technique used to off-balance a subject and guide them to the ground.