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**Highland Park Police Department Use of Force Incidents**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

Between January 1, 2022 and March 31, 2022, Highland Police Officers answered a total of 7,113 calls for service.

Over the course of that time, officers used force on two individuals.

Of the two individuals:

- One individual was a Caucasian male who resides in Highland Park
- One individual was a Black male who is not a Highland Park resident

Origins of Initial Police Contact:

- Neither of these incidents originated from one of the 917 traffic stops our officers conducted
- One incident occurred after officers placed an individual under arrest
- In both incidents, police were dispatched to investigate a report called in by third party

In regards to the types of force used:

- On one occasion, one officer used Enhanced Mechanical Force by using a CED (Taser) to stop an individual from harming themselves - this individual was not charged
- On one occasion, one officer used Mechanical Force in the deployment of OC (pepper) spray and three officers used Physical Force\* by using their arms to hold and detain the subject, who was attempting to escape from police custody following an arrest - this individual was charged with aggravated assault on an officer, resisting arrest, endangering the welfare of a child, and criminal restraint

During these incidents:

- In both incidents, the individual received minor injuries and was treated and released by medical personnel
- One officer received minor injuries

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.