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Highland Park Police Department Use of Force Incidents
July 1st – September 30, 2023

Between July 1st and September 30, 2023, Highland Park Police Officers answered a total of 6,343 calls for service. Over the course of that time, officers used force two times.

The individuals:

- 1 Individual was a white male who was a resident of Highland Park
- 1 individual identified as two or more races who is a resident of Highland Park

In regards to the types of force used:

- On one occasion, the individual actively resisted arrest/officer control and assaulted another individual
 - The individual was perceived to be under the influence of alcohol/drugs or both
 - One officer used physical force by using a takedown and a control hold/arm lock on the individual to gain positive control
 - This individual was charged with Simple Assault, Disorderly conduct, and Resisting Arrest.
- On one occasion, the individual exhibited mental health issues and refused to cooperate with a medical professional for mandatory transport to the hospital
 - Two officers used physical force in the form of control holds/arm lock
 - Another officer used physical force in the form of a takedown and pressure point control
- None of the individuals or officers sustained injuries

Origins of initial police contact:

- These incidents did not originate from any of the traffic stops or self-initiated police contact
- These incidents were initiated by the public reporting the situation to the Police and officers were dispatched to the location to investigate

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

[NJ AOG Use of Force Policy](#) **Physical Force:** Physical force involves contact with a subject beyond that which is generally used 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 officer's authority, or to protect persons or property. Examples include taking a resisting subject to the ground, using wrist or arm locks, striking the subject with the hands or feet, or other similar methods of hand-to-hand confrontation, such as certain pain compliance techniques.