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Highland Park Police Department Use of Force Incidents for 2023

Between January 1st, 2023 and December 31, 2023, Highland Police Officers answered a total of 24,201 calls for service. Over the course of that time officers used force on 3 individuals.

Of the 3 individuals:

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

None of these incidents originated from traffic stops conducted by HPPD Officers

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
- On one occasion one officer used Physical Force* by using their arms to detain the subject, who while in custody attempted to escape.
 - One officer used a take down on the individual to gain control of the individual
 - In the incident, four officers received minor injuries and were treated and released by medical personnel
 - The individual did not sustain any injuries.
 - In the incident, the individual actively resisted arrest/officer control.
 - The individual was charged with Harassment, Hindering/Obstruction, and Resisting Arrest

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 (a takedown), using wrist or arm locks, or other similar methods.