



City of Charlottesville

FROM: Chief RaShall Brackney

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REF: Use of Force Report (2018)

Between January 1, 2018, and December 19, 2018, the Charlottesville Police Department deployed force on twenty (20) occasions. The most frequent deployment of force was physical force. For clarity and context, force options are defined below.

Deadly Force: Any force that has the substantial likelihood of causing serious bodily harm or death.

Non-deadly Force: All uses of force other than those that have the substantial likelihood of causing serious bodily harm or death.

Impact Weapons: Side Handle and ASP Collapsible Batons

Chemical Agent: Oleoresin-Capsicum Solution (OC spray)

Tasers: Electronic Control Device manufactured by Taser International

K-9: Trained police canines with law enforcement responsibilities

Physical Force: A use of force option to gain compliance from resistant or aggressive individuals in arrest or other enforcement situations.

For clarity and context, a brief description of each deployment of force is described below:

Incidents of Force:

Deadly Force: 1

- September 8, 2018: Officer involved shooting in which the suspect shot the officer, and the officer returned fire.

Incidents of Force (Continued):

Impact Weapons: 1

- April 11, 2018: Officer deployed his ASP on a suspect who was reported to be disorderly and in possession of a gun.

OC Spray: 0

- None

Taser: 3

- March 11, 2018: Officer deployed his Taser on suspect involved in a felony (domestic) who attempted to flee.
- April 11, 2018: Officer deployed his Taser on a suspect who was reported to be disorderly and in possession of a gun.
- September 1, 2018: Officer deployed his Taser as he encountered a disorderly male involved in a stabbing.

K-9: 0

- None

Physical Force: 15

Take Downs (10) Hands on (4) Knee Strike (1)

- February 2, 2018: Disorderly person lunged at a witness. Officer took the suspect to the ground.
- March 22, 2018: Suspect attempted to flee from arrest. Officer took the suspect to the ground.
- May 30, 2018: Following up on a domestic assault and abduction case, the officers encountered the suspect who attempted to flee. The officers took the suspect to the ground. In addition, while receiving treatment from a rescue unit, the suspect attempted to flee a second time, and again was taken to the ground.
- June 6, 2018: Search warrant executed at a residence, a juvenile was detained and handcuffed during the detention.
- June 18, 2018: Officer attempted to take a suspect into custody for domestic violence. During the arrest, the suspect resisted and was taken to the ground and handcuffed.

Physical Force (Continued):

- July 12, 2018: During the detention of an individual attempting to elope from a treatment program, the officer took the suspect who attempted to stab him with a pen and bite him to the ground.
- July 19, 2018: During the arrest of a suspect wanted for vandalism, the officer took the suspect to the ground.
- September 8, 2018: male suspect approached officer and assaulted the officer. The suspect was taken to the ground.
- September 8, 2018: male suspect approached officer and assaulted the officer. During the struggle, the detective performed a knee strike on the suspect.
- September 20, 2018: During a traffic stop, the driver became uncooperative and attempted to leave. The officer grabbed the suspect and took him to the ground.
- October 20, 2018: During an encounter with a disorderly aggressive suspect, the suspect become more aggressive, and the officer took him to the ground.
- October 16, 2018: Officers pursued a suspect who fled from a vehicle pursuit. Suspect was taken to the ground during the arrest.
- October 23, 2018: Officer attempted to take a suspect into custody for a domestic assault, when the suspect resisted. The suspect was able to get the officer in a choke hold. The officer struck the suspect several times (fist) in order to free himself.
- October 26, 2018: During the arrest of a drunk in public suspect, the suspect attempted to pull away, and the officer took him to the ground.
- October 30, 2018: Officer attempted to take a suspect into custody for a warrant, as the officer was cuffing the suspect, the suspect tried to flee. The suspect was taken to the ground and handcuffed.