



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department

2012 Discipline and Use of Force Overview





Complaint Procedure

Police Department

Penal Code 832.5 (a)

"Each department or agency in this State which employs peace officers shall establish a procedure to investigate citizens' complaints against the personnel of such departments or agencies, and shall make a written description of the procedure available to the public."



Investigations by year

Police Department

	2010	2011	2012
Internally Generated Investigations	22	40	56
Externally Generated Investigations	11	22	28
Total Number of Investigations	33	62	84



Disciplinary Review 2012

Police Department

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

	2012
Sustained	16
Not Sustained	2
Exonerated	3
Unfounded	4
Mediation	0
Incomplete	2
Withdrawn	12
Active	45
Total Number of Investigations	84



Disciplinary Review 2012

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IMPOSED DISCIPLINE

	2012
Written	10
Suspension	4
Demotions	0
Terminations	2



Discipline Statistics 2012

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Allegation	2012	Sustained	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Mediation
		2012	2012	2012	2012	2012
Conduct Unbecoming	43	9	4	2	2	
Criminal Investigation	2	1				
Force	12					
Performance	7					
Procedure	10				1	
Pursuit	0					
City Policy	0					
Collision	10	6				
Unintentional Discharge	0					
TOTAL	84					



Use of Force Review

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Policy: The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law enforcement community. Officers are involved on a daily basis in numerous and varied interactions and when warranted, may use reasonable force in carrying out their duties.

Officers must have an understanding of, and true appreciation for, their authority and limitations. This is especially true with respect to overcoming resistance while engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties.

The Department recognizes and respects the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone. Vesting officers with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation and a careful balancing of all.



What Constitutes Use of Force ?

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Force:

The application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents or weapons to another person. It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed or restrained.

Reasonableness:

Officers shall use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and circumstances perceived by the officer at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.



Use of Force Statistics

Police Department

	2012
TOTAL FORCE INCIDENTS	53
TOTAL INVOLVED OFFICERS	79
TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FORCE	82



Categorical Uses of Force

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YEARLY SUMMARY OF CATEGORICAL FORCE APPLICATIONS

	2012
Strikes (Bodily Force)	53
TASER	8
Less Lethal	9
Baton/Impact Weapon	8
Handgun	2
Carotid	2
K-9 Contact	0
TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FORCE	82



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YEARLY SUMMARY OF ARRESTS VS. FORCE INCIDENTS

	2012
Arrests	8,756
Force Incidents	53
% of arrests with force	.61%



Use of Force Statistics

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TOTAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

2010	2011	2012
29	52	53