2019 Use of Force Summary

In 2019, there were a total of 46,580 calls for service (not including voided or test calls).

- Of these calls for service, there were a total of 7,921 case reports written in 2019.
- Of those case reports, 128 reports included a Resistance Response Report (RRR).
- As RRR have more than one officer involved, there were a total of 304 RRR written in 2019.

This means that in 2019, of the 46,580 calls for service, force was used or displayed 0.27% of the time.

In 2019, a Taser was displayed by officers a total of 26 times and a Taser was deployed a total of 4 times. Of the 7,921 case reports written, a Taser was displayed 0.5% of the time and a Taser was deployed 0.01% of the time.

In 2019, an Officer discharged their firearm one time.

Of the 299 RRR in 2019, physical force was used by officers 137 times (45.8% of the time).

Of the 299 RRR written in 2019, the subject sustained injury a total of 20 times (6.7% of the time).

- Of the 20 subjects injured, 15 sustained minor injuries (scrapes, bruises, etc.), 4 sustained moderate injury (lacerations, K9 bites, etc.), and 1 person died.
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The force used by an officer in a given situation needs to be reasonable and necessary given the totality of the circumstances. Officers may lawfully use force to control an individual during varying and rapidly unfolding circumstances which are often unpredictable.

The St Louis Park Police Department trains officers to the highest of standards and attempts to use verbal de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques when applicable.

Officers must document force used upon an individual in accordance with the department’s Use of Force policy.

Officers were involved in approximately 46,580 calls for service in 2019. During these incidents, officers used force requiring documentation in 127 incidents (less than 1% of the time). Each Use of Force incident is reviewed by supervisors to ensure that the officer’s actions are in accordance with the department’s Use of Force policy.

Use of Force Definitions

**Service Weapon Displayed** – When an officer displays a firearm (includes pointed and not pointed at individual)

**Service Weapon Discharged** – When a firearm is discharged by an officer at an individual/threat

**Hard Hand Techniques** – When an officer strikes a combative individual to gain control of them

**Soft Hand Techniques** – When an officer places their hands on an individual to escort them or direct them

**Takedowns** – When an officer forces a combative individual to the ground to control them

**Taser Displayed** – When an officer points their Taser at an individual but does not discharge the Taser

**Taser Deployed** – When an officer discharges their Taser at an individual to gain control of them