

# Spokane Police Department

## Use of Force and Asian-American/Pacific Islander Individuals

### 2017-2019

#### 2019

2019 Total Non-Deadly Use of Force Incidents: 117

Origin of 2019 Use of Force Incidents:

- 87 (74%) of the 117 use of force incidents resulted from officers being dispatched to 911 or Crime Check calls.
- In 28 (24%) of incidents, the officer initiated contact, often during proactive police work involving stolen cars.
- 2 incidents (2%) originated from involved officers assisting other agencies.

Race/Ethnicity in 2019 Use of Force Incidents:

- 85 of the 117 (73%) of individuals involved in use of force incidents were White, 14 (12%) were Black/African-American, eight (7%) were Native American, seven (6%) were Asian/Pacific Islander, and three (2%) were Hispanic.
- 109 (93%) individuals in use of force incidents were male; eight (7%) were female.

Comparing the City of Spokane Police Department arrest demographics with the use of force demographics:

161 Asian-American/Pacific Islander individuals were arrested. **The force to arrest ratio is 4.3%.**

In 2019, Asian-American/Pacific Islander individuals were involved in 7 of the 115 reportable use of force incidents. Six of the incidents developed from a call for service (i.e., Burglary, Domestic Violence, Fight, Alarm).

In one case, the officer initiated contact. Officers initiated a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle (DUI).

#### 2018

2018 Total Non-Deadly Use of Force Incidents: 113

Origin of 2018 Use of Force Incidents:

- 77 (68%) of the 113 use of force incidents resulted from officers being dispatched to 911 or Crime Check calls.

- In 26 (23%) of incidents, the officer initiated contact, often during proactive police work involving stolen cars.
- 10 incidents (9%) originated from involved officers assisting other agencies.

#### Race/Ethnicity in 2018 Use of Force Incidents:

- 79 of the 113 (70%) of individuals involved in use of force incidents were White, 15 (13%) were Black/African-American, nine (8%) were Native American, eight (7%) were Hispanic, and two (2%) were Asian/Pacific Islander.
- 107 (95%) individuals in use of force incidents were male; six (5%) were female.

Comparing the City of Spokane Police Department arrest demographics with the use of force demographics:

141 Asian-American/Pacific Islander individuals were arrested. **The force to arrest ratio is 1.4%.**

In 2018, 161 Asian-American/Pacific Islander individuals were involved in 2 of the 113 reportable use of force incidents. One incident originated as a call for service, a Burglary alarm call. The officer initiated contact with the subject in the other case, after confirming that he had stolen a car.

## 2017

2017 Total Non-Deadly Use of Force Incidents: 109

#### Origin of 2017 Use of Force Incidents:

- 76% of the use of force incidents resulted from officers dispatched to 911 or Crime Check calls rather than officer-initiated activity.
- In 16% of incidents, the officer initiated contact (e.g., traffic stop, served a warrant).
- 7% of calls involved officers assisting another agency.
- 1% of calls stemmed from a citizen flagging over an officer.

#### Race/Ethnicity:

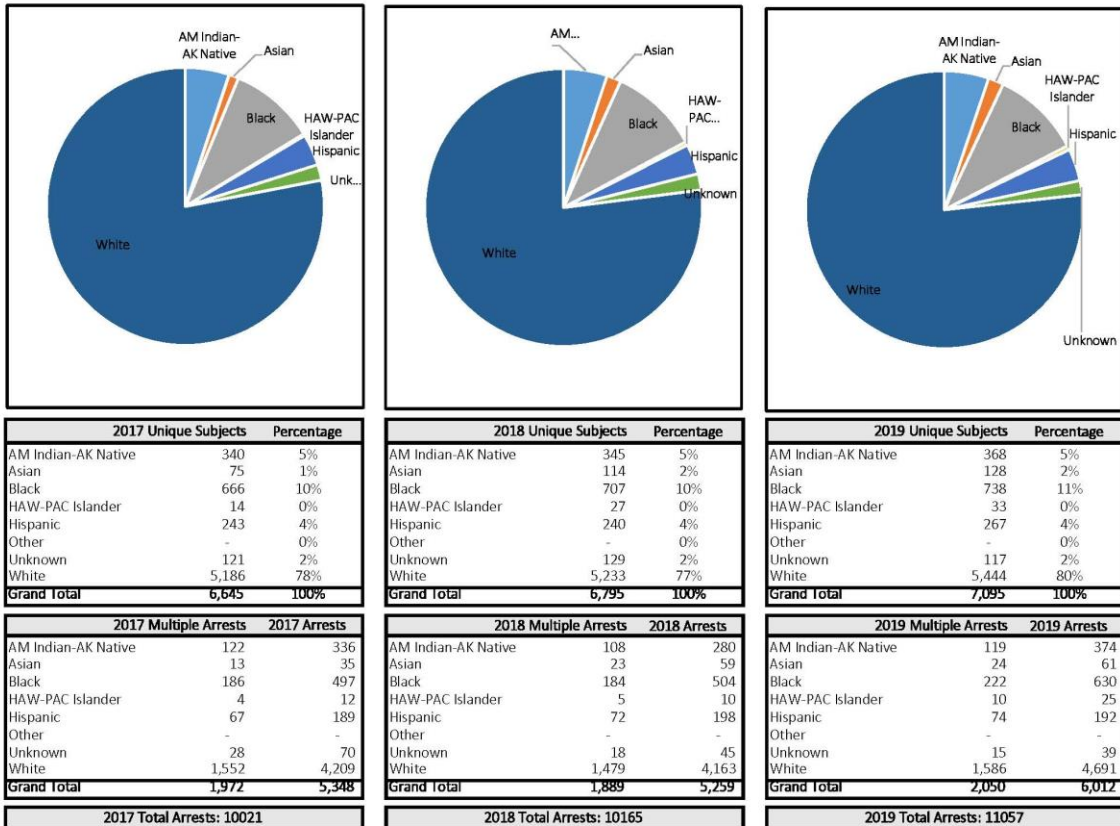
- 83 of the 109 (76%) of individuals involved in use of force incidents were White; 16 (15%) were Black/African-American, five (4%) were Native American, three (3%) were Hispanic, and two (2%) subjects were Asian/Pacific Islander.
- 101 (93%) individuals were male; eight (7%) were female.

Comparing the City of Spokane Police Department arrest demographics with the use of force demographics:

In 2017, 89 Asian/Pacific Islander individuals were arrested. **The force to arrest ratio is 2.2%.**

In 2017, Asian/Pacific Islander individuals were involved in 2 of the 109 reportable use of force incidents. Both incidents developed from a call for service (Trouble Unknown, Domestic Violence Assault).

### Arrest Demographics for City of Spokane Police Department



\*data is a compilation of arrests entered on arrest sheets in New World and non-custodial arrests from tickets