Spokane Police Department Use of Force and Hispanic Individuals 2017-2019

2019

2019 Total Non-Deadly Use of Force Incidents: 117

Origin of 2019 Use of Force Incidents:

- 87 (74%) of the 115 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 115 (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:

267 Hispanic individuals were arrested. The force to arrest ratio is 1.1%.

In 2019, Hispanic individuals were involved in 3 of the 115 reportable use of force incidents. All of the incidents developed from a call for service (i.e., Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Order of Protection Violation, and Check Welfare).

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:

240 Hispanic individuals were arrested. The force to arrest ratio is 3.3%.

In 2018, Hispanic individuals were involved in 8 of the 113 reportable use of force incidents. All of the incidents developed from a call for service (Person with a Weapon, Suicidal, Domestic Violence, Argument, Disorderly, Trouble Unknown, Fight).

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.

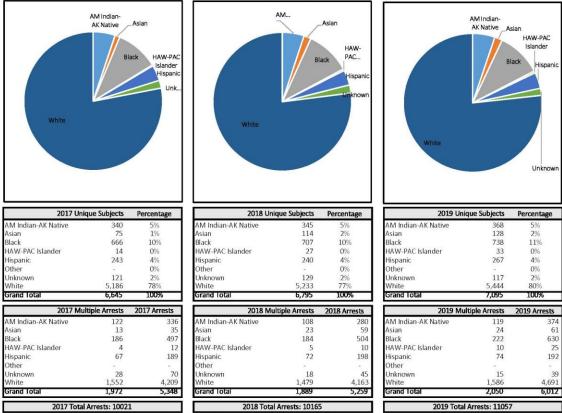
Race/Ethnicity:

- 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:

243 Hispanic individuals were arrested. The force to arrest ratio is 1.2%.

In 2017, Hispanic individuals were involved in 3 of the 109 reportable use of force incidents. All of the incidents developed from calls for service (Domestic Violence with a Weapon, Domestic Violence, and Suicide).



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