SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number:	F18-059
Incident Number:	2018-20187715
Date of Incident:	9/19/2018
Chain of Command Finding:	In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller, an employee of Frontier Behavioral Health, reported that a man was threatening to harm family members and himself. He was also under the influence of methamphetamine. Officers and a designated mental health professional from the Community Diversion Unit arrived and contacted the man. He said he had thoughts of jumping into traffic in order to kill himself. At that point, officers decided he needed to go to the hospital. Officers told him not to leave, and to remain seated while they waited for an ambulance. The man was very large and would be difficult to contain if standing or walking, and he was under the influence. The male was upset about having to go to the hospital and felt officers were taking away his rights. Officers tried to de-escalate the situation and explain why they had to take him to the hospital. They advised him not to stand, but he stood up and said he was leaving. Officers took arm control to detain him but he was immediately resistive. He hit officers in the thigh and torso during the struggle. An officer placed him in the Level I Lateral Neck Restraint control hold. The male relaxed and officers were able to place him into handcuffs until the ambulance arrived. The man did not lose consciousness from the hold and there were no visible injuries. Medics restrained him and transported him to the hospital for a mental evaluation.