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2019 Use of Force Analysis

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As part of our commitment to an identified goal in our Strategic Plan, “Principles & Practices – Review and Update,” the St. Anthony Police Department completed a cover-to-cover review, overhaul and implementation of the department policy and procedure manual in 2019. Contained in Policy #300.13 is a commitment to an annual analysis of the department’s use of force, prepared by the Police Captain and submitted to the Chief of Police. Prior to the 2019 implementation of the updated policy and procedure manual, there was not an annual report compiled on use of force incidents, though the process of timely supervisor review of every use of force incident was required and verified.

The preparation and analysis of this report followed a specific methodology to examine all incidents in which force was used:

1. A data search of the St. Anthony Police Department’s Records Management System was conducted for all incidents flagged as a “Use of Force” incident.
2. The narrative of each incident, along with the Response to Resistance report contained therein, was reviewed to identify:
 - a. The date force was used
 - b. The incident type
 - c. The force type
 - d. That the force was within policy and had been reviewed by a supervisor
 - e. The demographics of the involved subjects
 - f. Any injuries to officers or subjects
3. A summary of the incident was completed for inclusion in the annual Use of Force report.
4. Per policy, the information reviewed was used to form an opinion regarding the following:
 - a. The identification of any trends in the use of force by members
 - b. Training needs recommendations
 - c. Equipment needs recommendations
 - d. Policy revision recommendations

It is important to note that per Policy #300.10.1 – Supervisor Review, a timely supervisor review is required following every reported use of force incident. Therefore, the review of use of force incidents for this annual report was done for the purpose of analysis and not to satisfy the Supervisor Review requirement of policy. The Supervisor Review of each use of force incident had been previously conducted near the time of each incident and recorded in the case file.



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Subject: 2019 Use of Force Report

Prepared by: Captain J. Spiess

Date	Incident Type	Force Type	Details	Within Policy	Demographics	Injury
1-5-2019	Assist Other Agency	Taser Pointing	Officer requested to assist outside agency on a high risk traffic stop. Officer assisted with a less lethal option - a taser was pointed at the subjects.	Yes	2 White Males	No
1-5-2019	Assist Other Agency	Taser Pointing	Officer requested to assist outside agency on an occupied stolen vehicle. Officer arrived, observed that other officers had firearms drawn. As a result, SAPD officer elected to utilize a less lethal option.	Yes	2 African-American Males	No
2-8-2019	Suspicious Activity	Firearm Pointing	Officers received a 911 call to a known drug house where the resident was reportedly in the front yard carrying a long gun. While officers were there, the resident emerged from the residence and knelt down to pick something up. One officer pointed his firearm at the resident, who followed commands and was taken into custody without incident.	Yes	1 White Male	No
2-9-2019	Assist Other Agency	Firearm Pointing	Neighboring department requested SAPD assistance during a search of a vehicle and occupants. SAPD officer observed while other outside agency officer searched driver. Driver refused to answer if he had a weapon. Officer located a handgun on the driver. SAPD officer drew his firearm and covered other officer until driver and handgun were safely secured.	Yes	1 African- American Male	No
2-13-2019	Stolen Vehicle	Firearm Pointing	Officers received a 911 call of a suspicious vehicle parked in front of the caller's house. Officers arrived, observed the vehicle, ran registration checks, and was alerted that the vehicle was stolen. Officers conducted a high risk felony stop of the vehicle, during which time they pointed their firearms at the two occupants and ordered them out of the vehicle.	Yes	1 African- American Male 1 Hispanic Female	No



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3-7-2019	Stolen Vehicle	Firearm Pointing	Officers observed a suspicious vehicle in the driveway of an identified drug house. Once the plate was confirmed and registration checks conducted, it was revealed that the vehicle was stolen. During observation of the vehicle several people walked to the vehicle on separate occasions. Two males were at the vehicle when officers approached but fled back into the home. Officers verbally ordered three subjects to come outside. They conducted a high risk arrest with firearms drawn at the occupants.	Yes	1 White Male 1 African- American Male 1 White Female	No
3-17-2019	Assist Other Agency	Soft Hands	SAPD officer working a DWI detail in St. Paul when he heard another officer call for assistance with an uncooperative impaired driver. SAPD officer arrived and observed the driver physically resisting the officer's attempts to conduct a person search. SAPD officer assisted with bringing the driver to the ground and hold him until handcuffs were applied.	Yes	1 African- American Male	No
3-22-2019	Terrorist Threats/ Person in Crisis	Taser Pointing	Officers received a 911 call to a residence where a mother reported that her adult son was threatening to kill her and was destroying items in the house. Officer arrived and found the male in a bedroom. He stated he had a handgun and would assault officers. An officer pointed a taser at the subject, who surrendered.	Yes	1 White Male	No
3-22-2019	Flee Police in Vehicle	Firearm Pointing	A vehicle fled from officers after the driver provided a fictitious name. Officers ultimately boxed the vehicle and got it stopped. Officers performed a high risk stop, during which they pointed their firearms in the direction of the vehicle and occupants.	Yes	1 White Male 1 American Indian Female	No
4-1-2019	Domestic Assault	Soft Hands	Party arrested for domestic assault balled up his fist, pulled his arm back in a threatening position, and threatened to punch a paramedic. Officer applied a wrist lock and waited for another officer to assist.	Yes	1 White Male	No



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4-4-2019	SWAT Warrant	Firearm Pointing	Officer was working in the capacity of a SWAT Team operator for Ramsey County SWAT. They were serving a high risk search warrant. Officer entered the residence, announced himself as the police, located the suspect, and held him at gun point while other SWAT members took him into custody.	Yes	Unknown	No
4-19-2019	Flee Police in Vehicle	Firearm Pointing	An officer attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding in an area where complaints had been received. The vehicle fled, and shortly thereafter, the driver fled on foot from the vehicle. The officer conducted a high risk apprehension of the driver, during which he pointed his firearm at him. The firearm was also briefly pointed at the two occupants until they complied with commands.	Yes	2 White Males 1 Asian Female	No
4-29-2019	Person in Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers called to assist Hennepin County Mental Health Crisis Team on an emergency transport hold of a person in crisis. When officers entered a bedroom, the subject charged at them and attempted to punch an officer in the face. The officers grabbed the subject in a full body hold, lowered him to the ground and attempted to handcuff. The subject grabbed the handcuff and refused to let go. Officers used a pressure point technique on the subjects hand to force the release of his grip.	Yes	1 White Male	No
5-4-2019	Person in Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers received a 911 call of a subject who had shed his clothes, was covered in feces, and out of control. Upon officers' arrival, the subject attempted to assault the officers. Officers placed him in a wrist lock and escorted him to a stretcher, at which time he was transported to the hospital.	Yes	1 White Male	No
5-29-2019	Domestic Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	Soft Hands	Officers received a 911 call from a victim who had been assaulted with a knife. The suspect was reportedly in the residence with a knife and stun gun. Officers located the suspect and attempted to apprehend her. She actively resisted them by pulling away. She was placed in a wrist lock and handcuffed.	Yes	1 White Female	No



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6-19-2019	Person in Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers received a 911 call for a suicidal person actively cutting herself. Officer found the victim covered in blood. Victim observed the officer and immediately picked up a razor blade and continued to cut herself. The officer subdued her by grabbing her arms and later employing an arm bar when she continued to resist the officers attempt to help.	Yes	1 White Female	No
6-25-2019	Narcotics / Felony Warrant Arrest	Firearm Pointing	A lone officer observed a known fugitive wanted on multiple felony warrants. Fugitive was located in front of a residence known to be frequented by other wanted felons, some engaging in criminal activity. Officer pointed his firearm at the fugitive as part of a high risk stop.	Yes	1 Hispanic Male	No
6-28-2019	DWI Arrest	Taser Pointing/ Soft Hands	While attempting to handcuff a driver as part of a DWI arrest, the driver pulled away, actively resisted the officer, and began digging in his pockets. Officer grabbed the driver around the torso and attempted to move him to the ground. The driver continued to fight back. The officer disengaged and pointed his taser at the driver. He momentarily complied, but again began to resist during handcuffing. The officer employed a wrist lock and was able to apply the handcuffs.	Yes	1 Asian Male	No
7-14-2019	Burglary in Progress	Firearm Pointing	A neighbor called 911 and advised that he observed two males cutting the screen to their neighbor's home and enter the residence. A suspect was observed by an officer inside the residence and he was ordered to raise his hands and walk to the door. Two parties later exited the house. An officer had his firearm pointed at the suspects as part of a high risk apprehension. Both parties were arrested for burglary.	Yes	2 African- American Males	No
7-27-2019	Robbery Suspects	Firearm Pointing	SAPD officers requested to assist with the stop of a vehicle occupied by 4 individuals who had just committed an armed robbery with a handgun in Roseville. Vehicle fled from police, but was stopped after a pursuit intervention tactic was employed. High risk apprehension was effected, during which time officers pointed their handguns at the four occupants.	Yes	2 African- American Males 1 White Male 1 Hispanic Male	No



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8-5-2019	Narcotics Arrest / Felony Warrant Arrest	Firearm Pointing / Taser Pointing	Officer was aware of a known fugitive wanted for burglary possibly at an address known for frequent criminal activity. The fugitive had a history of possessing firearms and fleeing police in a motor vehicle. Officer observed the fugitive outside of the residence in the driver seat of a vehicle, along with a female in the passenger seat. The officer ordered the fugitive out of the vehicle, using a high risk arrest procedure and had his handgun pointed at the party. The fugitive handed a backpack to the female passenger and told her to leave. The officer took the fugitive into custody and then ordered the female to remain on scene, as she was leaving with potential evidence. She failed to do so and ripped the backpack away from the officer. Fearing she would retrieve a weapon from the bag, the officer pointed his taser at her and ordered her to stop. She complied and narcotics were later located in the backpack.	Yes	1 White Male 1 White Female	No
8-6-2019	Escape From Custody	Soft Hands	Off duty SAPD officer observed a known fugitive inside of a business. The fugitive had fled in a motor vehicle from this same officer two months prior and currently had an active felony warrant for sexual assault of a child. Officer notified on duty officers, who arrived, searched and handcuffed the party. He ultimately escaped the grasps of officers and fled on foot. Off duty officer gave chase, announced himself as police, and told the fugitive to stop. He failed to stop. Officer caught up to him and tackled him. He was then taken into custody.	Yes	1 White Male	No



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8-11-2019	Theft	Firearm Pointing / Soft Hands	Two shoplifters fled on foot from officers. One suspect stopped and was taken into custody. The other suspect continued to run while throwing objects at officers. One officer located the suspect hiding behind a bush, partially concealed by foliage. The officer drew his firearm briefly due to his inability to see the suspect's hands and the possible presence of weapons. As the suspect began to flee again, the officer reholstered his weapon. The suspect was observed by another officer, who wrapped his arms around the suspect, taking the suspect to the ground and into custody.	Yes	1 African- American Female	No
8-23-2019	Assist Other Agency / Shooting	Firearm Pointing	Outside agency requested SAPD assistance with a shooting incident. SAPD officer located the suspect vehicle and assisted with a high risk stop of the vehicle. While assisting, SAPD officer pointed his firearm in the direction of the suspect.	Yes	1 African- American Male	No
8-28-2019	Assist Other Agency	Soft Hands	Outside agency requested SAPD assistance as they were fighting with a suspect. SAPD officer arrived and assisted with holding down the suspect, who was still actively resisting and spitting at officers. Officer used a pressure point technique.	Yes	1 Hispanic Male	No
9-10-2019	Burglary Alarm	Firearm Pointing	SAPD officer received a 911 call to a burglary alarm at a business. Officer arrived and found a door slightly ajar. Officer drew his firearm and began searching the building. Officer found a male inside and, fearing he was a burglar, briefly pointed his firearm at him. The male was later identified as the owner.	Yes	1 White Male	No



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10-5-2019	Obstruct the Legal Process	Soft Hands	SAPD officers were investigating a possible domestic between a male and female near a vehicle. They observed two additional passengers and a small amount of marijuana inside. The female had an outstanding warrant. During their investigation, an uninvolved male began circling the officers on a bicycle. Officers knew the male as being emotionally disturbed, a methamphetamine user, hostile toward police, and known to carry a handgun. Officers told him to leave the area multiple times, but he refused. He continued to circle and yell profanities at them. Officers, concerned for their safety and the safety of those they were interacting with, attempted to pat search him for weapons. The male pulled away and reached toward his waistband. Officers utilized a pressure point technique and wrapped arms around him, bringing him to the ground. He was handcuffed and brought to jail.	Yes	1 White Male	No
10-5-2019	Obstruct Legal Process	Taser Pointing/ Soft Hands	Officer observed a suspicious male enter a business from a vehicle. Male later re-entered vehicle and vehicle left. Officer conducted a traffic stop due to an equipment violation. As the vehicle stopped, the suspicious male exited the passenger seat and began running. The female driver remained in the vehicle. The officer gave chase on foot, pointed his taser at the male, telling him to stop or he would be tased. After approximately 2 blocks, the male surrendered and laid on the ground. The officer held him at taser point. The female then appeared behind the officer in her car, yelling at the officer. A back up officer arrived and observed the female with her hands out of sight near her purse. He held his firearm at a low ready position, not pointed at the female. He ordered her to put her hands on the steering wheel, which she complied. Both taken into custody without further incident.	Yes	1 White Male 1 White Female	No



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11-12-2019	Assist Other Agency / Vehicle Pursuit	Firearm Pointing	Outside agency requested SAPD assistance with a high risk traffic stop following a vehicle pursuit that ended in a crash. SAPD officer arrived on scene and conducted a high risk traffic stop, which included a firearm pointing at three occupants as they were called out of a vehicle.	Yes	3 African- American Males	No
12-7-2019	Narcotics Arrest	Taser Pointing/ Soft Hands	Officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. Officer could smell the odor of marijuana inside and suspected that the male driver was impaired by alcohol and/or other substance(s). The female passenger advised that the vehicle was a rental that she was paying for, though she had no documentation, as required by law. Neither party had a valid driver's license. The officer advised the female to give him the car keys so he could conduct a search of the vehicle and also impound it. She physically and verbally refused. He advised her she was under arrest and escorted her to his squad car. She pulled away and refused to be handcuffed. The officer used an arm bar technique to lower her to the ground for cuffing, during which time she continued to fight and pull away. A second officer was on scene attempting to handcuff the male driver, who was also refusing. The first officer held the female down, and then pointed his taser at the male, telling him to comply. A third officer arrived and used a wrist lock to assist with handcuffing the male. The female was then handcuffed.	Yes	1 African-American Male 1 White Female	No
12-21-2019	Assist Other Agency / Vehicle Pursuit	Firearm Pointing	A vehicle that had just fled from officers was observed by an SAPD officer. As the officer was following, the vehicle accelerated quickly and collided with another vehicle. The officer exited his squad and pointed his firearm in the direction of both occupants of the suspect vehicle in an attempt to effect a high risk stop. Both occupants ran on foot, at which time the officer reholstered his firearm and gave chase on foot.	Yes	1 African- American Female 1 White Female	No



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SUMMARY

Total Incidents	Total Reviewed by Supervisors	Total Within Policy	Total Number of Injuries to Subjects or Officers
31	31	31	0

SUBJECT DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

WHITE MALE	17
WHITE FEMALE	7
AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE	15
AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE	2
HISPANIC MALE	4
HISPANIC FEMALE	0

ASIAN MALE	1
ASIAN FEMALE	1
NATIVE AMERICAN MALE	0
NATIVE AMERICAN FEMALE	1
UNKNOWN	1

PERCENTAGE OF PUBLIC CONTACT THAT RESULTED IN FORCE

Approximate Number of Public Contacts	Number of Contacts Resulting in Use of Force	Percentage of Public Contacts that Resulted in Use of Force
9570	31	0.32 %

This report was prepared per St. Anthony PD Policy #300.13 – Use of Force Analysis. Per policy I have researched and found no evidence for the following:

- The identification of any trends in the use of force by members.* No trends have been identified.
- Training needs recommendations.* I have not identified any need for additional training outside of the current department training schedule.
- Equipment needs recommendations.* There are no equipment needs identified.
- Policy revision recommendations.* No recommendations for policy revisions.