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2021 Year End Statistical Review

Year	Use of Force	Collisions	Vehicle Pursuits	IA Investigations
2021	64	19	7	13
2020	68	8	15	11

Use of Force Data

Ethnicity	Asian	White	Hispanic	Black	Other
2021	1	40	21	2	0
2020	0	35	21	11	1

Gender	Male	Female
2021	48	16
2020	60	8

Average Age	
2021	31.2 Years Old
2020	31.0 Years Old

Type of Force	Taser	Grab/Hold	Push/Pull	Strike/Hit	ASP/Stick	Firearm	OC	K-9	Special Weapon
2021	21	25	14	4	1	1	0	4	6
2020	32	16	13	21	2	1	0	4	4

Note: In some use of force applications, multiple levels/ techniques were used to gain compliance in each situation.

The Kennewick Police Department had one instance of deadly force, which resulted in serious bodily injury to the offender. This use of force was investigated by the Tri-Cities Special Investigations Unit and will be reviewed by BCPA Andy Miller in early 2022.

Use of force showed an overall decrease of four instances between 2020 and 2021. In reviewing use of force incidents, Grab/Hold applications were the most used type of force at 39%. Taser application was a close second at 33%. It should be noted the use of strike/hit force decreased significantly in 2021 from 2020. This could be attributed to increased de-escalation training and updated legislation in July of 2021. The use of special weapons increased marginally due to use of Pepperball and the inability to use 37mm

in the second half of the year. K-9 remained consistent at 4 applications. The use of ASP/Stick decreased 50 percent. Finally, the use of force against the women increased 100%.

Vehicle Collision Data

Review Board Findings	Preventable	Non-Preventable
2021-19 Vehicle Collisions	10	9
2020- 8 Vehicle Collisions	6	2

Vehicle collisions increased by 11 crashes between 2020 and 2021. Further, the number of preventable collisions increased by four.

Vehicle Pursuit Data

	Within Policy	Collision Involved
2021- 7 Vehicle Pursuits	7 within policy	4
2020- 15 Vehicle Pursuit	15 within policy	5

Vehicle pursuits decreased in 2021 largely attributed to new legislation preventing most pursuits. In 2021, 100 percent of the vehicle pursuits were within policy. The number of vehicle collisions related to pursuits during 2021 was 4.

IA Investigations/ Reviews Data

Year	Sustained	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Unfounded	Policy Failure
2021- 13	3	2	3	3	1
2020- 11	7	1	2	3	0

Note: Some IA investigations/reviews had multiple findings and one Deadly Force encounter was still open pending Prosecutor review.

In 2021, IA investigations/reviews increased by 18 percent. No negative trends or early warnings were identified. It should be noted the deadly force encounter is still open pending prosecutor review. The one policy failure was related to an evidence audit where updated procedures were required for property destruction processes.

General Activity

- 103 pre-employment background investigations.
 - 11 commissioned police officers hired.
 - No cadet officer(s) hired.
 - No police support specialist(s) hired.

Bias Based Policing

There were no biased policing allegations reported to the Kennewick Police Department during 2021.

Enforcement contacts by demographics:

In 2021, the Kennewick Police Department contacted and took enforcement action on 5,554 citizens for both traffic and non-traffic related incidents. The number of contacts represents both dispatch calls for

service and proactivity. Demographic information for the community was obtained using Tri-City Development Council’s website. The representative numbers used for this research are as follows:

2021 Total Contacts	4366	KPD Statistics	Community Statistics
Male	2805	64%	51%
Female	1599	37%	49%
Asian	44	1%	3%
Black	225	5%	2%
Hispanic	1113	25%	32%
American Indian	9	0.2%	1%
Other/Unknown	639	15%	17%
White	2336	54%	73%

Use of force by demographics:

Of the 64 uses of force, force was used against the white race 62.5%, Hispanic ethnicity 33%, African Americans 3% and Asians 1.5%. Use of force against African Americans dropped over 13% in 2021. It appears related to an overall reduction in enforcement contacts in 2021.

Comparatively, in 2020 use of force against Caucasian was 51.47%, Hispanic ethnicity 30.88%, African Americans 16.17% and Indigenous American(s) 1.47%

Findings

IA investigations/reviews and vehicle collisions increased between 2020 and 2021, no attributable cause could be identified. Vehicle pursuits and Use of Force decreased in 2021 likely a result of new legislation. The Kennewick Police Department’s enforcement statistics compared to our community demographics represents no apparent bias in the department’s policing activities.