



KENNEWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2019 Year End Statistical Review

Year	Use of Force	Collisions	Vehicle Pursuits	IA Investigations
2019	67	12	12	11
2018	49	9	8	12

Use of Force Data

Ethnicity	Asian	White	Hispanic	Black	Other
2019	1	43	17	6	0
2018	1	35	9	4	0

Gender	Male	Female
2019	60	7
2018	40	9

Average Age	
2019	31.37 Years Old
2018	31.63 Years Old

Type of Force	Taser	Grab/Hold	Push/Pull	Strike/Hit	ASP/Stick	Firearm	OC	K-9	Special Weapon
2019	23	22	9	34	4	1	0	1	1
2018	17	17	9	14	0	0	0	0	1

Note: In some use of force applications, multiple levels/ techniques were employed in attempts gain compliance.

The Kennewick Police Department had one instance of deadly force use in 2019. In that incident, the suspect was not injured. That use of force deadly force was investigated by the Tri-Cities Special Investigations Unit and reviewed by the Benton County Prosecuting Attorney’s office. The BCPA deemed the officer’s actions were justified. A Kennewick Police Department shooting review board was convened and Chief Hohenberg determined the officer acted in accordance with the Kennewick Police Department Rules & Regulations.

Use of force showed an increase of 37% between 2018 and 2019. In reviewing use of force incidents, strike/hit was the most used type of force at 51%. Taser applications were the second most used type of force at 34%. It should be noted the use of strike/hit force more than doubled from 2018 to 2019. The use of special weapons remained constant and K-9 increased 100%. The use of ASP/Stick increased 400%. The percentage increases appear significant but the statistics represent such a small number of instances that a change of one or two can appear significant but isn't if all factors are considered.

Vehicle Collision Data

Review Board Findings	Preventable	Non-Preventable
2019 - 12 Vehicle Collisions	8	4
2018 - 8 Vehicle Collisions	6	2

Vehicle collisions increased by 50% between 2018 and 2019. Further, the number of preventable collisions increased by 30% and non-preventable increased by 50%.

Vehicle Pursuit Data

	Within Policy	Collision Involved
2019 - 12 Vehicle Pursuits(s)	10 Yes / 2 No	2
2018 - 8 Vehicle Pursuit(s)	7 Yes / 1 No	2

Vehicle pursuits increased by 50% between 2018 and 2019. In 2019, 83% of vehicle pursuits were within policy while 87.5% were within policy in 2018. The number of vehicle collisions resulting from vehicle pursuits increased 50%.

IA Investigations/ Reviews Data

Year	Sustained	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Unfounded	Policy Failure
2019 - 11	2	3	3	5	0
2018 - 8	4	1	3	1	0

Note: Some IA investigations/reviews had multiple findings.

In 2019, IA investigations/reviews increased by 37.5% from eight to 11.

General Activity

- 79 pre-employment background investigations.
 - Seven commissioned police officers hired.
 - Two cadet officers hired.
 - One police support specialist hired.

Bias Based Policing

There were no biased policing allegations reported to the Kennewick Police Department during 2019.

Enforcement contacts by demographics:

In 2019, the Kennewick Police Department contacted and took enforcement action on 10,119 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:

2019 Total Contacts	10119	KPD Statistics	Community Statistics
Male	5879	58.10%	51%
Female	4240	41.90%	49%
Asian	88	0.87%	3%
Black	384	3.79%	2%
Hispanic	2224	21.98%	32%
American Indian	12	0.12%	1%
Other/Unknown	1412	13.95%	17%
White	5999	59.28%	73%

Use of force by demographics:

In 2019, the Kennewick Police Department had 67 uses of force. Of those uses of force, force was used against the white race was 64.17%, Hispanic ethnicity 25.37%, African Americans 8.95%, American Indian less than 1% and the Asian race at 1.49%.

Findings

The categories of use of force, IA investigations/reviews, vehicle collisions and vehicle pursuits all showed an increase between 2018 and 2019. The documented increases do not represent an enough of an increase to cause concern. The department’s statistical analysis represents such small amounts of data that truly insignificant changes can show as large percentage increases but have little or no impact on the overall performance. The Kennewick Police Department’s enforcement statistics compared to our community demographics represents no apparent bias in the departments policing activities.