Police Department

Use of Force Review for 2022

January 2nd, 2023

Chief Ottaviano,

I have completed a review of Use of Force (UOF) incidents for the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Police Department in 2022. There were only four incidents in which a UOF report was required in accordance with our Use of Force Policy (GO-300.10) A fifth report was filed out of an abundance of caution as restraints (handcuffs) were applied until a rescue arrived for a subject who was compliant with police but a danger to himself.

Of the four incidents requiring UOF reporting, only less than lethal force was used in the form of officer compliance techniques (restraints, takedowns, hands, arms, feet, legs). No O/C spray or impact weapons were deployed during any UOF incident in 2022. No lethal UOF was presented or used by any member of the Airport Police in 2022.

During the months of January and March of 2021, the department conducted Use of Force training with Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy UOF instructors. The course was composed of hands on takedown and handcuffing techniques as well as baton tactics.

In January 2023, our department will conduct refresher training on less than lethal UOF tactics utilizing O/C Pepper Spray, the Expandable Baton and hands on control techniques in accordance with the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission standards for Less Lethal training every 2 years.

Respectfully,

David Shinskey Police Inspector

