

# SUGAR LAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Internal Affairs



### ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY OF USE OF FORCE [Officers' Use of Deadly and Less Lethal Force]

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#### Report Issued Pursuant to:

- Sugar Land Police Department General Order 01-05 R6 IX.

**Period Covered:** January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

#### Summary of Use of Force:

- In 2020, there were 19 Reports [a 6% increase from 2019, which had 18]
- 2 Officers used more than one use of force in a single incident.
- Options Used
  - 76% [16] Soft Empty Hand Control
  - 14% [3] Hard Empty Hand Control
  - 10% [2] Taser
- Disciplinary Action
  - 89% [17] of reports resulted in a finding that actions were justified in keeping with proper techniques and policy.
  - 11% [2] of reports resulted in a finding of policy violation – One officer used language not force; the other officer violated #01-16 R2 (Body Camera) III Required Situations for Use – Officer did not activate body camera while arriving on scene of the call. #01-05 (Use of Force) II Levels of Command B Dialogue-The use of non-physical methods by the officer to gain compliance.

#### Patterns or Trends Identified that may reveal training needs, equipment upgrades, and/or policy modifications:

- Reality based training will continue to be a priority, utilizing more volunteers from CAST and CPAAA in the scenarios.
- Responses to Resistance/Aggression involving Tasers (2) in 2019 and (2) in 2020. All Taser deployments are monitored and documented. Currently every officer who carries a TASER trains on TASER deployment every year.

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