Departmental Correspondence

Crystal Lake Police Department

To: Chief Black

From: Deputy Chief Neumann

CC: Deputy Chief Kotlowski

Date: March 21st, 2022

Re: Response to Resistance Analysis – Calendar Year 2019 CALEA 4.2.4

An analysis of the response to resistance by officers in the performance of their official duties for the calendar year 2019 has been completed. During the year, any documented response to resistance was identified and reviewed by the officer's supervisor, the Training Coordinator, and the command staff to include the officer's Unit Commander, Deputy Chief, and the Chief of Police. The reviews consisted of comparisons of the officer's actions to the established policy of the Department on response to resistance, specifically:

> **300.3 RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE**
> Officers shall use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and circumstances perceived by the officer at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.
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> The reasonableness of force will be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene at the time of the incident. Any evaluation of reasonableness must allow for the fact that officers are often forced to make split-second decisions about the amount of force that reasonably appears necessary in a particular situation, with limited information and in circumstances that are tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving.
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> Given that no policy can realistically predict every possible situation an officer might encounter, officers are entrusted to use well-reasoned discretion in determining the appropriate response to resistance in each incident.
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> It is also recognized that circumstances may arise in which officers reasonably believe that it would be impractical or ineffective to use any of the tools, weapons or methods provided by the Department. Officers may find it more effective or reasonable to improvise their response to rapidly unfolding conditions that they are confronting. In such circumstances, the use of any improvised device or method must nonetheless be reasonable and utilized only to the degree that reasonably appears necessary to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.
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> While the ultimate objective of every law enforcement encounter is to avoid or minimize injury, nothing in this policy requires an officer to retreat or be exposed to possible physical injury before applying reasonable force.

After reviewing the response to resistance employed by officers, I found that each situation was reasonable and in compliance with Department Policy.

Calls for Service and Arrests-
In 2019, the Department responded to 27,450 calls for service. Of these calls for service, 690 resulted in adult arrests. Additionally, there were seventy-nine (79) juveniles arrested. Therefore, approximately 2.8% of calls for service involved an arrest of an individual.

Purpose of Response to Resistance-
In 2019, Officers documented thirty-six (36) incidents involving a response to resistance involving thirty-eight (38) different individuals. Twenty-six (26) of those incidents involved the subjects being involved in criminal activity. Ten (10) of those incidents involved subjects who were in need of medical attention and hospitalization. This equates to approximately 3.4% of arrests requiring a type of response to resistance, or conversely, no type of response was used in 96.6% of arrests. In overall calls for service, a response to resistance was needed at a rate of 0.1%. Meaning, in 99.9% of the total calls for service in 2019, no type of response to resistance was used.

Injuries Sustained-
During the thirty-six (36) incidents involving a responses to resistance, one (1) officer sustained a minor knee injury during one of the incidents. Four (4) offenders sustained injuries during the incident responses. One offender aggravated a previously injured shoulder and sustained some minor scrapes. Another offender sustained a minor laceration above their eye from walking into a doorframe. The third offender reportedly aggravated a previously injured shoulder. Finally, the fourth offender sustained scrapes on their face, knees, and feet after coming into contact with concrete.

Demographics-
Of the response to resistance incidents, thirty-one (31) involved male offenders and seven (7) involved female offenders. A male was the offender in 86% of the incidents. The offender was white in 89% of the incidents. The average age of the offenders was twenty-nine (29) years old. There were three (3) juveniles involved in a response to resistance in 2019. The thirty-five (35) adult offenders ranged in age from 18-52 years old. The only discernable pattern identified was that the offender involved in a response to resistance incident is more likely to be a white male. Ninety-five (95) male officers and two (2) female officers were involved in incidents during 2019.

A type of response to resistance was employed by ninety-seven (97) officers during the thirty-six (36) incidents. Some officers used more than one type of response during an incident. The types of responses ranged from "Empty Hand Controls" to "Firearm Displayed". The frequency of those responses is as follows:

Empty Hand Control	68
WRAP Deployed	8
Taser Displayed (not fired)	7
Taser Deployed	1
Firearm Displayed (not fired)	6

Overall response to resistance incidents decreased from thirty-nine (39) in 2018 to thirty-six (36) in 2019. Deadly force was not employed in 2019. Empty hand controls is still the primary type of response used. In 2019, officer injuries related to the response to resistance remained the same as in in 2018 with one (1) injury. Upon reviewing the documented response to resistance incidents it appears our officers are responding appropriately to encountered resistance. Those responses are within the law and their training.

March, May, July, and August had the most occurrences of incidents involving a response to resistance with five (5). 33% of the response to resistance incidents happened in the third quarter of the year. The second quarter of the year had the least amount of incidents with 17%. Twenty (20) of the incidents resulting in a response to resistance occurred between 1400 hours and 2300 hours, which would coincide with heavier call volumes. Eight (8) of the documented response to resistance incidents occurred between 2300 hours and 0300 hours. The remaining incidents when a response to resistance was necessary occurred at various times throughout the day with no discernible pattern.

Based on this analysis, I recommend that no changes should be made to the Department's policies or procedures at this time. I do not recommend acquiring any additional items of equipment at this time. Lastly, I recommend the information contained in this analysis be shared with the personnel who develop the Department's scenario-based training. The trainers can then design sessions to include events with particular details to better prepare the officers. The incident reports and Response to Resistance Reviews for each incident are available for your review if desired.

This analysis was amended from 2020 as a result of an update to the associated CALEA standard.