

# Columbia Heights Police Department



## Use of Force Summary Report

2018



## Summary of 2018 Use of Force

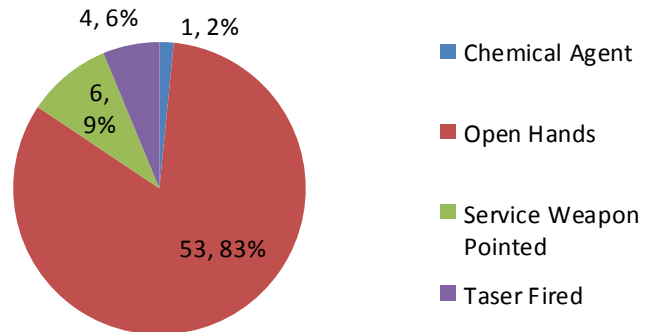
The officers of the Columbia Heights Police Department continue to use a minimal amount of force while accomplishing our mission of working collaboratively with the community to protect life and property. We place the highest value on civil rights and the sanctity of life and as such, I am happy to share the following highlights for 2018:

- The CHPD responded to 20, 375 calls for service (Anoka County Communications)
- A minimal amount of force was used in 0.31% of these calls with a total of 64 incidents for the year.
- Open hand techniques was the most common type of force used.
- 80% of the subjects involved where force was used, reported no injury. Of those that reported injuries, minor pain or abrasions was the most common.

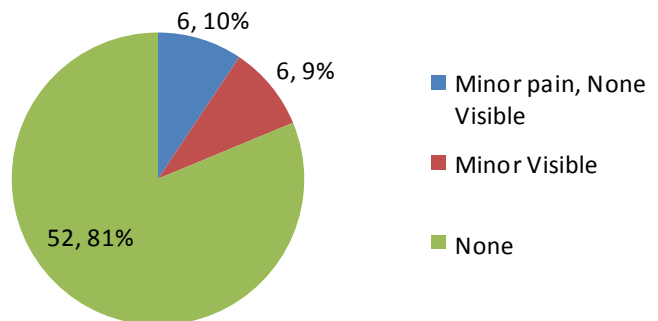
While we feel these numbers show we are doing well and moving in a positive direction, we remain mindful that there is always room for improvement. We continue to train in Crisis Intervention Techniques (CIT) and have added the ICAT training to our regular curriculum. This report and analysis is also part of our efforts to self-monitor, provide transparency and identify ways we can continue to improve. We look forward to our continued work with the community on this topic.

~ Chief Lenny Austin

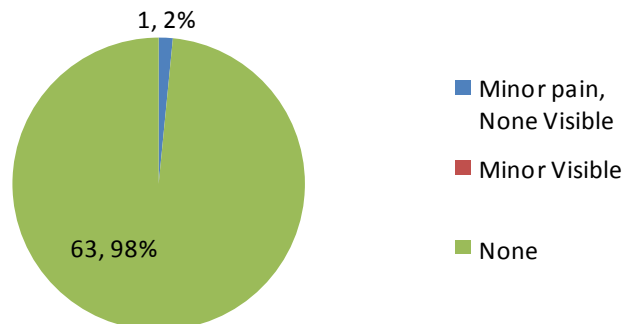
### Type of Force Used



### Subject Injury Reported

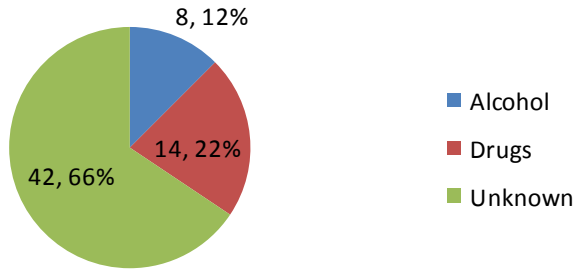


### Officer Injuries

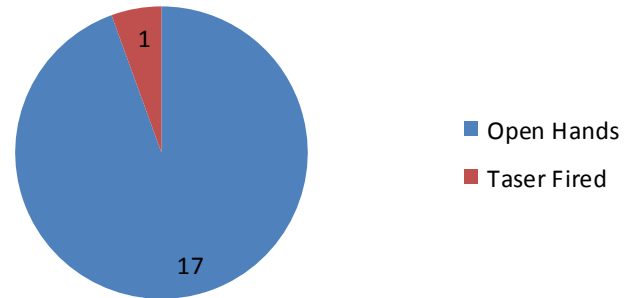


In 2018 we responded to 20,375 calls for service and used force 64 times

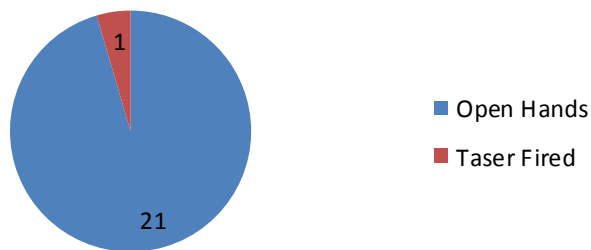
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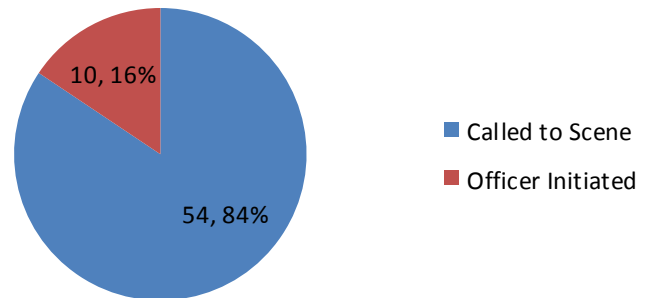
### Type of Force - Mental Health



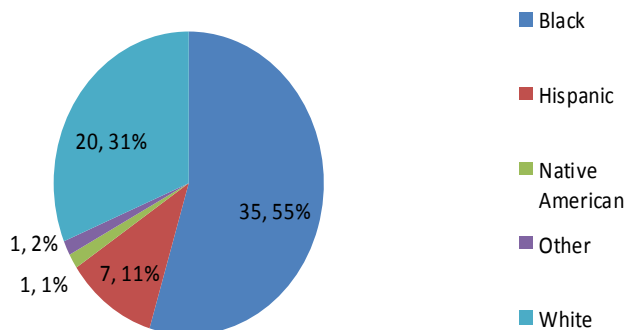
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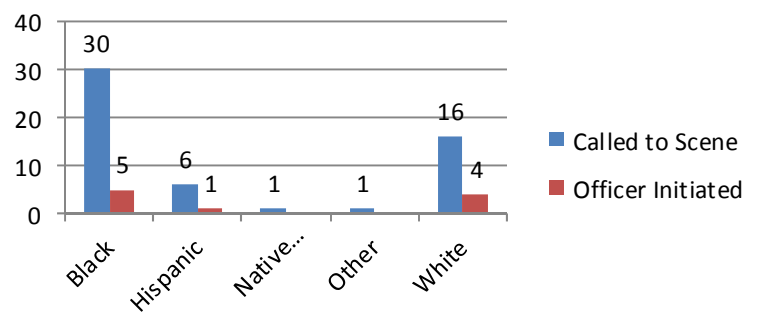
### How the Incident Initiated



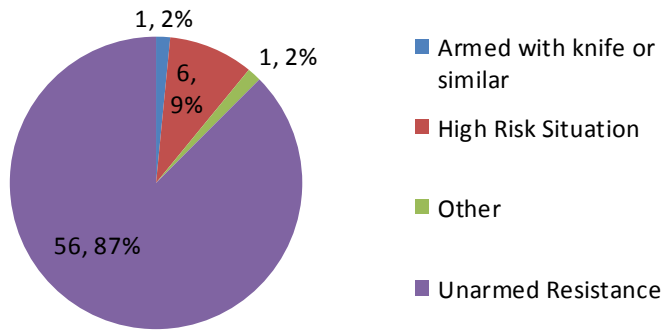
### Use of Force by Race



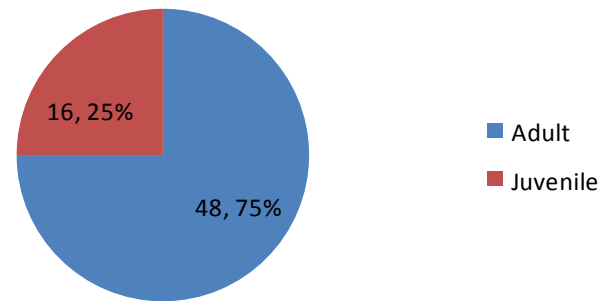
### Use of Force By Race and Call Type



## Types of Resistance/Threat



## Use of Force by Age



Starting in July of 2018, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension began to formally collect use of force data from MN Law Enforcement Agencies for inclusion in the FBI National Use-of-Force Data Collection. Agencies are asked to report incidents which include:

- Use of Force resulting in death or serious bodily injury of a subject
- The discharge of a firearm at or in the direction of a subject.

The Columbia Heights Police Department did not have any incidents meeting these criteria for 2018. This report outlines our internal tracking, which is significantly more detailed than required by state or federal reporting. Open hand techniques (escorts holds joint locks, etc.) continue to be the most common use of force employed by the police department.

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