San Francisco Police Department

Professional Standards and Principled Policing Unit

Response to Request for Information

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Request: Records of deployment by San Francisco Police Department since January 1, 2020 (to 10/04/21) of projectile launch platforms, such as 40mm projectile launchers, "bean bag" or specialty impact munition ("SIM") weapons, and "riot guns" used to disperse chemical agents; explosives and pyrotechnics, such as "flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools; and chemical weapons such as "teargas" and "pepper balls".

Response: On February 15, 2023, a search was conducted using the AIM database via Oracle Business Intelligence Tools for Use of Force incidents by force type for January 1, 2020 – October 4, 2021. The force types searched include Chemical Agent, Extended Range Impact Weapon (ERIW), Impact Weapon, and "Other" force types where free text descriptions included 40 mm Foam Baton Projectile, 40mm OC Impact ERIW, Diversionary Device, Flashbang, Pepperball and Stingball Chemical Agent. The results are provided in an attached Excel spreadsheet for the time period of January 1, 2020 through October 4, 2021.

The table depicts the incidents in which force was used during the requested time frame, as well as the date and Force Type Description. The count of force column depicts an aggregate number, where each officer/subject interaction per incident was counted uniquely.

Notes:
Per California Welfare and Institution Code § 827, information related to juvenile subjects is not releasable. There were 83 counts of force used toward 75 juveniles during 22 incidents that were withheld from the provided dataset for this reason.

Additionally, information correlated to the mental health status of subjects is not releasable. There were 76 counts of force used towards 43 subjects during 42 incidents that were withheld from the provided dataset for this reason.

Data Source: San Francisco Police Department's Administrative Investigations Management (AIM) database via Oracle Business Intelligence Tools
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