



Rhode Island Airport Corporation  
Police Department

**Use of Force Review for 2021**

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Chief Ottaviano,

I have completed a review of Use of Force incidents for the Rhode Island Airport Police in 2021. There was only one Use of Force Report requiring use of force on a non-compliant individual. Of the two officers involved in this incident, one partially drew his service weapon on a suspect behind the wheel of a moving vehicle, who then complied with commands and was taken into custody. No O/C spray or impact weapons were deployed during this or any other incident in 2021.

Our existing Use of Force policy (GO-300.10) requires the following:

*A. A Use of Force Report shall be submitted to the Shift Supervisor whenever a sworn Department member:*

- 1. Applies force through the use of a lethal or less-than-lethal weapon whether or not death or injury of any person results.*
- 2. Intentionally discharges a firearm, unless such discharge occurred during the course of training or annual qualifications;*
- 3. Takes an action that results in or is alleged to have resulted in serious bodily injury to any person;*
- 4. Applies weaponless physical force such as punches or kicks upon another individual;*
- 5. Is present and observes another member use force as described above.*
- 6. A person dies while in police custody or dies during the apprehension or attempted apprehension of a person.*
- 7. As immediately as practically possible upon completion of the incident or before the end of the officer's tour of duty*

Only one report was made that met these criteria. A Use of Force Report was made and the incident and report were policy compliant.



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In January and March of 2021 the department conducted Use of Force training with RIMPTA Use of Force instructors. The course was composed of hands on takedown and handcuffing techniques as well as baton tactics.

Respectfully,

David Shinskey  
Police Inspector

