



Rhode Island Airport Corporation
Police Department

Use of Force Review for 2020

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Chief Ottaviano,

I have completed a review of Use of Force incidents for the Rhode Island Airport Police in 2020. There was only one incident requiring use of force on a non-compliant individual. The three officers involved in this single incident only used hands on compliance techniques to effect the arrest and apply handcuffs to the subject. No O/C spray, impact weapons or firearms were deployed during this or any other incident in 2020.

Our existing Use of Force policy (GO-4) requires the following reporting chain:

“In the case of an on-duty Use of Force incident, a Use of Force report will be completed before a sworn Department member secures from duty on the date of the incident.” “The Use of Force report will be submitted to the shift supervisor, who will review the incident reports involving any and all applications of force. The shift supervisor will then submit a report to the Chief with the findings. This report will cite all of the relevant facts and circumstances surrounding the incident and, in the case of a firearm discharge, arrive at a conclusion as to any violation of Department policy.”

This sole incident in 2020 was policy compliant.

In January and March of this year 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

