



CITY OF TOPEKA

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RE: 1st Quarter Report

The Independent Police Auditor (IPA) has reviewed a total of 37 use of force cases with 8 falling into more than one category. The cases are categorized as follows:

Show of Force (force not actually used but pointing a weapon at the citizen) – **10**

Pepper (OC) Spray – **5**

Taser – **6**

Physical use of force (the officer uses take down and control techniques to achieve compliance) – **23**

Firearm Discharge – **1** (putting dog down that was charging at officer and K-9 partner)

Less lethal – **2** (Bean bag deployments)

After the review of the cases the IPA has determined that the use of force by the officers was appropriate and in accordance with Topeka Police Department policy as well as current case law. None of the cases rose to the level of referral to the City Manager.

The IPA has also completed:

3 administrative investigation reviews

3 audit reviews

5 citizen complaints

2 review of civilian complaint submitted to PSU

Attended 14 NIA/NA meetings and a number of other community meetings

Respectfully submitted,

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