



UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE

Use of Force Incidents ~ 2013

The University of New Hampshire Police Department recognizes and respects the value and special integrity of each human life. In vesting police officers with the lawful authority to use force to protect the public welfare, a careful balancing of all human interests is required. Therefore, it is the policy of this department that police officers shall use only that force that is reasonably necessary to effectively bring an incident under control, while protecting the lives of the officer or another.

In **2013**, the University of New Hampshire Police Department reported sixteen (16) use-of-force incidents by its personnel – two (2) of which took place during civil disturbances. A total of thirteen (13) different officers were identified as applying force during the course of their duties, and of those thirteen officers, one (1) was from an outside agency working for the University of New Hampshire Police Department. Of the sixteen (16) reported instances whereby force was used, the application of said force was reviewed both by certified use-of-force instructors, as well as the executive management of the University of New Hampshire Police Department. These reviews were conducted to make certain the deployment of force was done within the strictest and most reasonable parameters of law, administrative rule, and department standard operating procedures.

The University of New Hampshire Police Department holds its personnel to the standards set forth in NH RSA 625:5 titled Physical Force in Law Enforcement, and it is this objective standard against which all instances of the use-of-force are gauged.

Of the sixteen (16) times personnel deployed force to effect an arrest and/or bring an incident under control, all were deemed an appropriate and judicious use-of-force. None of the results resulted in findings whereby fault could be assigned to an Officer or Officer(s).

It should be noted, during the 2013 calendar year, the University of New Hampshire Police Department made 581 arrests. Of those 581 arrests, University of New Hampshire Police Department personnel used force fourteen (14) times (excluding the deployment of force during civil disturbances) meaning force was utilized during approximately 2.5% of the interactions.