



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT | *Beyond the Call*

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I&P Unit Reference: 21-1036A

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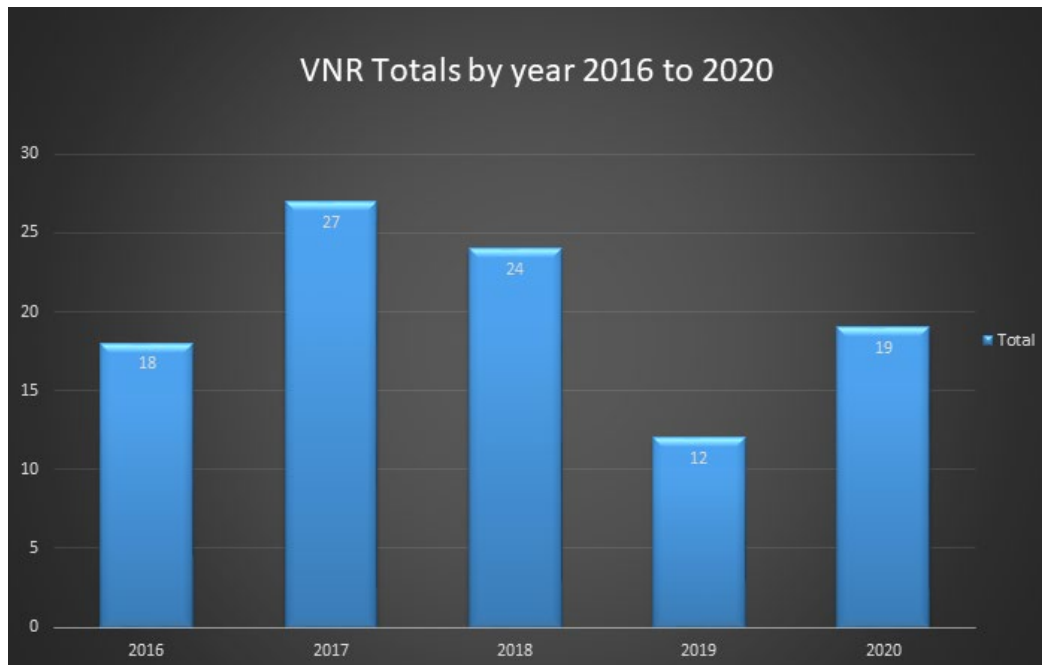
Re: Records Access Request

We are replying to your request for information that was received in our office on October 25, 2021. In that request, you sought access to the following VPD information:

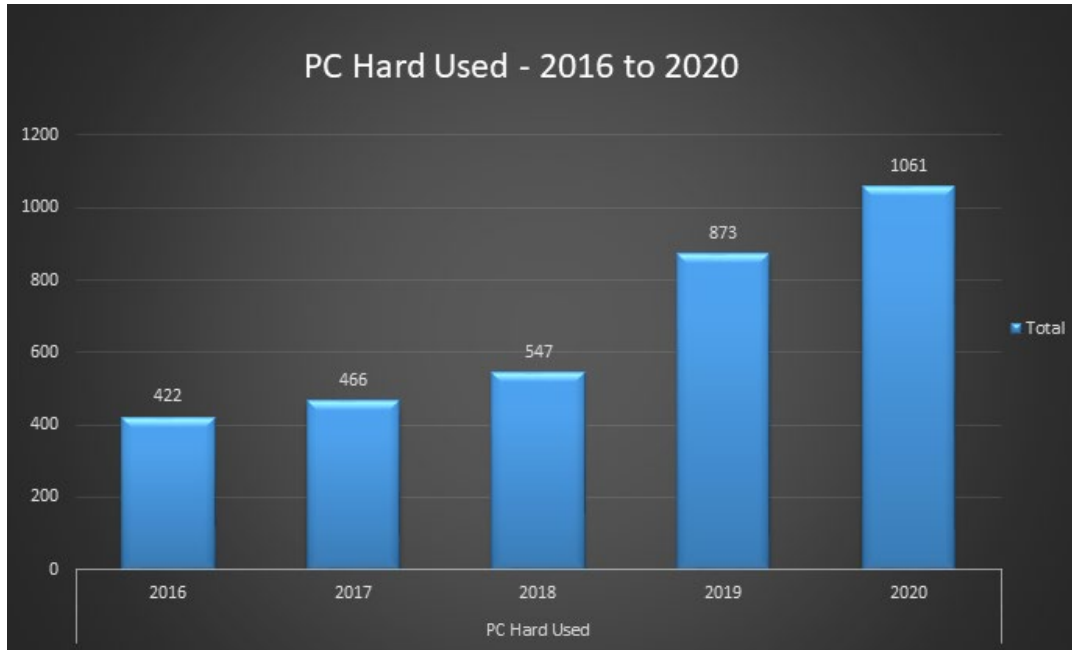
“The total number of incidents, by year, 2016 to 2020, for officers use of: 1. Physical control-hard (sub totals by ethnicity and mental health status); and 2. Vascular neck restraints, a.k.a. lateral neck restraints (and sub totals by ethnicity and mental health status).”

Upon receipt of your request we contacted the VPD Force Options Training Unit. The below data could be compiled. Retrieving the remaining data would require a manual review of each file, as this type of data is not readily retrievable by our systems and is not in a form that can be compiled. It is our position that section 6 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) does not require this level of retrieval.

Vascular Neck Restraint (VNR) Totals by Year (2016 to 2020):



Physical Control (PC) Hard Used Totals by Year (2016 to 2020):



**** The Subject Behaviour Officer Response (SBORR) is a provincially mandated requirement. Starting in 2017 the VPD increased SBORR education and training to alert members of provincial reporting requirements. Members received training to report their use of force not only in their text pages of police reports, but also in the SBORR template. This likely increased the number of incidents that were documented in SBORR reports, which contributed to the apparent uptrend in use of force statistics. The education and update of members within the VPD on SBORR thresholds and need to record use of force in the template took approximately 2 years due to the large size of the department. These statistics are expected to plateau with training completion. ****

If you have any questions, please contact the Information and Privacy Unit at (604) 717-3071 or email foi@vpd.ca.

Yours truly,

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