



2026 USE OF FORCE

Quarterly Report (2nd Qtr., 2026)

Introduction

By policy, the Northlake Police Department requires a yearly analysis of procedures involving all Use of Force incidents to determine patterns or trends that could indicate training needs, equipment upgrades, racial or other biases, and/or recommended policy modification. This report is a quarterly snapshot of the number of Use of Force incidents occurring year to date for 2026.

Use of Force Occurrences

Month	# of Individual Occurrences	Type of Force Used	# of Officers Involved	Was a Complaint Filed?	Findings
January	1	FD/P	3	No	Acted within policy
February	1	EHC	5	No	Acted within policy
March	1	FD/P	2	No	Acted within policy
April				No	Acted within policy
May	1	FD	4	No	Acted within policy;
	1	EHC	3	No	Acted within policy
June	1	EHC	3	No	Acted within policy
	6	← Total # of Occurrences (Year-to-Date)			

Year-to-Date Total # of Arrests = 163

Year-to-Date Calls for Service = 27,022

Empty Hand Control (EHC) – This is basically the use of bare hands and no weapons. If words and an officer's presence are not enough, then officers may need to get physically involved. This usually involves what is referred to as, "empty-hand techniques." There is no use of weapons or equipment at this level. Instead, an officer may use "empty hand techniques" by using his or her hands to hold or restrain a person who is resisting arrest in order to achieve the desired results. (*Policy Revision: 01/6/2022*)

Firearm Drawn/Pointed (FD/P) – This is when an officer draws and points his/her firearm at a suspect who has presented a serious threat to the responding officer(s) and/or other persons and there is no time to use a lesser degree of force or attempts to de-escalate the incident further. In these instances, the officer has demonstrated restraint, and the firearm is not discharged. Rather, the firearm is holstered after the suspect has been detained and the threat no longer exists.

Firearm Discharged (FD) – This is when an officer draws and discharges his/her firearm at a suspect or animal who has presented a serious threat to the responding officer(s) and/or other persons and there is no time to use a lesser degree of force or attempts to de-escalate the incident further.