THE FORCE REPORT

Five years. 72,607 documents. Every police department in N.J. We built the most comprehensive statewide database of police use of force in the U.S.

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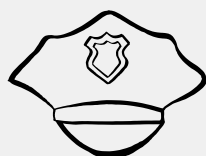
ABOUT

The Force Report, a yearlong investigation by NJ Advance Media, found New Jersey's system for tracking police force is broken, with no statewide collection or analysis of data, little oversight by state officials and no standard practices among local departments. Two decades ago, officials envisioned a centralized database that would flag potentially dangerous cops for scrutiny. But that database was never created. Until now.

WHAT WE FOUND

Why the system is broken

New Jersey had the chance to catch problem officers. But it never looked.

Major findings

What we found when we pulled all of the data together.

The latest

11/29/2018
Hundreds of N.J. cops are using force at alarming rates. The state's not tracking them. So we did.

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For 17 years, N.J. had the chance to stop potentially dangerous cops. The state failed to do it.

What is force?

Statewide overview

11/29/2018
Excessive force claims cost N.J. taxpayers millions of dollars every year. Here are some

These are the ways police are legally allowed to harm another person.

A big-picture look at how force is used across New Jersey.

of the costliest cases.

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Explore how often police in every N.J. town punch, kick or use other force (MAP)

Victims of force

They say they were victims of excessive force. Here are their stories.

Interactive map

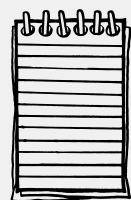See how often police use force in every N.J. town

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Every way a police officer is legally allowed to harm another person, ranked

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How we built the largest database of police force in N.J. history

FAQ

Answers to some commonly asked questions about police force and this project.

Credits

Meet the team members who researched and reported on this project.

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