



BUDGET & MANAGEMENT STUDIES

DATE: June 23, 2020

TO: MAYOR LEE BRAND
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MIGUEL ARIAS
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

THROUGH: WILMA QUAN, City Manager

FROM: HENRY FIERRO, Budget Manager *H.F.*

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO COUNCIL DIRECTION No. 77 – REQUEST THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF VIOLENT OR ESCALATED ALTERCATIONS WITH HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS REPORTED BY THE HOMELESS TASKFORCE

During the Budget Hearing on June 22, 2020, Councilmember Esparza requested the Police Department to provide the number of violent or escalated altercation incidents with homeless individuals reported by the Homeless Taskforce. The attached memo submitted by the Police Department provides the requested information.

C: Jane Sumpter, Assistant City Manager
Jim Schaad, Assistant City Manager
Tim Orman, Chief of Staff
Andrew Hall, Police Chief
Richard Tucker, Police Lieutenant
Rene Watahira, Administrative Manager
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: HENRY FIERRO, Budget Manager
MICHELLE WOOTEN, Senior Budget Analyst

FROM: ANDREW J. HALL, Chief of Police 

SUBJECT: BUDGET HEARING REQUEST

During the Police Department Budget Hearing on June 15, 2020, Council Member Nelson Esparza requested the number of calls for service involving the Homeless Task Force (HTF) where Task force members were involved with a violent or escalated altercation with a homeless individual.

In 2019, HTF handled 3,208 FresGo complaints. The team came into contact with 8,186 homeless individuals while clearing 6,504 encampments. Several of the contacts were with the same individuals which is why the number of contacts is much higher than the estimated homeless population in Fresno. Of those contacts, 510 (6.2%) resulted in either an arrest or a citation and only two (2) of those arrests resulted in a HTF officer using force.

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