Police have killed 20 in state since 2000

Controversial deaths at the hands of police in Ferguson, Mo., Cleveland and New York City have sparked ongoing protests around the nation, and prompted a national conversation about the use of deadly force by law enforcement.

Since 2000, 20 people have been shot and killed by police in New Hampshire; 19 others have been wounded. Nineteen of those incidents, including 11 fatal police shootings and one that ended in a gunman’s suicide, occurred in the past four years.

The Attorney General’s Office investigates all officer-involved shootings here. Under the Right-to-Know law, the New Hampshire Sunday News requested from that agency interviews with all officers who have used deadly force since 2011.

In response, the AG’s Office recently provided previously transcribed interviews with officers involved in eight incidents. Today’s report looks closely at some of those.

Still pending are audio recordings of interviews from the remaining 11 cases; the AG’s Office is currently reviewing those recordings to redact information that should not be made public under the law. They include interviews with officers involved in the fatal shooting of Wendy Lawrence in Manchester on Sept. 30, 2013, after a police pursuit, and the Aug. 14, 2013, fatal shooting of Alex Cora DeJesus, a suspected drug dealer, in Weare.