

Professional Standards Unit



Use of Force Annual Report 2022

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Annual Response to Resistance Review 2022

The purpose of this report is to review and analyze the Response to Resistance by members of the Lauderhill Police Department during the year 2022. This report is mandated through Policy Standard **01.300 – Response to Resistance**.

The information contained within this report was obtained through the Department's *Use of Force Reports* generated by agency members as directed by Policy.

Per Policy, a *Use of Force Report* is required to document use of force incidents from the application of a takedown all the way to the use of Lethal Force, and/or the discharge of a firearm, excluding range practice or accidental discharges.

Lower levels of force such as Verbal Direction, the application of Restraint Devices or other Physical Control techniques such as Transporters that do not result in injury are documented in the Offense Incident Report. Therefore, the more routine use of force is not recorded in this annual review.

During 2022, the Lauderhill Police Department utilized Blue Team, which is a component of IA Pro that allows department members to report various types of data. Blue Team has been implemented and is the procedure used by department members to report Use of Force incidents.

For the year 2022:

In 2022, there were 71 *Use of Force Reports* completed by department members. These reports were generated from 51 calls for service. Of the 51 calls for service, 39 calls for service required force to be used by single department

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member. Eight calls for service required force to be used by two department members. Four calls for service required force to be used by three department members. 1 call for service required force to be used by four department members. This resulted in 71 *Use of Force Reports* being completed and submitted to the Professional Standards Unit.

Resistance Levels: (Some incidents had multiple levels of resistance)

- **Verbal** – 19 instances were reported.
- **Passive Resistance** – 13 instances were reported.
- **Active Resistance** – 57 instances were reported.
- **Aggressive Resistance** – 22 instances were reported.
- **Deadly Force** – 2 instances were reported.

Response to Resistance: (Most incidents had multiple response levels)

Communication:

- **Verbal Direction** – 15 instances were reported and zero were effective

Physical Control:

- **Restraint Devices** – 0 instances were reported
- **Hand Cuffs** – 12 instances were reported, which were Effective.
- **Transporters** – 2 instances were reported, which were Effective.
- **Take Downs** – 29 instances were reported (26 Effective / 3 Non-Effective)

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- **Hands On** – 15 instances were reported
(12 Effective / 3 Non Effective)
- **Strike/punch/kick** – 8 instances were reported
(5 Effective / 3 Non Effective)
- **Counter Moves** – 2 instances were reported, which were Effective.

Non-Lethal Weapons:

- **Baton** – 0 instances were reported.
- **OC Spray** – 0 Instances Reported
- **CEW** – 27 instances were reported
(12 Effective / 15 Non Effective)

K-9 Utilized:

- **K-9** – 5 instances were reported and all were effective.

Deadly Force:

- **Firearm** - 0 instances were reported.

Reason for Use of Force:

- **Effect Arrest** – 45 instances were reported.
- **Protect Self** – 6 instances were reported.
- **Restrain for Subject Safety** – 13 instances were reported.
- **Protect Citizens** – 4 instances were reported.
- **Protect other Officers** – 1 instance were reported.
- **Other** – 2 instances were reported.

Special Circumstances:

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- **Proximity to a Weapon** – 1 instances were reported.
- **Knowledge of Subject's Background** – 1 instance were reported.
- **Officer Injured or Exhausted** – 2 instances were reported.
- **Attempted/ Successful Disarmed Officer** – 3 instances were reported.
- **Sudden Assault on Officer** – 1 instance were reported.
- **Imminent Danger** – 0 instances were reported.
- **Officer on the Ground** – 1 instance were reported.
- **Officer Outnumbered** – 0 instances were reported.

Injuries:

Citizen Condition:

- 47 citizens required hospital treatment.
- 4 citizens were admitted to the hospital.
- 12 citizens were transported by EMS.
- 1 citizen declined treatment (EMS or Hospital).
- 0 citizens treated on scene by EMS.
- 22 citizens had no visible injuries.
- 13 citizens had observable injuries.
- 16 injured from CEW.
- 1 Pre-Existing Injuries.
- 1 Self-Inflicted Injury.
- 0 gunshot wounds were reported.

Officer(s):

- 53 times force was used that officers did not sustain injuries.
- 18 times force was used an officer reported sustained injury.
- 8 times an officer was taken to the hospital.

Types of Cases:

- Majority of the cases involving the use of force included the following:
 - Resisting without Violence
 - Resisting with Violence/Battery/Assault LEO
 - Narcotics
 - Baker Act

Response to Resistance Investigations:

In 2022, there was 2 Internal Affairs Investigations into Response to Resistance. The investigations of Response to Resistance was initiated by Chief Stanley.

Dispositions:

- IA 22-02 Response to Resistance – Pending
- IA 22-04 Response to Resistance OIS (Dog) - Exonerated

Analysis:

In 2022, Department members handled 60,508 calls for service, which initiated 51 calls for service that required 71 *Use of Force Reports* to be generated. This averaged one call for service where force was used every 1,186

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(4.3%) calls handled by department members. The number of calls for service decreased by 1,847 and the instances requiring the Use of Force to be reported increased by 21, compared to 2021.

Reporting Factors:

The most reported Citizen Resistance was Active with 57 reports, which is more than the prior year's total of 43.

The most common Non-Lethal responses to resistance were the Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW), Hands On and Takedowns. All of which were used 71 times. For CEW, 27 instances involved using the device which is an increase of 9 from 2021. This does not take into account the number of times where the simple display of the CEW prevented any higher levels of force. There were 29 takedowns reported which is an increase from 2021 where it was reported 14 times. There were 15 instances where personnel went Hands On which is an increase from 2021 when it was used 10 times. There were 0 reports of the use of the baton, which is the same as 2021. There were no reports of the use of OC Spray which is the same as 2021. Based on this data, CEW is the main choice for personnel to respond to a subject's resistance.

The most common service being rendered at the time of the use of force is "Effect an Arrest", and was also the top reason in 2021. This area increased from 32 instances in 2021 to 45 in 2022.

Reasonable Levels of Force:

Based on the data recorded on the Use of Force Reports, and the low number of complaints of excessive use of force, it can be concluded that officers

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are using reasonable force in the course of their duties. The data shows that officers are better prepared for use of force situations. This is contributed to the training sworn members received either through the Training Unit and/or Roll Call Training. This training has focused on areas such as Defensive Tactics, Threat Assessment, and Response to Resistance. This training has provided sworn personnel with advanced knowledge to deal with assessing and responding to use of force situations.

In the past years, the nation has been critical of police use of force cases, however the data shows that Lauderhill Police Personnel have risen to the challenge by taking a more community orientated approach to their day to day assignments.

Recommendation(s)

- 1) Provide the Training Unit with this report so it can be utilized when formulating future trainings.
- 2) The Professional Standards Unit will continue to monitor Blue Team Use of Force Reports and make the proper adjustments to the program to ensure accuracy of the data.



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To: Constance Stanley, Chief of Police

From: Brad Mitchell, Sergeant – Professional Standards Unit

Date: 1/12/2023

Subject: 2022 Annual Use of Report – Addendum

This addendum is to reflect the update in data for the following sections:

- Resistance Level – Deadly Force from 2 to 3 Instances
- Response to Resistance - Deadly Force - Firearm from 0 to 1 Instance

The updated data is in reference to case # 29-2204-002029 which involved an officer involved shooting of a dog.

Chief C. Stanley
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