

2022

Use of Force

Quarterly Report

4th Quarter: October 1 – December 31, 2022

Albany Police Department



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Introduction

This is the fourth quarterly report for Use of Force incidents for the Albany Police Department in 2022. Quarterly reports are designed to provide supervisors and training coordinators with information regarding use of force incidents. The Albany Police Department started compiling quarterly use of force data in January 2020. This report will be compared to the past three years quarterly data. This information will be utilized to identify patterns or trends that could indicate training needs, equipment upgrades, and/or policy modifications. The third quarter data ranges from October 1 to December 31, 2022. There were 39 use of force incidents and 103 uses of force on 39 subjects. There are more total uses of force because many times an officer will use force that may be ineffective thus requiring more than one force technique during an incident or if multiple officers are present and called upon to use force, this accounts for all uses of force during each incident.

Officers use de minimis force whenever possible. De minimis force is defined as a physical interaction meant to separate, guide, and/or control without the use of formal control techniques, or other techniques that are intended to, or reasonably likely to cause any pain or injury. The use of force requires notification and report when physical force, except de minimis force, is used.

Classification of Initiating Call

The following information outlines the types of calls that initiated the need for use of force by the Albany Police Department. Due to the large number of call types, we have condensed this information into 7 categories.

Classification of Initiating Call	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
Fight or Disturbance	10	32.3%	9	30.0%	13	33.3%
Assist Other Agency/Warrant	5	16.1%	4	13.3%	6	15.4%
Traffic	0	0.0%	1	3.3%	3	7.7%
Property Crime	8	25.8%	5	16.7%	8	20.5%
Mental Health or Suicidal	2	6.5%	4	13.3%	1	2.6%
Drug Related	1	3.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	5	16.1%	7	23.3%	8	20.5%
Total Responses	31	100.0%	30	100.0%	39	100.0%

Fight or Disturbance: Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Interfering, Resisting Arrest, Domestic, Harassment, Menacing, Weapons.

Assist Other Agency/Warrant: Warrants served by our department, or with our assistance, for other agencies, Wanted Persons.

Traffic: Traffic Crime, DUII, Pursuit, Elude, Hit & Run, Careless Driving.

Property Crime: Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief, Vandalism, Fraud, Shoplifting, Stolen or Recovered Vehicle.

Mental Health or Suicidal: Emotionally Disturbed Person, Suicidal Subject, Police Officer Hold, Welfare Check.

Drug Related: Narcotics warrant or any other incident where drugs were a primary causal factor.

Other: Miscellaneous Crime, Public Indecency, Trespass, Curfew, Exclusion, Restraining Order Violation, Sex Offense, Runaway, Suspicious Person, Suspicious Circumstances, Reckless Endangering, MIP, Robbery, Animal Complaints.

Other Factors

In 2021, we began tracking whether the use of force incident involved a mental health crisis and if the subject was under the influence of alcohol or drugs based on the perceptions of the officers involved. In the fourth quarter of 2022, of the 39 incidents that involved use of force, 11 were directly related to a mental health crisis. Of the 39 subjects involved in the 39 use of force incidents, 19 of the subjects were under the influence during the time of the incident.

Breakdown and Comparison of Subjects by Gender, Race, and Age

Perceived Gender	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
Male	26	81.3%	28	80.0%	33	84.6%
Female	6	18.8%	7	20.0%	6	15.4%
Total	32	100.0%	35	100.0%	39	100.0%

Age	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
17 and Younger	0	0.0%	2	5.7%	1	2.6%
18 - 20	0	0.0%	2	5.7%	0	0.0%
21 - 30	7	21.9%	8	22.9%	14	35.9%
31 - 40	16	50.0%	11	31.4%	18	46.2%
41 - 50	6	18.8%	3	8.6%	4	10.3%
51 - 60	3	9.4%	7	20.0%	2	5.1%
61 and Older	0	0.0%	2	5.7%	0	0.0%
Total	32	100.0%	35	100.0%	39	100.0%

Perceived Race	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
White	27	84.4%	32	91.4%	33	84.6%
Black	1	3.1%	1	2.9%	2	5.1%
Hispanic	3	9.4%	2	5.7%	4	10.3%
Native American	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Asian	1	3.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	32	100.0%	35	100.0%	39	100.0%

Day of Week/Time of Day

Day of Incident	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
Sunday	1	3.2%	3	10.0%	5	12.8%
Monday	4	12.9%	2	6.7%	8	20.5%
Tuesday	3	9.7%	8	26.7%	7	17.9%
Wednesday	3	9.7%	4	13.3%	4	10.3%
Thursday	6	19.4%	4	13.3%	5	12.8%
Friday	9	29.0%	4	13.3%	5	12.8%
Saturday	5	16.1%	5	16.7%	5	12.8%
Total	31	100.0%	30	100.0%	39	100.0%

Time of Incident	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
0001 - 0400	6	19.4%	2	6.7%	5	12.8%
0401 - 0800	5	16.1%	3	10.0%	1	2.6%
0801 - 1200	5	16.1%	4	13.3%	3	7.7%
1201 - 1600	2	6.5%	4	13.3%	10	25.6%
1601 - 2000	8	25.8%	6	20.0%	8	20.5%
2001 - 0000	5	16.1%	11	36.7%	12	30.8%
Total	31	100.0%	30	100.0%	39	100.0%

Resistance Encountered

We changed our reporting software to Guardian Tracking in May 2021. During this time our department use of force coordinators assessed our reporting categories and added active resistance and high-risk subjects. Guardian Tracking allows for each officer to report on the resistance they encountered during the use of force incident. Previously, resistance was only reported for the overall incident rather than what each officer encountered. This creates more reporting, which increased the number of resistance data being reported. During our quarterly use of force meeting in July 2022, it was determined that “charging” needed to be added as a category of resistance encountered as this was often reported in the “other” category.

Resistance	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
Verbally Aggressive	11	14.3%	13	11.7%	13	8.9%
Push/Shove/Pull	10	13.0%	10	9.0%	17	11.6%
Fighting Stance	3	3.9%	11	9.9%	5	3.4%
Passive Resistance	12	15.6%	8	7.2%	15	10.3%
Attempt to Escape	9	11.7%	8	7.2%	12	8.2%
Other	6	7.8%	3	2.7%	1	0.7%
Hiding/Barricaded	6	7.8%	3	2.7%	8	5.5%
Elude on Foot/Bicycle	4	5.2%	8	7.2%	10	6.8%
Leg/Knee/Foot Strike	0	0.0%	1	0.9%	2	1.4%
Hand/Elbow Strike	1	1.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Stabbing Instrument	6	7.8%	5	4.5%	0	0.0%
Elude Vehicle	6	7.8%	0	0.0%	11	7.5%
Suicidal	1	1.3%	2	1.8%	1	0.7%
Firearm - Handgun	1	1.3%	2	1.8%	0	0.0%
Impact Weapon	0	0.0%	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Firearm - Shotgun	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Firearm - Rifle	1	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OC Chemical Spray	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
High Risk Subject			15	13.5%	21	14.4%
Active Resistance			21	18.9%	27	18.5%
Charging					2	1.4%
Total	77	100.0%	111	100.0%	146	100.0%

Type of Force Used

During our quarterly use of force meeting in July 2022, it was decided to add “lateral recovery restraint” as a category of type of force used. The lateral recovery restraint allows officers to gain control of the subject without restricting their airway. This technique was taught to officers during annual defensive tactics training earlier this year.

Type of Force Used	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
40mm LL Display	4	7.7%	1	1.2%	1	1.0%
40mm LL Fired	1	1.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Arm Bar/Takedown	7	13.5%	7	8.3%	4	3.9%
ASP Baton Display	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
ASP Baton Deploy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bent Wrist Lock	4	7.7%	6	7.1%	6	5.8%
Carbine Display	1	1.9%	0	0.0%	2	1.9%
Carbine Fired	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Escort Hold	0	0.0%	3	3.6%	8	7.8%
Focused Blow	4	7.7%	2	2.4%	0	0.0%
Hair Hold Takedown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Handgun Display	14	26.9%	19	22.6%	16	15.5%
Handgun Fired	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
K-9 Bite	4	7.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
K-9 Deploy	0	0.0%	2	2.4%	1	1.0%
K-9 Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leg Sweep	1	1.9%	0	0.0%	4	3.9%
Mandibular Pressure Point	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
O.C. Deploy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
O.C. Spray Display	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
Other	2	3.8%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Push/Shove	1	1.9%	6	7.1%	21	20.4%
Shotgun Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Subclavian/Shoulder Lock	1	1.9%	5	6.0%	5	4.9%
Tackle/Takedown	1	1.9%	9	10.7%	13	12.6%
Taser Deploy	0	0.0%	6	7.1%	4	3.9%
Taser Display	6	11.5%	7	8.3%	11	10.7%
Wrap Restraint	1	1.9%	8	9.5%	4	3.9%
Lateral Recovery Restraint					2	1.9%
TOTAL	52	100.0%	84	100.0%	103	100.0%

Total Arrests Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Arrests vs. Incidents	Q4 2020	Q4 2021	Q4 2022
Arrests	1,301	1,162	1,195
Use of Force Incidents	31	30	39
Total Percentage	2.4%	2.6%	3.3%

Total Calls for Service Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Calls for Service vs. Incidents	Q4 2020	Q4 2021	Q4 2022
Calls for Service	7,906	7,180	8,008
Use of Force Incidents	31	30	39
Total Percentage	0.39%	0.42%	0.49%

Officer Injuries

Officer Injuries During Use of Force	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
No Injury	37	97.4%	51	92.7%	60	98.4%
Minor - No Medical Attention	1	2.6%	3	5.5%	1	1.6%
Minor - Medical Attention	0	0.0%	1	1.8%	0	0.0%
Hospital	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Fatality	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	38	100.0%	55	100.0%	61	100.0%

Other Persons Injured

Person Injuries During Use of Force	Q4 2020		Q4 2021		Q4 2022	
No Injury	25	78.1%	29	82.9%	31	79.5%
Minor - No Medical Attention	2	6.3%	3	8.6%	3	7.7%
Minor - Medical Attention	3	9.4%	2	5.7%	5	12.8%
Hospital	2	6.3%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%
Total	32	100.0%	35	100.0%	39	100.0%