2024

Use of Force

Quarterly Report

4th Quarter: October 1 – December 31, 2024

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 2024. 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 compare 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 fourth quarter data ranges from October 1 to December 31, 2024. There were 46 use of force incidents, and 91 types of force used on 49 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 each application of force to each subject 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 8 categories. During the annual use of force meeting in February 2024, the team decided it was appropriate to separate Assist Other Agency/Warrant into two categories: Assist Other Agency and Wanted Person/Warrant.

Classification of Initiating Call	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
Fight or Disturbance	13	33.3%	14	25.5%	8	17.4%
Assist Other Agency	5	12.8%	7	12.7%	3	6.5%
Wanted Person/Warrant	1	2.6%	7	12.7%	5	10.9%
Traffic	3	7.7%	5	9.1%	5	10.9%
Property Crime	8	20.5%	7	12.7%	8	17.4%
Mental Health or Suicidal	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	4	8.7%
Drug Related	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.2%
Other	8	20.5%	15	27.3%	12	26.1%
Total Responses	**39**	**100.0%**	**55**	**100.0%**	**46**	**100.0%**

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

Assist Other Agency: Assist Outside Agency.

Wanted Person/Warrant: Warrants served by our department, 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.

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

Perceived Gender	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
Male	33	84.6%	47	83.9%	35	71.4%
Female	6	15.4%	9	16.1%	14	28.6%
Total	**39**	**100.0%**	**56**	**100.0%**	**49**	**100.0%**

Age	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
17 and Younger	1	2.6%	3	5.4%	2	4.1%
18 - 20	0	0.0%	2	3.6%	2	4.1%
21 - 30	14	35.9%	19	33.9%	12	24.5%
31 - 40	18	46.2%	16	28.6%	20	40.8%
41 - 50	4	10.3%	10	17.9%	7	14.3%
51 - 60	2	5.1%	4	7.1%	4	8.2%
61 and Older	0	0.0%	2	3.6%	2	4.1%
Total	**39**	**100.0%**	**56**	**100.0%**	**49**	**100.0%**

Perceived Race	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
White	33	84.6%	46	82.1%	43	87.8%
Black	2	5.1%	4	7.1%	1	2.0%
Hispanic	4	10.3%	5	8.9%	4	8.2%
Native American	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.0%
Asian	0	0.0%	1	1.8%	0	0.0%
Total	**39**	**100.0%**	**56**	**100.0%**	**49**	**100.0%**

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. The "both" category includes subjects that were perceived as under the influence of intoxicants and experiencing a mental health crisis.

Other Factors	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
Intoxicated	19	48.7%	24	42.9%	14	28.6%
Mental Health Crisis	11	28.2%	8	14.3%	7	14.3%
Both	9	23.1%	3	5.4%	3	6.1%
Subjects Involved in UOF Incident	39	100.0%	56	62.5%	49	49.0%

Day of Week/Time of Day

Day of Incident	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
Sunday	5	12.8%	15	27.3%	8	17.4%
Monday	8	20.5%	9	16.4%	6	13.0%
Tuesday	7	17.9%	6	10.9%	5	10.9%
Wednesday	4	10.3%	8	14.5%	4	8.7%
Thursday	5	12.8%	6	10.9%	6	13.0%
Friday	5	12.8%	5	9.1%	9	19.6%
Saturday	5	12.8%	6	10.9%	8	17.4%
Total	39	100.0%	55	100.0%	46	100.0%

Time of Incident	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
0001 - 0400	5	12.8%	6	10.9%	11	23.9%
0401 - 0800	1	2.6%	2	3.6%	4	8.7%
0801 - 1200	3	7.7%	9	16.4%	5	10.9%
1201 - 1600	10	25.6%	4	7.3%	7	15.2%
1601 - 2000	8	20.5%	16	29.1%	10	21.7%
2001 - 0000	12	30.8%	18	32.7%	9	19.6%
Total	39	100.0%	55	100.0%	46	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 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 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
Active Resistance	27	**18.5%**	32	**13.4%**	32	**15.6%**
Attempt to Escape	12	**8.2%**	19	**7.9%**	24	**11.7%**
Charging	2	**1.4%**	11	**4.6%**	5	**2.4%**
Elude on Foot/Bicycle	10	**6.8%**	19	**7.9%**	9	**4.4%**
Elude Vehicle	11	**7.5%**	0	**0.0%**	9	**4.4%**
Fighting Stance	5	**3.4%**	15	**6.3%**	7	**3.4%**
Firearm - Handgun	0	**0.0%**	3	**1.3%**	1	**0.5%**
Firearm - Rifle	0	**0.0%**	2	**0.8%**	0	**0.0%**
Firearm - Shotgun	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Hand/Elbow Strike	1	**0.7%**	3	**1.3%**	2	**1.0%**
Hiding/Barricaded	8	**5.5%**	15	**6.3%**	5	**2.4%**
High Risk Subject	21	**14.4%**	47	**19.7%**	28	**13.7%**
Impact Weapon	0	**0.0%**	1	**0.4%**	1	**0.5%**
Leg/Knee/Foot Strike	2	**1.4%**	4	**1.7%**	6	**2.9%**
OC Chemical Spray	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Other	1	**0.7%**	5	**2.1%**	3	**1.5%**
Passive Resistance	15	**10.3%**	16	**6.7%**	20	**9.8%**
Push/Shove/Pull	17	**11.6%**	20	**8.4%**	21	**10.2%**
Stabbing Instrument	0	**0.0%**	3	**1.3%**	1	**0.5%**
Suicidal	1	**0.7%**	2	**0.8%**	1	**0.5%**
Verbally Aggressive	13	**8.9%**	22	**9.2%**	30	**14.6%**
Total	**146**	**100.0%**	**239**	**100.0%**	**205**	**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.

Type of Force Used	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
40mm LL Display	1	**1.0%**	5	**3.8%**	0	**0.0%**
40mm LL Fired	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Arm Bar/Takedown	4	**3.9%**	3	**2.3%**	3	**3.3%**
ASP Baton Display	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
ASP Baton Deploy	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Bent Wrist Lock	6	**5.8%**	4	**3.1%**	1	**1.1%**
Rifle Display	2	**1.9%**	3	**2.3%**	3	**3.3%**
Rifle Fired	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Escort Hold	8	**7.8%**	8	**6.2%**	10	**11.0%**
Focused Blow	0	**0.0%**	5	**3.8%**	2	**2.2%**
Hair Hold Takedown	0	**0.0%**	1	**0.8%**	0	**0.0%**
Handgun Display	16	**15.5%**	16	**12.3%**	6	**6.6%**
Handgun Fired	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
K-9 Bite	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
K-9 Deploy	1	**1.0%**	5	**3.8%**	3	**3.3%**
K-9 Display	0	**0.0%**	1	**0.8%**	0	**0.0%**
Leg Sweep	4	**3.9%**	5	**3.8%**	2	**2.2%**
Mandibular Pressure Point	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
O.C. Spray Display	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
O.C. Spray Deploy	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Other	1	**1.0%**	7	**5.4%**	0	**0.0%**
Push/Shove/Pull	21	**20.4%**	19	**14.6%**	26	**28.6%**
Shotgun Display	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	2	**2.2%**
Subclavian/Shoulder Lock	5	**4.9%**	1	**0.8%**	1	**1.1%**
Tackle/Takedown	13	**12.6%**	9	**6.9%**	7	**7.7%**
Taser Display	4	**3.9%**	9	**6.9%**	13	**14.3%**
Taser Deploy	11	**10.7%**	19	**14.6%**	5	**5.5%**
Wrap Restraint	4	**3.9%**	4	**3.1%**	6	**6.6%**
Lateral Recovery Restraint	2	**1.9%**	6	**4.6%**	1	**1.1%**
TOTAL	**103**	**100.0%**	**130**	**100.0%**	**91**	**100.0%**

Total Arrests Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Arrests vs. Incidents	Q4 2022	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Arrests	1,195	1,164	1,263
Use of Force Incidents	39	55	46
Total Percentage	**3.3%**	**4.7%**	**3.6%**

Total Calls for Service Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Calls for Service vs. Incidents	Q4 2022	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Calls for Service	8,008	8,972	8,421
Use of Force Incidents	39	55	46
Total Percentage	**0.49%**	**0.61%**	**0.55%**

Officer Injuries

Officer Injuries During Use of Force	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
No Injury	60	**98.4%**	84	**97.7%**	66	**95.7%**
Minor - No Medical Attention	1	**1.6%**	2	**2.3%**	1	**1.4%**
Minor - Medical Attention	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Hospital	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	2	**2.9%**
Fatality	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Total	**61**	**100.0%**	**86**	**100.0%**	**69**	**100.0%**

Other Persons Injured

Person Injuries During Use of Force	Q4 2022		Q4 2023		Q4 2024	
No Injury	31	**79.5%**	48	**85.7%**	45	**91.8%**
Minor - No Medical Attention	3	**7.7%**	3	**5.4%**	2	**4.1%**
Minor - Medical Attention	5	**12.8%**	5	**8.9%**	2	**4.1%**
Hospital	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Fatality	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**	0	**0.0%**
Total	**39**	**100.0%**	**56**	**100.0%**	**49**	**100.0%**