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Use of Force

Quarterly Report

2nd Quarter: April 1 – June 30, 2026

Albany Police Department



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Introduction

This report marks the second quarterly review of Use of Force incidents for the Albany Police Department in 2026. Quarterly reports serve as a valuable resource for supervisors and training coordinators, providing insights into use of force incidents. The Albany Police Department began compiling quarterly use of force data in January 2020, allowing for a comparative analysis of the past three years. This report examines trends and patterns that may indicate training needs, equipment upgrades, or policy modifications.

The second quarter data covers the period from April 1 to June 30, 2026. During this time, there were 41 use of force incidents (defined by a case number), involving 93 applications of force on 41 subjects. The total number of force applications exceeds the number of incidents, as officers may utilize multiple techniques when initial attempts prove ineffective. Additionally, when multiple officers are involved, each use of force is counted individually for each subject.

Whenever possible, officers employ de minimis force, which is defined as physical interaction used to separate, guide, or control without formal control techniques or actions likely to cause pain or injury. Use of force incidents require notification and reporting whenever physical force, excluding de minimis force, is applied.

Classification of Initiating Call

The following summary highlights the types of calls that led to use of force incidents by the Albany Police Department. Given the extensive range of call types, this data has been consolidated into eight categories.

During the annual Use of Force meeting in February 2024, the team determined that it would be beneficial to separate the *Assist Other Agency/Warrant* category into two distinct classifications: *Assist Other Agency* and *Wanted Person/Warrant*.

Classification of Initiating Call	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
Fight or Disturbance	12	21.4%	10	29.4%	10	24.4%
Assist Other Agency	4	7.1%	0	0.0%	5	12.2%
Wanted Person/Warrant	17	30.4%	5	14.7%	6	14.6%
Traffic	6	10.7%	4	11.8%	2	4.9%
Property Crime	1	1.8%	5	14.7%	2	4.9%
Mental Health or Suicidal	1	1.8%	1	2.9%	1	2.4%
Drug Related	2	3.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	13	23.2%	9	26.5%	15	36.6%
Total Responses	56	100.0%	34	100.0%	41	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, Person Stop, Transient Complaint.

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

Perceived Gender	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
Male	49	83.1%	28	75.7%	36	87.8%
Female	10	16.9%	9	24.3%	5	12.2%
Total	59	100.0%	37	100.0%	41	100.0%

Age	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
17 and Younger	3	5.1%	6	16.2%	2	4.9%
18 - 20	1	1.7%	1	2.7%	3	7.3%
21 - 30	15	25.4%	11	29.7%	9	22.0%
31 - 40	19	32.2%	9	24.3%	14	34.1%
41 - 50	13	22.0%	5	13.5%	9	22.0%
51 - 60	7	11.9%	1	2.7%	1	2.4%
61 and Older	1	1.7%	4	10.8%	3	7.3%
Total	59	100.0%	37	100.0%	41	100.0%

Perceived Race	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
White	45	76.3%	33	89.2%	28	68.3%
Black	5	8.5%	1	2.7%	2	4.9%
Hispanic	8	13.6%	3	8.1%	10	24.4%
Native American	1	1.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.4%
Total	59	100.0%	37	100.0%	41	100.0%

Other Factors

Starting in 2021, we began documenting whether use of force incidents involved a perceived mental health crisis and whether the subject was believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, based on officers' observations. The “Both” category includes individuals who were perceived as experiencing both a mental health crisis and intoxication.

Other Factors	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
Intoxicated	12	20.3%	7	18.9%	11	26.8%
Mental Health Crisis	10	16.9%	7	18.9%	11	26.8%
Both	7	11.9%	7	18.9%	7	17.1%
Subjects Involved in UOF Incident	59	49.2%	37	56.8%	41	70.7%

Day of Week/Time of Day

Analyzing use of force data based on time of day and day of the week helps identify patterns in incident occurrences. This analysis can reveal peak periods when use of force is more frequent, such as during late-night hours or weekends, which may correspond to increased calls related to alcohol use, disturbances, or high-traffic enforcement.

Day of Incident	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
Sunday	5	8.9%	4	11.8%	4	9.8%
Monday	7	12.5%	4	11.8%	7	17.1%
Tuesday	13	23.2%	5	14.7%	6	14.6%
Wednesday	4	7.1%	4	11.8%	2	4.9%
Thursday	10	17.9%	0	0.0%	6	14.6%
Friday	6	10.7%	12	35.3%	7	17.1%
Saturday	11	19.6%	5	14.7%	9	22.0%
Total	56	100.0%	34	100.0%	41	100.0%

Time of Incident	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
0001 - 0400	8	14.3%	5	14.7%	6	14.6%
0401 - 0800	4	7.1%	3	8.8%	5	12.2%
0801 - 1200	7	12.5%	6	17.6%	10	24.4%
1201 - 1600	9	16.1%	7	20.6%	6	14.6%
1601 - 2000	10	17.9%	7	20.6%	5	12.2%
2001 - 0000	18	32.1%	6	17.6%	9	22.0%
Total	56	100.0%	34	100.0%	41	100.0%

Resistance Encountered

Analyzing use of force data related to the resistance officers encounter provides valuable insight into the dynamics of law enforcement interactions. This data can reveal patterns in resistance types, such as whether certain situations or call types more frequently involve physical resistance. Additionally, it allows departments to assess how officers apply force in response, ensuring that techniques align with best practices and training objectives.

Resistance	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
Active Resistance	45	17.2%	32	16.9%	30	14.1%
Attempt to Escape	26	9.9%	21	11.1%	18	8.5%
Charging	2	0.8%	1	0.5%	9	4.2%
Elude on Foot/Bicycle	12	4.6%	9	4.8%	15	7.0%
Elude Vehicle	6	2.3%	1	0.5%	5	2.3%
Fighting Stance	11	4.2%	34	18.0%	10	4.7%
Firearm - Handgun	2	0.8%	0	0.0%	3	1.4%
Firearm - Rifle	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
Firearm - Shotgun	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.9%
Hand/Elbow Strike	3	1.1%	3	1.6%	2	0.9%
Hiding/Barricaded	13	5.0%	3	1.6%	12	5.6%
High Risk Subject	47	17.9%	28	14.8%	20	9.4%
Impact Weapon	2	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leg/Knee/Foot Strike	7	2.7%	4	2.1%	2	0.9%
OC Chemical Spray	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	2	0.8%	4	2.1%	2	0.9%
Passive Resistance	11	4.2%	8	4.2%	19	8.9%
Push/Shove/Pull	30	11.5%	19	10.1%	17	8.0%
Stabbing Instrument	5	1.9%	3	1.6%	8	3.8%
Suicidal	2	0.8%	2	1.1%	11	5.2%
Verbally Aggressive	35	13.4%	17	9.0%	27	12.7%
Total	262	100.0%	189	100.0%	213	100.0%

Type of Force Used

This data helps determine whether force applications align with training and policy guidelines while also revealing opportunities for improvement in tactics, equipment, or de-escalation strategies. Additionally, training plays a significant role in shaping force application patterns. When officers receive focused training in specific techniques or tactics, the use of those trained methods often increases, while reliance on other forms of force may decrease. Tracking these trends over time allows us to evaluate the effectiveness of our training programs and make informed adjustments to enhance both officer safety and community interactions.

In July 2025, the classifications for K9 use of force were revised to more accurately reflect the type of force applied. The category K9 Display was removed, and a new category, K9 Surrender, was introduced. The updated definitions are as follows:

- **K9 Deploy** - When the K9 handler determines that requisite conditions exist permitting the use of the K9, the K9 handler deploys the K9, and, but for circumstances of the event, the suspect does not surrender because of the K9's presence and the suspect is not bitten.
- **K9 Surrender** - When a K9 is deployed, the suspect is arrested/detained/located, and there is articulable information that BECAUSE OF THE K9'S INVOLVEMENT the suspect surrendered to police custody.
- **K9 Bite** - When a K9 bites a suspect, intentionally or unintentionally.

Type of Force Used - *continued*

Type of Force Used	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
40mm LL Display	1	0.6%	1	1.2%	2	2.2%
40mm LL Fired	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	1.1%
Arm Bar/Takedown	7	4.4%	2	2.3%	2	2.2%
ASP Baton Deploy	1	0.6%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
ASP Baton Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bent Wrist Lock	14	8.9%	2	2.3%	0	0.0%
Rifle Display	5	3.2%	0	0.0%	2	2.2%
Rifle Fired	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Escort Hold	11	7.0%	2	2.3%	2	2.2%
Focused Blow	3	1.9%	3	3.5%	1	1.1%
Hair Hold Takedown	2	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Handgun Display	17	10.8%	8	9.3%	13	14.0%
Handgun Fired	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
K-9 Bite	2	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
K-9 Deploy	4	2.5%	3	3.5%	2	2.2%
K-9 Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
K-9 Surrender					0	0.0%
Leg Sweep	8	5.1%	3	3.5%	4	4.3%
Pressure Point	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.1%
O.C. Spray Deploy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
O.C. Spray Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	6	3.8%	3	3.5%	3	3.2%
Push/Shove/Pull	29	18.4%	18	20.9%	19	20.4%
Shotgun Display	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Shoulder Lock	1	0.6%	1	1.2%	1	1.1%
Tackle/Takedown	8	5.1%	12	14.0%	7	7.5%
Taser Deploy	17	10.8%	9	10.5%	11	11.8%
Taser Display	5	3.2%	9	10.5%	13	14.0%
Wrap Restraint	9	5.7%	4	4.7%	8	8.6%
Lateral Recovery Restraint	6	3.8%	5	5.8%	1	1.1%
TOTAL	158	100.0%	86	100.0%	93	100.0%

Total Arrests Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Arrests vs. Incidents	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q2 2026
Arrests	1,300	1,363	1,325
Use of Force Incidents	56	34	41
Total Percentage	4.3%	2.5%	3.1%

Total Calls for Service Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Calls for Service vs. Incidents	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q2 2026
Calls for Service	9,458	10,107	8,834
Use of Force Incidents	56	34	41
Total Percentage	0.59%	0.34%	0.46%

Officer Injuries

Officer Injuries During Use of Force	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
No Injury	84	95.5%	50	94.3%	64	95.5%
Minor - No Medical Attention	3	3.4%	3	5.7%	2	3.0%
Minor - Medical Attention	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	1	1.5%
Hospital	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Fatality	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	88	100.0%	53	100.0%	67	100.0%

Other Persons Injured

Person Injuries During Use of Force	Q2 2024		Q2 2025		Q2 2026	
No Injury	44	74.6%	28	75.7%	32	78.0%
Minor - No Medical Attention	8	13.6%	5	13.5%	6	14.6%
Minor - Medical Attention	7	11.9%	1	2.7%	3	7.3%
Hospital	0	0.0%	3	8.1%	0	0.0%
Fatality	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	59	100.0%	37	100.0%	41	100.0%