

Office of Professional Standards

2023 Use of Force Report



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Daytona Beach Police Department is to achieve a safe, crime free community by committing ourselves to protecting, defending and serving the residents and the visitors of Daytona Beach. Through a partnership with residents and businesses, we will maintain an open and honest dialogue and will endeavor to enforce the law fairly and equally. As proud members of the law enforcement profession, we will constantly strive to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of respect while “Protecting Our Great City.”

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Purpose

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is charged with preserving the integrity of the Daytona Beach Police Department (DBPD). Organizationally, OPS is part of the Office of the Chief and serves at the discretion and authority of Chief Jakari E. Young.

Tasks

The detectives assigned to OPS carryout many functions that ensure DBPD operates as a professional and transparent law enforcement agency. One of the tasks undertaken is the monthly and yearly review and analysis of all uses of force occurring Department wide.

The Office of Professional Standards and the Training Division work together to identify training deficiencies to ensure proper early intervention and to also identify possibilities of excessive force. Together we also ensure that Departmental Standards Directives and State Law were followed. In instances where policies may not be followed in whole, training initiatives are instituted to get the officers back on track and in compliance with directives. The following attached documentation breaks down all types of force used in the year 2023 by officers of the Daytona Beach Police Department.

Analysis

The 2023 Use of Force report was analyzed and showed a 76% increase in use of force incidents (162) by departmental personnel, compared to the 2022 use of force incidents (107).

	2023	2022	2021
<i>Calls for Service</i>	147,394	148,343	145,820
<i>Use of Force</i>	162	107	106

The calls for service were a total number held as an agency and not specified by district.

This analysis revealed that more uses of force occurred in District Two with 47 Use of Forces (49%) compared to District One with 42 (44%), 4 Use of Forces occurred Citywide/ Administration (not identified by a district), and 2 Use of Forces were not identified by a district.

Delta Platoon, for both districts had a combined total of the most Use of Force incidents by Shift with 25 (26%), followed by Charlie Platoon with 24 (25%), Alpha Platoon with 15 (16%), and Bravo Platoon with 15 (16%), Wagon Drivers with 1 (1%), K-9 Unit 6 (6%), Crime Suppression Team 7 (7%), FTO Program 1 (1%), POP 1 (1%) and 67 incidents were completed by a unit or not identified with a Shift/Unit.

This analysis also revealed that, out of the 162 Use of Force incidents occurring with Involved Citizens, 66 were males and 20 were females, the remaining reports did not specify the sex of involved citizen. See Chart for Citizen Demographics.

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black	7	32	0	39
Hispanic	1	3	0	4
Other	1	0	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0
White	11	34	0	45
Total	20	66	0	89

A total of 188 officers, contributed to the Use of Force incidents. Officer's demographics and other use of force related information can be provided upon request.

There were no problem areas identified that required a change of policy, although some incidents were associated with officers being disciplined and retrained in techniques/ tactics to include de-escalation and weapons transition. There are no recommendations at this time. The Daytona Beach Police Department is an active participant in the National Use of Force Data Collection, database by the U.S. Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation, since July 2022.