



MEMORANDUM

The City of McCloud
Police Department

TO: Kyle Webb, Chief of Police *KW*
McCloud Police Department

FROM: Major Aaron Latham, Asst. Chief *AL*
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McCloud Police Department

DATE: January 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Annual Use of Force Analysis for Calendar Year 2024

BACKGROUND:

In January of each year, the department compiles statistics for the previous year in preparation for an annual Use of Force report to the Chief of Police in compliance with department policy. Throughout each year, reports are reviewed and entered in a central database. The review of the 2024 reports and statistics included analysis of the incidents from a response-to-aggression point of view, going beyond the traditional statistical analysis. This was done to detect trends and determine whether training influenced officers' decision-making related to use of force and whether modifications are necessary for future training and policy implementation.

PROCEDURE:

Use of Force Reports/Investigations are completed in the field by supervisors, forwarded to the Chief of Police for final review and approval. If it is determined there is a training deficiency or policy compliance issue, the report is forwarded to the department training coordinator and accreditation manager for review and follow up. These reports are submitted through the chain of command to document the incident type, ensure compliance with Department policy, and to identify and address training needs. Each report is reviewed for accuracy and content problems, and if necessary, routed back through the chain of command for correction or further investigation.

Each report was reviewed for content and completeness, and the subject matter experts reviewed the specific circumstances of each incident to analyze the type of force and level of force utilized. Moreover, the incidents were reviewed with an eye toward identifying specific patterns of activity

by personnel, trends in type of force, frequency of use, type of instrument/tool, associated injury to subjects and personnel, and training.

One use of force incident was found to be in violation of MPD Policy 300.3 Use of Force. The incident was reviewed by the Use of Force Review Board in accordance with MPD Policy 301. After the findings of the board were reviewed by the Chief of Police disciplinary actions were taken in accordance with MPD policies.

ANALYSIS OF USE OF FORCE:

This document encompasses the Department's use of force incidents for 2024. For the 2024 calendar year, four (4) Use of Force incidents were documented/reported. This is a 44% decrease in incidents when compared to 2023. A comprehensive review of all investigative reports for 2024 supports that our personnel continue to use sound judgment with respect to Use of Force incidents. Moreover, in most cases, personnel use a minimal and appropriate amount of force.

USE OF FORCE TRAINING

We have continued with use of force training, specifically with *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989) and *Tennessee v. Garner*, 471 U.S. 1 (1985). Instructors and subject matter experts review the specific elements of both cases annually during firearms training, as well as at Taser® training for both new and previously certified operators. 2024 use of force training also consisted of personnel attending defensive tactics training conducted by CLEET certified DT Instructors. Heavy emphasis is placed on the "objective reasonableness standard," as this is how all uses of force incidents are analyzed.

Incident Type	2024
Oleoresin Capsicum Spray	0
Baton	0
Taser (Deployed-Not Used)	1
Firearm	0
K-9 Bite	0
Physical Force	3
Report of Injury to Prisoner	1
Complaint of Injury by Prisoner	0
Report of Injury to Officer	0
Total Incidents 2024	4