

Memo

To: Daniel Lee House Jr., Chief of Police
From: William Davis, Internal Affairs Manager - Lieutenant
Re: Analysis Summary of Defensive Actions for 2021

The following is a summary of the Defensive Actions Analysis from (January - December) 2021.

Pursuant to Accreditation Standard 4.2.4, we have completed an analysis and review of all defensive action reports from January – December 2021. This data was analyzed for patterns or trends that might reflect the need for training, equipment, and policy modifications.

In 2021, there were 37 custodial arrests made by members of the police department, and two (2) reported use of defensive action reports. The two (2) use of defensive action reports were associated with arrests.

Data analysis revealed that custodial arrests decreased from 2020 (87 Arrests) to 2021 (37 Arrests). Data indicated officers used defensive action in 6 (6.8%) of the total custodial arrest made in 2020 as compared to 2 (5.4%) percent during the calendar year 2021.

Defensive Action by Month				Day of Week		Hour of Day	
January	0	July	0	Monday	0	0001-0400	0
February	0	Aug	0	Tuesday	0	0401-0800	1
March	0	Sept	0	Wednesday	0	0801-1200	0
April	0	Oct	1	Thursday	1	1201-1600	1
May	0	Nov	1	Friday	0	1601-2000	0
June	0	Dec	0	Saturday	0	2001-2400	0
				Sunday	1		

Data analysis revealed a decrease in the number of use of force incidents compared to the calendar year 2020. There were six (6) reports of use of defensive tactics during the calendar year 2020 compared to two (2) during the calendar year 2021, resulting in a sixty-six percent (66%) decrease in use of force incidents

The two (2) defensive action incidents reported during the calendar year 2021 involved four (4) different primary officers of the police department. The two (2) incidents included support from other officers to control the situation. The total number of primary and supporting officers involved in all use of force incidents was six (6).

Approximately 50% of defensive action incidents occurred between the hours of 4:01 AM and 8:00 AM. The other incident (50%) occurred between 12:01 AM and 3:00 PM. A Squad (a day shift squad) was involved in both incidents. In 2021, no incident involved pointing a firearm but one pointing and discharging a tazer.

One suspect was transported to the hospital for evaluation after officers had to apply soft hand techniques to subdue him. Wake County EMS evaluated another suspect after a Taser was deployed. There were no injuries to any suspects when the officers applied physical force. The analysis revealed no officers were injured during the use of defensive actions. All defensive actions were examined and reviewed through the established administrative review process. The two (2) use of defensive tactics reports were reviewed through the chain of command, Internal Affairs Manager, and Chief of Police. The two (2) use of defensive tactics where physical force was used were deemed appropriate.

Analysis of the subject's actions toward officers revealed two (2) instances where the suspect used aggressive or active resistance during the situation. Statistical data also showed that officers used physical force to control the situation in both incidents.

The analysis revealed one (1) incident involved an individual suspected of mental health history, and one (1) incident involved an individual suspected of being under the influence of drugs or other impairing substances.

The two (2) incidents involved: (1) B/M age 30, one (1) American Indian/M age 27

In both incidents, officers were assaulted while dealing with assaultive resistance individuals. Neither the officer nor the offender sustained any injuries.

Conclusion

Based on the data, we concluded there were no patterns or trends to suggest potential areas of concern regarding our agency member's use of defensive actions. There were no patterns or trends detected related to race, age, or gender. Nor were there any patterns or trends resulting in any injuries.

Continued training officers on the De-escalation tactics are recommended based on the number of defensive actions reported in 2021 and ongoing Subject Control and Arrest Techniques.

During this analysis, a review of the use of force policy was conducted and was determined to be consistent with current laws and practices.