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To: Daniel L House, Jr. Chief of Police

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## Re: 2024 Annual Analysis of Use of Force

The following is a summary of the Defensive Actions Analysis from (January –December) 2024.

Pursuant to Accreditation Standard 1.3.13 we have completed an analysis and review of all defensive action reports from January – December 2024. This data was analyzed for patterns or trends that might reflect the need for modifications to training, equipment, and policy.

During 2024, there were three hundred and nineteen (319) custodial arrests made by members of the police department and thirteen (13) use of force. Analysis of data revealed the number of custodial arrests increased by 20% from 266 arrests in 2023 to 319 arrests in 2024. The number of defensive actions decreased by 19%. Data indicated officers used defensive action 16 times during the calendar year 2023 and 13 times during the calendar year 2024. Note: There was one use of force in 2024 attributed with the dispatch of an animal.

Defensive Action By Month				Day of Week	Day of Week		
January	0	July	0	Monday	0	0001-0400	2
February	2	Aug	0	Tuesday	2	0401-0800	0
March	2	Sept	0	Wednesday	1	0801-1200	4
April	2	Oct	0	Thursday	3	1201-1600	2
May	2	Nov	3	Friday	3	1601-2000	2
June	1	Dec	0	Saturday	1	2001-2400	2
				Sunday	2		

The thirteen (13) defensive action incidents reported during the calendar year 2024. Eleven (11) incidents involved support from other officers to control the situation. A total number of primary and supporting officers involved in all use of force incidents was twenty-seven (27).

Analysis revealed 6 (6) incidents involved individuals suspected of being impaired by alcohol. Thirteen (13) of the use of force incidents resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the data we conclude there were no patterns or trends to suggest potential areas of concern regarding the use of defensive actions applied by members of our agency. Data did not provide any patterns of abuse or mistreatment of others by members of this department in terms of our response to active resistance. Our agency has a retraining program that focuses on high liability issues such as impact weapons, firearms, less lethal weapons, and legal updates. We continue to recommend our officers practice and train on subject control and arrest techniques (SCAT) to reduce the number of injuries during the use of physical force. Additionally, during the 2024 calendar year patrol squads began SCAT training during their role calls as a well as numerous open mat training sessions.

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