



# WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS – 2022



TOTAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS		
YEAR	2022	NO. OF OFFICERS INVOLVED
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	3	5
MARCH	1	3
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
APRIL	1	3
MAY	2	6
JUNE	0	0
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
JULY	1	2
AUGUST	0	0
SEPTEMBER	1	1
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
OCTOBER	0	0
NOVEMBER	1	3
DECEMBER	2	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>

OFFICERS INVOLVED IN USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS		OFFICER ASSIGNMENT
BAGAN, NICHOLAS OFFICER	2	PATROL
BRUNO, NICHOLAS SERGEANT	1	PATROL
DESIATO, ROBERT DETECTIVE	1	DETECTIVE
DONOVAN, TIMOTHY OFFICER	1	PATROL
GILL, RICHARD OFFICER	1	PATROL
HAYES, SARA OFFICER	1	PATROL
JACKUS, KRISTOPHER OFFICER	1	PATROL
JACQUES, MARKOVY OFFICER	1	PATROL
JARAMILLO, ANDRES OFFICER	2	PATROL
JOHNSON, JEFFREY OFFICER	2	PATROL
MALONEY, LAUREN DETECTIVE SERGEANT	2	DETECTIVE (1); EXTRA-DUTY (1)
MARLOW, CHRISTOPHER OFFICER	1	PATROL

MARTINEZ, STEVEN OFFICER	1	PATROL
MCCARTHY, MICHAEL OFFICER	2	PATROL
O'HOLLA, MATTHEW OFFICER	1	PATROL
PICCIANO, DONALD OFFICER	1	PATROL
PERKINS, DONALD OFFICER	1	PATROL
POPLEIK, ERIC OFFICER	1	PATROL
SANTANGELO, CHRISTOPHER OFFICER	1	PATROL
SAUNDERS, JOSEPH	2	PATROL
WEISS, RYAN OFFICER	1	PATROL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK</b>	
MONDAY	2
TUESDAY	2
WEDNESDAY	1
THURSDAY	2
FRIDAY	1
SATURDAY	4
SUNDAY	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY</b>	
0000-0100 (1)	0
0100-0200 (2)	1
0200-0300 (3)	0
0300-0400 (4)	0
0400-0500 (5)	0
0500-0600 (6)	0
0600-0700 (7)	0
0700-0800 (8)	2
0800-0900 (9)	0
0900-1000 (10)	0
1000-1100 (11)	0
1100-1200 (12)	1
1200-1300 (13)	2
1300-1400 (14)	1
1400-1500 (15)	2

1500-1600 (16)	0
1600-1700 (17)	0
1700-1800 (18)	0
1800-1900 (19)	1
1900-2000 (20)	1
2000-2100 (21)	0
2100-2200 (22)	0
2200-2300 (23)	1
2300-2400 (24)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY INVOLVED OFFICERS' SHIFTS</b>	
0600 – 1700 HOURS (PATROL DAY)	8
0800 – 1900 HOURS (PATROL OVERLAP)	7
1600 – 0300 HOURS (PATROL NIGHT)	2
1900 – 0600 HOURS (PATROL MIDNIGHT)	7
0700-1700 HOURS (DETECTIVE)	2
EXTRA-DUTY	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY INITIAL INCIDENT TYPES</b>	
CRIME IN PROGRESS	2
DISORDERLY PERSON	1
DOMESTIC INCIDENT	2
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	5
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH (DWI)	1
WELFARE CHECK	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY SUBJECTS' APPARENT STATE</b>	
NO APPARENT ISSUE	2
PSYCHIATRIC ISSUE	5
UNDER THE INFLUENCE	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY SEX OF SUBJECTS</b>	
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MALE	7
FEMALE	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY RACE OF SUBJECTS</b>	
BLACK	4
WHITE	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS – SUBJECTS ARRESTED BY THIS AGENCY AS A RESULT OF INCIDENT</b>	
YES	6
NO	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS – SUBJECTS INJURED AS RESULT OF USE OF FORCE</b>	
POLICE OFFICER(S) & SUBJECT UNINJURED	8
POLICE OFFICER(S) INJURED & SUBJECT UNINJURED	3
POLICE OFFICER(S) UNINJURED & SUBJECT INJURED	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY SUBJECTS' ACTIONS</b>	
ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE	2
RESISTED POLICE OFFICER CONTROL	6
PHYSICAL THREAT/ATTACK ON OFFICER OR ANOTHER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY OFFICERS' USE OF FORCE TOWARD SUBJECT</b>	
HANDS/FISTS/ARMS	5
TAKE DOWN	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

**ANALYSIS COMMENTS:**

All law enforcement officers who use force and the result is not fatal shall complete a report in the Attorney General's Use of Force Reporting Portal. The report shall be completed by the officer within twenty-four (24) hours of the use of force, and preferably before the end the shift in which the force was used. If the officer who used force is unable to complete the report within twenty-four (24) hours, it should be completed as soon the officer is able to do so, or by a

supervising officer within forty-eight (48 hours), in accordance with this agency's Use of Force standard operating procedure.

This agency's Use of Force Standard Operating Procedure not only fully complies with present law and the Attorney General's Use of Force policy, but also meets New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) accreditation standards, which represent law enforcement's "best practices." The Westfield Police Department has been an accredited law enforcement agency since March 11, 2021.

It is the policy of the Westfield Police Department that officers hold the highest regard for the dignity and liberty of all persons, and that they place minimal reliance upon the use of force and instead use de-escalation tactics to the extent possible under the circumstances.

In situations where officers are justified in using force, they shall only use that degree of force which is reasonable, necessary, and proportional, considering the totality of the circumstances.

Force shall only be utilized as a last resort, when necessary to accomplish lawful objectives that cannot reasonably be achieved through verbal commands, critical decision making, and tactical deployment or de-escalation techniques.

This agency's Use of Force standard operating procedure most notably precludes the use of any chokehold or vascular restraint, except in those instances in which the use of deadly force is authorized.

Officers are granted the authority to use force for lawful purposes, which include, but are not limited to: effectuating a lawful arrest or detention; carrying out a lawful search; overcoming resistance directed at officers or others; preventing physical harm to officers or others; protecting officers or others from unlawful force; preventing property damage or loss.

Officers cannot use or threaten to use force for any of the following reasons: to punish persons or to retaliate against them for past conduct; as a lesson to prevent persons from resisting or fleeing in the future; or to resolve situations more quickly, unless such delays risk the safety of persons involved, officers or others, or would significantly interfere with other legitimate law enforcement purposes.

Officers shall exhaust all other reasonable means to gain compliance before resorting to the use of force, if feasible.

Every officer who uses force is required to complete a report in the Attorney General's Use of Force Reporting Portal, this in addition to any other reports made necessary by the nature of the underlying incident.

The use of force by a police officer should never be considered routine. Furthermore, the level of force used will always vary based on the situation. As such, it is not possible to properly analyze any use of force incidents without examining the specific facts and circumstances of each and every incident. Therefore, this Annual Use of Force Analysis required a thorough review of not just each "Use of Force Report," but also all other reports related to the incident resulting in the use of force.

There were twelve (12) use of force incidents in 2022, which involved twenty-one (21) different officers. Six (6) of those officers were involved in more than one (1) use of force incident, but none were involved in more than two (2) use of force incidents.

All uses of force incidents were the direct result of officers' being dispatched to calls for service. Five (5) calls for service involved emotionally disturbed persons and five (5) calls for service involved persons under the influence. Two (2) calls for service involved persons fleeing from criminal activity – both of which included stolen vehicles involved in crashes, one actively being pursued by police.

Force was used against males seven (7) times and against females five (5) times. Force was used against white persons eight (8) times and against black persons (4) times.

In six (8) use of force incidents, neither the officers, nor the subjects were injured. One (1) subject was injured and three (3) officers were injured as a result of uses of forces. All injuries were minor and non-aggravated. The one subject injured complained of pain, but was already injured as a result of her involvement in a motor vehicle crash (DWI). She fell backwards during the officers' investigation of the crash, then became hysterical and belligerent, and began screaming for help while striking her head repeatedly against the cement. The subject was arrested and subsequently charged with 2C:29-1 (Obstructing administration of law or other governmental function), this in addition to 39:4-50 (DWI).

Pursuant to agency General Order 2020-06 (Issued on June 8, 2020), each use of force is subject to a "Meaningful Review," which is a formal, documented process to determine whether policy, training, equipment and/or any disciplinary issues need to be addressed. The "Meaningful Review" includes an examination of all available sources of information relating to the use of force, including any MVR and/or BWC recordings of the incident.

In accordance with the agency's Use of Force standard operating procedure, the preliminary "Meaningful Review" is conducted by the duty Watch Commander and then reviewed by the Captain of Operations. In further accordance with that standard operating procedure, I, as the Chief of Police, review each "Meaningful Review" and approve or reject the recommendations of those who conducted the review.

As a result of the "Meaningful Reviews" and this Annual Use of Force Analysis, no training needs or equipment improvements or acquisitions were identified and no modification to any agency standard operating procedures were deemed necessary.

All uses of force were deemed to be lawful and proper, and in full accordance with this agency's Use of Force standard operating procedure. There is no evidence to intimate that any uses of force were predicated on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any protected characteristic of any person.

Officers should be commended for using only reasonable force in all incidents, and using it only when absolutely necessary. All uses of force involved only hands/fists/arms or take downs.

It is important to note, this agency's Internal Affairs/Professional Standards Unit did not report the receipt of a single use of use of force-related complaint in 2022.

**ANALYSIS PREPARED BY:**

SIGNED. Chief Christopher Battiloro DATE. January 27, 2023  
Christopher Battiloro, Chief of Police

**ANALYSIS APPROVED BY:**

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