

2020

Use of Force

Quarterly Report

3rd Quarter: July 1 – September 30, 2020

Albany Police Department



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Introduction

This is the third quarterly report for Use of Force incidents for the Albany Police Department. Quarterly reports are designed to provide supervisors and training coordinators with information regarding use of force incidents. This information will be utilized to identify patterns or trends that could indicate training needs, equipment upgrades, and/or policy modifications. Each quarterly report will be used as a baseline to compare data with future quarterly report data. The third quarter data is from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. There were 37 use of force incidents and 71 uses of force on 38 subjects. There are more total uses of force because many times an officer will use force that may be ineffective thus requiring more than one force technique during an incident or if multiple officers are present and called upon to use force, this accounts for all uses of force during each incident.

Officers are trained to use de minimis force whenever possible. De minimis force is defined as a physical interaction meant to separate, guide, and/or control without the use of formal control techniques, or other techniques that are intended to, or reasonably likely to cause any pain or injury. The use of force requires notification and report when physical force, except de minimis force, is used.

Classification of Initiating Call

The following information outlines the types of calls that initiated the need for use of force by the Albany Police Department. Due to the large number of call types, we have condensed this information into seven categories.

Fight or Disturbance:

Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Interfering, Resisting Arrest, Domestic, Harassment, Menacing, Weapons.

Assist Other

Agency/Warrant:

Warrants served by our Department, or with our assistance, for other agencies, Wanted Persons.

Classification of Initiating Call	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3
Fight or Disturbance	19	41%	13	35%
Assist Other Agency/Warrant	10	22%	6	16%
Traffic	2	4%	0	0%
Property Crime	4	9%	9	24%
Mental Health or Suicidal	1	2%	0	0%
Drug Related	2	4%	0	0%
Other	8	17%	9	24%
Total Responses	46	100%	37	100%

Traffic: Traffic Crime, DUI, Pursuit, Elude, Hit & Run, Careless Driving.

Property Crime: Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief, Vandalism, Fraud, Shoplifting, Stolen or Recovered Vehicle.

Mental Health or Suicidal: Emotionally Disabled Person, Suicidal Subject, Police Officer Hold, Welfare Check.

Drug Related: Narcotics warrant or any other incident where drugs were a primary causal factor.

Other: Miscellaneous Crime, Public Indecency, Trespass, Curfew, Exclusion, Restraining Order Violation, Sex Offense, Runaway, Suspicious Person, Suspicious Circumstances, Reckless Endangering, MIP, Robbery, Animal Complaints.

Impacts of the Pandemic

There was a continual decline in use of force incidents in the third quarter. The biggest contributing factor to the decline in use of force is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Linn County Jail placed restrictions on the number of inmates that are housed at any given time. Due to these restrictions, officers are not taking physical custody of arrestees in many incidents. In lieu of arrest, officers are issuing citation to appear in court for their criminal charges.

Breakdown and Comparison of Subjects by Gender, Race and Age

Gender	Q2		Q3	
Male	39	78%	29	76%
Female	11	22%	9	24%
Total	50	100%	38	100%

Age	Q2		Q3	
17 and Younger	1	2%	1	3%
18 - 20	2	4%	2	5%
21 - 30	17	34%	19	50%
31 - 40	19	38%	9	24%
41 - 50	4	8%	5	13%
51 - 60	6	12%	1	3%
61 and Older	1	2%	1	3%
Total	50	100%	38	100%

Race	Q2		Q3	
White	43	86%	32	84%
Black	0	0%	1	3%
Hispanic	7	14%	5	13%
Native American	0	0%	0	0%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0%
Total	50	100%	38	100%

Number of Officers Responding to a Use of Force Call

Number of Officers	Q2		Q3	
1 Officer	8	17.4%	9	24.3%
2 Officers	18	39.1%	7	18.9%
3 Officers	12	26.1%	9	24.3%
4 Officers	4	8.7%	8	21.6%
5 Officers	4	8.7%	4	10.8%
6 Officers	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	46	100%	37	100%

Day of Week/Time of Day

Day of Incident	Q2	Q2 %	Q3	Q2 %
Sunday	3	7%	5	14%
Monday	6	13%	3	8%
Tuesday	4	9%	9	24%
Wednesday	6	13%	5	14%
Thursday	13	28%	5	14%
Friday	5	11%	3	8%
Saturday	9	20%	7	19%
Total	46	100%	37	100%

Time of Incident	Q2		Q3	
0001 - 0400	10	27%	4	11%
0401 - 0800	5	14%	1	3%
0801 - 1200	7	19%	5	14%
1201 - 1600	9	24%	6	16%
1601 - 2000	5	14%	8	22%
2001 - 0000	10	27%	13	35%
Total	46	124%	37	100%

Resistance Encountered

Last quarter we combined several categories and added a few categories in order to reduce the number of uses of force in the 'other' category. This is challenging to do as every situation is different. During the third quarter, the other resistance included: high risk traffic stops, suspect crashing into a police vehicle, and high-risk contacts, which included a murder suspect and an armed robbery suspect.

Resistance Encountered by Officers

Resistance	Q2		Q3	
Verbally Aggressive	22	16.3%	27	21.4%
Push/Shove/Pull	18	13.3%	18	14.3%
Fighting Stance	16	11.9%	11	8.7%
Passive Resistance	16	11.9%	9	7.1%
Attempt to Escape	13	9.6%	12	9.5%
Other	13	9.6%	16	12.7%
Hiding/Barricaded	9	6.7%	8	6.3%
Elude on Foot/Bicycle	6	4.4%	13	10.3%
Leg/Knee/Foot Strike	6	4.4%	6	4.8%
Hand/Elbow Strike	6	4.4%	2	1.6%
Stabbing Instrument	5	3.7%	1	0.8%
Elude Vehicle	2	1.5%	0	0.0%
Suicidal	2	1.5%	0	0.0%
Firearm - Handgun	1	0.7%	3	2.4%
Impact Weapon	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Firearm - Shotgun	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Firearm - Rifle	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OC Chemical Spray	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	135	100%	126	100%

Level of Force Used

Level of Force Used	Q2 Times Used	Q2 %	Q3 Times Used	Q3 %
40mm LL Display	7	5.7%	1	1.2%
40mm LL Deploy	1	0.8%	1	1.2%
Arm Bar/Takedown	9	7.3%	3	3.7%
ASP Baton Deploy	1	0.8%	1	1.2%
ASP Baton Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bent Wrist Lock	10	8.1%	5	6.1%
Carbine Display	5	4.1%	0	0.0%
Escort Hold	6	4.9%	5	6.1%
Focused Blow	8	6.5%	4	4.9%
Hair Hold Takedown	0	0.0%	3	3.7%
Handgun Display	12	9.8%	18	22.0%
Handgun Fired	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
K-9 Bite	2	1.6%	0	0.0%
K-9 Deploy	2	1.6%	1	1.2%
K-9 Display	2	1.6%	1	1.2%
Leg Sweep	5	4.1%	4	4.9%
Mandibular Pressure Point	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
O.C. Deploy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
O.C. Spray Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	6	4.9%	4	4.9%
Push/Shove	4	3.3%	0	0.0%
Shotgun Display	0	0.0%	3	3.7%
Subclavian/Shoulder Lock	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Tackle/Takedown	4	3.3%	3	3.7%
Taser Deploy	12	9.8%	6	7.3%
Taser Display	18	14.6%	13	15.9%
Wrap Restraint	8	6.5%	6	7.3%
TOTAL	123	100%	82	100%

Total Arrests Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Percentage of Arrests Requiring Use of Force

Arrests vs. Incidents	Q2	Q3
Arrests	1,276	1,647
Use of Force Incidents	46	37
Total Percentage	3.6%	2.2%

Total Calls for Service Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Percentage of Calls for Service Requiring Use of Force

Calls for Service vs. Incidents	Q2	Q3
Calls for Service	9,246	10,384
Use of Force Incidents	46	37
Total Percentage	0.50%	0.36%

Officer Injuries

Officer Injuries During Use of Force	Q2		Q3	
No Injury	56	94.9%	38	90.5%
Minor - No Medical Attention	3	5.1%	3	7.1%
Minor - Medical Attention	0	0.0%	1	2.4%
Hospital	0	0.0%		0.0%
Fatality	0	0.0%		0.0%
Total	59	100%	42	100%

Summary of Officer Injuries

20-5370 - Minor Medical Attention

A female subject was walking in the middle of the road trying to flag down cars. An officer arrived on scene, finding the woman talking at a high rate of speed and with an aggressive tone. A witness stated she almost ran over the subject because she was standing in the roadway. A second officer arrived on scene and attempted to calm down the subject. The subject became more agitated and verbally combative. The officers attempted to detain the woman by placing her in handcuffs. She resisted and kicked one of the officers in the knee. The officer took the subject to the ground in attempt to control her. The subject bit the officer's wrist and would not release her bite. The officer told her to stop biting him and then delivered two focused blows to her head and she released the bite. The officer and subject were taken to the hospital for medical attention. The officer sustained a bite, which drew blood on his wrist and a sore knee. The subject was arrested for Theft 3, Criminal Trespass 2 and Contempt of Court.

20-5668 - No Medical Attention

An officer observed a female subject walking into traffic causing vehicles to slow down to avoid hitting her. The officer contacted the subject who then ran away from the officer. The officer was able to make contact with the female subject who was speaking rapidly and appeared incoherent. The subject became aggressive with the officer and attacked the officer. The subject pulled the officers hair and wrapped her legs on the officer's shoulders. The two fought on the ground until two bystanders were able to help the officer gain control of the subject and place her in handcuffs. The subject was transported to jail and arrested for Disorderly Conduct 2. The officer sustained neck pain and did not seek medical attention.

20-6043 - No Medical Attention

An officer responded to assist another officer with a warrant arrest of two subjects. When the assisting officer arrived, he attempted to detain the male subject. The male subject ran from the scene on foot and the assisting officer engaged in a foot pursuit. The officer caught up with the subject and tackled him to the ground. The officer verbally warned the subject that he would be tased if he did not stop resisting arrest. The officer did not deploy the taser as the verbal warning achieved compliance. The subject was taken into custody with no further issues. The officer

sustained minor scrapes to his knees and a sore back, but the officer did not seek medical attention. The subject was arrested for the felony warrant and Resisting Arrest.

20-6270 - No Medical Attention

Officers responded to a report of a disturbance between a mother and daughter. An officer was able to talk the mother into driving her somewhere else to separate the two. While that officer and the mother walked to the patrol vehicle, the daughter followed and was harassing her mother. The officer put her hand up in a motion to stop the daughter from following them and requested her to not come closer. The daughter pushed the officer's arm away, started yelling at the officer and slapped the officer in the face. The officer took the daughter to the ground in an effort to place handcuffs on her, the daughter continued to resist and disobey commands. Two other officers were able to assist and the three officers were able to place handcuffs on the daughter. The daughter (adult) was arrested for Assault on a Peace Officer, Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest. She was transported to jail. The officer sustained minor injury to her face.

Other Persons Injured

Person Injuries During Use of Force	Q2		Q3	
No Injury	32	64.0%	31	81.6%
Minor - No Medical Attention	7	14.0%	6	15.8%
Minor - Medical Attention	7	14.0%	1	2.6%
Hospital	4	8.0%	0	0.0%
Total	50	100.0%	38	100.0%

Summary of Hospitalizations

There were no hospitalizations this quarter.