

2020

Use of Force

Quarterly Report

4th Quarter: October 1 - December 31, 2020

Albany Police Department



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Introduction

This is the fourth 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 fourth quarter data is from October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. There were 31 use of force incidents and 52 uses of force on 32 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.

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

Classification of Initiating Call	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
Fight or Disturbance	13	35.1%	10	32.3%
Assist Other Agency/Warrant	6	16.2%	5	16.1%
Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Property Crime	9	24.3%	8	25.8%
Mental Health or Suicidal	0	0.0%	2	6.5%
Drug Related	0	0.0%	1	3.2%
Other	9	24.3%	5	16.1%
Total Responses	37	100.0%	31	100.0%

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 has been a continual decline in use of force incidents in the fourth 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	Q3		Q4	
Male	29	76.3%	26	81.3%
Female	9	23.7%	6	18.8%
Total	38	100.0%	32	100.0%

Age	Q3		Q4	
17 and Younger	1	2.6%	0	0.0%
18 - 20	2	5.3%	0	0.0%
21 - 30	19	50.0%	7	21.9%
31 - 40	9	23.7%	16	50.0%
41 - 50	5	13.2%	6	18.8%
51 - 60	1	2.6%	3	9.4%
61 and Older	1	2.6%	0	0.0%
Total	38	100.0%	32	100.0%

Race	Q3		Q4	
White	32	84.2%	27	84.4%
Black	1	2.6%	1	3.1%
Hispanic	5	13.2%	3	9.4%
Native American	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%	1	3.1%
Total	38	100.0%	32	100.0%

Number of Officers Responding to a Use of Force Call

Number of Officers	Q3		Q4	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
1 Officer	9	24.3%	4	12.9%
2 Officers	7	18.9%	13	41.9%
3 Officers	9	24.3%	7	22.6%
4 Officers	8	21.6%	1	3.2%
5 Officers	4	10.8%	5	16.1%
6 Officers	0	0.0%	1	3.2%
Total	37	100.0%	31	100.0%

Day of Week/Time of Day

Day of Incident	Q3		Q4	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Sunday	5	13.5%	1	3.2%
Monday	3	8.1%	4	12.9%
Tuesday	9	24.3%	3	9.7%
Wednesday	5	13.5%	3	9.7%
Thursday	5	13.5%	6	19.4%
Friday	3	8.1%	9	29.0%
Saturday	7	18.9%	5	16.1%
Total	37	100.0%	31	100.0%

Time of Incident	Q3		Q4	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
0001 - 0400	4	10.8%	6	19.4%
0401 - 0800	1	2.7%	5	16.1%
0801 - 1200	5	13.5%	5	16.1%
1201 - 1600	6	16.2%	2	6.5%
1601 - 2000	8	21.6%	8	25.8%
2001 - 0000	13	35.1%	5	16.1%
Total	37	100.0%	31	100.0%

Resistance Encountered

In the second quarter of 2020, 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 fourth quarter, the other resistance included: subject reaching for a knife, subject reaching for backpack, and high-risk traffic stops.

Resistance	Q3		Q4	
Verbally Aggressive	27	21.4%	11	14.3%
Push/Shove/Pull	18	14.3%	10	13.0%
Fighting Stance	11	8.7%	3	3.9%
Passive Resistance	9	7.1%	12	15.6%
Attempt to Escape	12	9.5%	9	11.7%
Other	16	12.7%	6	7.8%
Hiding/Barricaded	8	6.3%	6	7.8%
Elude on Foot/Bicycle	13	10.3%	4	5.2%
Leg/Knee/Foot Strike	6	4.8%	0	0.0%
Hand/Elbow Strike	2	1.6%	1	1.3%
Stabbing Instrument	1	0.8%	6	7.8%
Elude Vehicle	0	0.0%	6	7.8%
Suicidal	0	0.0%	1	1.3%
Firearm - Handgun	3	2.4%	1	1.3%
Impact Weapon	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Firearm - Shotgun	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Firearm - Rifle	0	0.0%	1	1.3%
OC Chemical Spray	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	126	100.0%	77	100.0%

Type of Force Used

Type of Force Used	Q3 Times Used	Q3%	Q4 Times Used	Q4 %
40mm LL Display	1	1.2%	4	7.7%
40mm LL Deploy	1	1.2%	1	1.9%
Arm Bar/Takedown	3	3.7%	7	13.5%
ASP Baton Deploy	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
ASP Baton Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bent Wrist Lock	5	6.1%	4	7.7%
Carbine Display	0	0.0%	1	1.9%
Carbine Deploy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Escort Hold	5	6.1%	0	0.0%
Focused Blow	4	4.9%	4	7.7%
Hair Hold Takedown	3	3.7%	0	0.0%
Handgun Display	18	22.0%	14	26.9%
Handgun Fired	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
K-9 Bite	0	0.0%	4	7.7%
K-9 Deploy	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
K-9 Display	1	1.2%	0	0.0%
Leg Sweep	4	4.9%	1	1.9%
Mandibular Pressure Point	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
O.C. Deploy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
O.C. Spray Display	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	4	4.9%	2	3.8%
Push/Shove	0	0.0%	1	1.9%
Shotgun Display	3	3.7%	0	0.0%
Subclavian/Shoulder Lock	0	0.0%	1	1.9%
Tackle/Takedown	3	3.7%	1	1.9%
Taser Deploy	6	7.3%	0	0.0%
Taser Display	13	15.9%	6	11.5%
Wrap Restraint	6	7.3%	1	1.9%
TOTAL	82	100.0%	52	100.0%

Total Arrests Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Arrests vs. Incidents	Q3	Q4
Arrests	1,647	1,301
Use of Force Incidents	37	31
Total Percentage	2.2%	2.4%

Total Calls for Service Versus Total Use of Force Incidents

Calls for Service vs. Incidents	Q3	Q4
Calls for Service	10,384	7,906
Use of Force Incidents	37	31
Total Percentage	0.36%	0.39%

Officer Injuries

Officer Injuries During Use of Force	Q3		Q4	
No Injury	38	90.5%	37	97.4%
Minor - No Medical Attention	3	7.1%	1	2.6%
Minor - Medical Attention	1	2.4%	0	0.0%
Hospital	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Fatality	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	42	100.0%	38	100.0%

Summary of Officer Injuries

No incidents involved officers receiving injuries needing medical attention.

Other Persons Injured

Person Injuries During Use of Force	Q3		Q4	
No Injury	31	81.6%	25	78.1%
Minor - No Medical Attention	6	15.8%	2	6.3%
Minor - Medical Attention	1	2.6%	3	9.4%
Hospital	0	0.0%	2	6.3%
Total	38	100.0%	32	100.0%

Summary of Hospitalizations

20-07072

Officers were advised via dispatch that an outside agency in was in a vehicle pursuit that was heading towards Albany. The outside agency asked for assistance with deploying spike strips if our officers could get in position to do so safely. One APD officer was able to get into position and successfully deploy spike strips. The suspect vehicle continued to flee until the vehicle came to a stop and two suspects fled from the vehicle. One suspect surrendered and the other continued to flee from officers. An outside agency was able to deploy drone with thermal imaging as the suspect fled to an area with heavy brush. An APD K9 unit deployed to track the suspect. The drone was able to assist the K9 unit to the location of the suspect. The suspect would not surrender and the K9 was deployed and bit the suspect on the leg attempting to drag the suspect out of the brush. Officers noticed the suspect had a knife sheath on his hip. Officers warned the suspect to surrender or the K9 would be deployed for a second bite. The officers were able to successfully apprehend the suspect and transported the suspect to the hospital for medical treatment prior to being lodged in jail.

20-08313

Officers were dispatched to the report of a domestic disturbance. A female was yelling and making threats to her neighbors. Officers arrived and were unable to calm the female subject down. The female disregarded officer commands and increased her aggression. One officer held out his arm to stop the female subject from going back across the street toward the neighbor's house. She continued to push past the officer and not follow commands. The officer held her shoulder and escorted her to the ground where was asked to remain seated. The female subject complained of shoulder pain. Officers called for medics to the scene to evaluate her injuries. Medics decided that further evaluation was needed, and the female subject was transported to the hospital.