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USE of Force Report
August 01, 2021 – August 31, 2021

Total Number of Incidents for 8/1/21 – 8/31/21 – Incidents 2168

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 15

Total Uses of Force – 40

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – .7 %

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 8

White Male – 12

White Female – 2

Incidents

#121BU011988 – Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

E Area

Alarm Company called for alarm activation at a restaurant at 0213 hours and officers were dispatched. Officers observed an open door to the restaurant and entered the building to clear it. Per training both officers had their firearms out when they went through the building area by area. Officer located the arrestee. One officer holstered their firearm to handcuff subject. The second officer continued to point their firearm at the arrestee until they were placed in handcuffs.

White Female Age 35, 5'09" 138 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – firearm pointed

Arrestee– no injury

Officers – no injury



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#2 21BU012411- Arrest Disorderly Conduct /Reckless Endangerment/Firearm discharge

Complainants/ Officers Dispatched

D Area

Multiple callers for a fight between approximately 20 subjects. Shortly after the first calls a caller stated that someone had fired a gun. Several officers heard the gunshot before they were called to the fight. Upon arrival officers observed subjects running from the area but did not observe any fighting. Officer heard shouting coming from the parking lot of City Market and 5 males were located arguing. Due to a firearm being discharged the officer had their firearms out and pointed them at the five subjects. All five subjects were detained in handcuffs and patted down for weapons. No firearm was located on the subjects and the officers secured their firearms.

White Male Age 24, 5'09", 155 lbs.

White Male Age 23, 5'08" 150 lbs.

Black Male Age 22, 5'08", 150 lbs.

Black Male Age 19, 4'11", 105 lbs.

Black Male Age 18, 6'02" 160 lbs.

5 Officer

Officer 1 – firearm active pointing/handcuffing

Officer 2 – firearm active pointing/handcuffing

Officer 3 – firearm active pointing/handcuffing

Officer 4 – firearm active pointing/handcuffing

Officer 5 - firearm active pointing/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Subjects – no injury

Officers – no injury



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#3 21BU012467– Arrest Assault

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

B Area

Complaint called and could hear male and female fighting. Upon arrival officers conducted an investigation where they obtained probable cause to arrest the male for domestic assault. The arrestee was intoxicated at the time and actively resisted the officers when they attempted to place him in handcuffs after he had been advised he was under arrest. Officer had to verbal commands and physically move the arrestee's hands behind his back to place them in handcuffs.

White Male Age 24, 5'03", 130lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – verbal commands/open hand techniques

Officer 2 – verbal commands/open hand techniques

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

#4 21BU12479 –Arrest Domestic Assault/Attempted Simple Assault on a Police Officer

Complainant/Officers dispatched

D Area

Officers called to a male who was becoming threatening to a tow truck driver. Upon arrival officers observed the subject was under the influence of alcohol. Officer tried to de-escalate the subject and get him to a hotel for the night. The subject refused the officers attempts and was taken into protective custody. The subject was refused at the first detox facility due to his aggressive and threatening behavior. While being transported to a second detox facility the subject began to kick and slam his head of the partition in the cruiser. The subject was asked to stop and told he could be sprayed with OC if he did not stop his actions. The subject continued to slam his head of the partition. The officer stopped the cruiser and told the subject to stop. The subject did not stop and was sprayed with OC. The subject stopped kicking and slamming his head off the partition. The male was brought to BPD where he was decontaminated and transported to detox facility.

Officers

White Male Age 36, 5'10", 190 lbs.



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1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/OC Deployed

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured by UOF – decontaminated and transported to detox facility

5. 21BU012482 –Aggravated Assault/Attempted Disarming a Law Enforcement Officer/Impeding an Law Enforcement Officer X3

Complainants/Officers Dispatched

C Area

Complainant called and stated her husband had come home intoxicated. The arrestee became violent and began breaking items around the residence. The female was in the bathroom with their 3 daughters. When officers arrived on scene the arrestee was seated on the porch outside the doorway to his residence. Officers explained to the arrestee that they had to check the welfare of his wife and three daughters. The arrestee was physically blocking the door to the residence and verbally stated the officers were not going to enter the residence. Officer attempted to de-escalate the situation explaining why they had to check with the caller and his daughters. The arrestee refused to allow them access. The officers told the arrestee he was being detained. Officer attempted to pull the arrestee from in front of the door and place him in handcuffs. The arrestee began to actively resist and began to fight with officers. During the struggle the arrestee grabbed the firearm of one of the officers and attempted to pull the firearm from the holster. An officer was able to yell for the male to let go of the firearm and then grab the arrestees hand and pull it free from the weapon. The arrestee was on his side and refused to roll over prone or put his hands behind his back. An officer used his CEW to drive stun the male in the lower abdomen to gain compliance. After a less than 5 second drive stun the male complied and was handcuffed.

White Male Age 42, 5'11", 210 lbs.

4 Officer

Officer 1 –Empty hand controls/Personal impact strikes to lower abdomen/CEW drive stun

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 - Empty hand controls twisting hand off weapon/open hand controls Kimura

Officer 4 - Verbal direction advised/Verbal direction/other force used ankle hold/empty hand controls figure 4 leg lock

Officer –injured - sprain to forearm

Arrestee – injured- cut lip and small laceration to forehead – BFD called but arrestee refused services



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6. 21BU012531 and 21BU023632 – Felony Unlawful Mischief/ Simple Assault on a Police Officer X2/resisting Arrest

Complainants/Officers Dispatched
B Area

Several 911 callers concerning a male attempting to break into motor vehicles and residences. This call occurred at 4:55 AM. The arrestee was located across from a vandalized motor vehicle and readily admitted to vandalizing it. The arrestee was compliantly handcuffed. The arrestee stated had to get the children out of the car – there were no children in the car. Officer asked the arrestee if he would like to speak with someone at the UVMHC ER and he agreed. The arrestee was taken UVMHC ER. At the ER officers were taking the arrestee out of handcuffs and had just removed one when the arrestee attacked the officer. The arrestee placed the officer in a headlock that the officer could not remove himself from. The arrestee and officer fell to the floor where the officer was able to escape the headlock. A second officer assisted the first officer in getting the arrestee back into handcuffs. The arrestee kicked at the officers while the attempted to place leg shackles on him. The officer verbally warned the arrestee to stop kicking but the arrestee refused. The officer attempted to distract the male with a knee strike to the lower abdomen. This enabled the second officer to secure the shackles on the arrestee's legs.

White Male Age 59, 5'10", 190 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/Verbal commands/ personal impact strike – knee strike

Officer 2 –Empty hand controlsX7/Verbal Direction ordered/other force used/ handcuff control techniques

Officers –injured – right elbow and knee

Arrestee – uninjured

7. 21BU012604 –Protective Custody

Complainants/Officers Dispatched
C Area

Complainant called and stated she found a male she did not know asleep on her couch in the living room (time of call was 0536 AM. She fled to a bedroom and called police. Upon arrival the officer knocked on door with no answer and found door locked. They had dispatch advise caller to come unlock door. Officers then heard the female confront the male at which point



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one officer drew their firearm. Officer were about the kick the door but then heard the male apologizing. Officers began to aggressively pull the door back and forth to get the female to open the door which she did. As soon as the door opened, an officer observed a shirtless male and raised their firearm in his direction. They gave standard commands to the male to show his hands which he raised in the air. The officer then holstered his firearm and immediately placed the male in handcuffs without incident.

White Male Age 21, 5'08", 150 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 –verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officers -uninjured

Subject –uninjured

8. 21BU012679– Arrest Disorderly Conduct/Simple Assault on Police Officer

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

D Area

Complainant called about loud music coming from nearby apartment. The officer knocked on the door in an attempt to speak to the arrestee about the noise. The officer noted that the arrestee opened the door and "his behavior was immediately erratic". The arrestee exited his apartment and approached the officer in an aggressive manner with his fist in the air while yelling expletives at the officer. The officer attempted to de-escalate the situation by moving backwards away from arrestee and telling the arrestee to stop and return to his apartment. The arrestee closed the distance between them with his fist in the air. The officer fearing he was going to be assaulted used a double leg take down to bring the arrestee to the floor. The arrestee attempted to get back up the officer was able to roll the arrestee prone where he was handcuffed.

White Male Age 67, 5'10", 195 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 –Empty hand controls - double leg take down/empty hand controls- control of wrist and elbow/handcuffing

Officers -uninjured



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Arrestee – uninjured by UOF – later complained of chest pains brought to UVMC ER by BFD as precaution

9. 21BU012820– Arrest DUI

Officer initiated

B Area

Subject was arrested for DWI and placed in holding cell awaiting processing. The arrestee was observed on camera trying to stuff his socks down his throat. Officer immediately went to the cell and asked him what he was doing with the socks and the arrestee stated he was planning on “hanging himself”. For the arrestees safety the officer attempted to place him in handcuffs. The arrestee resisted by pulling away and then attempted to smash his head into the concrete wall of the cell. With assistance of two other officers the arrestee was placed on the floor and handcuffed and leg shackled. BFD was called to evaluate the male and did not transport the arrestee. The arrestees BAC was .177

White Male Age 28, 5’06”, 160 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls X2 – rear wrist lock, /leg shackles applied

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured by UOF - evaluated by BFD for suicide attempt but was not transported

10. 21BU013099– Protective Custody

Complainant/Officers dispatched

C Area

Caller was UVM PD was being harassed by an intoxicated male while attempting to respond to an alarm at an off campus dorm. Upon arrival the officer recognized the subject from a prior 911 call in the downtown area early in their shift. The officer stated he could clearly observe signs of intoxication but initially told the male he was free to go and the subject left but returned shortly and engaged the officer who again told the male they were all set and he could leave. This occurred several more times until the male called 911 in front of the officers. Officer decided at this time to take the male into protective custody and he was handcuffed. One officer had to use a non-compliant escort as the male would not walk to the cruiser for



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transport. At the cruiser the male slammed his body into the cruiser and had to be told to stop his actions. The subjects BAC was .203

White Male Age 23, 6'00", 210 lbs.

2 Officer
Officer 1 - handcuffing
Officer 2 – empty hand controls – non compliant escort

Officers – uninjured
Subject – uninjured

11. 21BU013363– Domestic Disturbance

Complainant/Officers dispatched
E Area

Caller stated he had locked himself in a bathroom and that a female had a knife and was trying to get in. Dispatch stated they could hear audible screaming and banging prior to the caller disconnecting. Upon arrival officers were able to speak with the complainant and he stated the female was still inside the apartment and had 3 knives. One officer drew his firearm the other officer drew his CEW. The called to the female she came into the entryway but then disappeared back into the residence. The continued to call for the female to come out and she finally complied. The officers observed she did not have anything in her hands and holstered their respective weapons. The female was handcuffed without incident. The caller stated he was not in fear for his wellbeing and did not want anything done and left the residence for the evening.

White Female Age 34, 5'03", 128 lbs.

2 Officer
Officer 1 – voice commands asked/firearm displayed
Officer 2 – CEW displayed

Officers – uninjured
Subject – uninjured

12. 21BU013484 – Arrest Reckless endangerment with a firearm



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Officer initiated
C Area

Officer observed motor vehicle wanted in connection with the discharge of a firearm the following evening. There was a county wide BOL for the vehicle. Due to the possibility of a firearm officer conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Officers on scene per training pointed their firearms at the vehicle and at occupants as they were called out of the vehicle one at a time. The subjects were handcuffed and searched and detained. The suspect was located in the vehicle and taken into custody without incident. A search warrant conducted on the motor vehicle turned up the firearm used in the commission of the crime.

Black Male Age 18, 5'11", 180 lbs.

Black Male Age 19, 5'11", 140 lbs.

Black Male Age 20, 6'01", 220 lbs.

Black Male Age 16, 5'01", 125 lbs.

5 Officer

Officer 1 – firearm active pointing/handcuffing

Officer 2 – firearm active pointing

Officer 3 – firearm active pointing

Officer 4 – firearm active pointing

Officer 5 – firearm active pointing

Officers – uninjured

Subjects - uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

13. 21BU013976– Missing juvenile

Complainant/Officers dispatched

B Area

Time of call 0248 AM. Caller advised her 17 year old low functioning autistic son, left the residence through the back door only wearing a diaper. She woke to hearing the door alarm going off and the last time he ran away he went to the beltline. Right after this call, a passerby on 911: advised she passed a male wearing a diaper on the beltline near Manhattan Dr.

The officer located the male and attempted to converse with the male on the beltline and convince him to stop walking were unsuccessful. Although traffic at this hour is light, the



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beltline is traveled at 50 mph and the male's behavior was unpredictable as he walked/ran in and out of the traveled portion of the roadway. The officer had assisting officer's shutdown the beltline to vehicular traffic. The officer requested an officer pick up the male's mother and expedite her transport to the scene.

At a distance of approximately 50 yards, the officer slowly followed the male in a fully marked police cruiser with the rear emergency lights activated to maintain visual contact and create a safety buffer from the oncoming traffic that had made it onto the beltline before it was closed off. At the northbound entrance to the North Ave off ramp, the mother arrived on scene and attempted to convince the male to stop walking/running. The male was uncooperative and this continued the length of the off ramp to the entrance of the Ethan Allen homestead and the beltline overpass.

The male began running back and forth across the roadway and the officer became further concerned for his well-being as he approached the guardrails of the overpass. The officer approached the male and secured his two wrists with his two hands in front of his body. The officer made repeated statements to the male informing him he was not in trouble and that he needed to stop pulling away from the officer. With the mother's assistance the officer was able to handcuff the male's hands behind his back while he stood against his mother. The male was then compliantly escorted to the officer's police cruiser where he and his mother sat in the secure back seat area with the windows down.

The mother stated she would prefer to not have the male go to the ED and would rather go home. The officer advised that due to the male's current mental state he would like to have him screened by BFD. While waiting for BFD the officer asked the mother if she was comfortable with the male remaining in handcuffs or would she prefer they be removed. The mother stated she would prefer they remained on the male which the officer agreed was a good idea in the event BFD wanted to transport. BFD responded to the scene and advised that this is regular behavior for the male and the usual outcome is to transport him back to his residence. The officer provided a courtesy transport for the male, his mother and her 20 yo son to their residence. Upon arrival at the residence, the mother requested that the male briefly remain handcuffed and secured in the cruiser while she obtained and administered his prescription medication. Once the mother administered the medication, she walked the male into the residence and the officer removed the handcuffs. Both the mother and her 20yo son thanked the officer for their assistance with her son.

White Male Age 17, 5'08", 160 lbs.



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1 Officer

Officer 1 – verbal commands/compliant handcuffing

Officers – uninjured

Subject – uninjured – evaluated by BFD as precaution

14. 21BU014061 – CHINS

Complainant/Officers dispatched

B Area

Male subject from previous use of force 21BU13976 - Mother called advising that her son is highly autistic, has left the residence, possibly heading towards the beltline. The time of call was 0900 hours on a weekday. Officers located the male walking north on N. Champlain St. near Cedar St. Officer pulled over initially to open the back door to the cruiser as there was advised male would likely just get in the vehicle, that did not happen. They relocated further north and attempted to engage with the male verbally and prevent him from getting closer to Manhattan Dr. as the traffic was heavy at this time of day. The male ran past the officer and into the intersection of Manhattan Dr. As he did so a vehicle was traveling west through the intersection the officer grabbed a hold of the male and rotated their body to place themselves between him on westbound traffic in time that he did not get struck however the vehicle that was in the intersection was close enough to the officer that they felt the force of the air as it traveled past. The male continued to move north to the north side of Manhattan Dr. toward the entrance to the belt line, the officer continued to attempt to obtain an escort hold on his left arm however the male would pull away and throw his body forward causing the officer concern that he would hurt himself by striking his head on the pavement. A second officer arrived and began to assist the first officer in obtaining control of the male.

At that time the officers were sweating as was the male and his skin was becoming slippery. The officer's maintained control of the male as they attempted to get him to sit until additional units could arrive to stop the flow of traffic. The male sat initially then stood up and threw his body forward again as they maintained a hold, again causing the officers concern that he would strike his head on the pavement. One of the officers cruisers was parked in the east bound lane with the blue lights activated however vehicles were ignored the emergency vehicle and positioning and continued to drive around it making it unsafe for the officer to escort the male who was actively resisting our attempts to detain him for his safety.

A Sergeant arrived and pulled his marked cruiser next to the officers providing a surface to place the male's chest against to maintain a safe hold as he was placed into handcuffs for safety. He was then able to be placed in a cruiser and brought back to his mother.



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White Male Age 17, 5'08", 160 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – complaint escort/non-compliant escort /compliant handcuffing

Officer 2 – complaint escort/non-compliant escort

Officers – uninjured

Subject – uninjured

15. 21BU014134– Arrest Disorderly Conduct/Simple Assault/Interference with Law Enforcement

Complainant/Officers dispatched

E Area

(3) 911 callers stating that there was a fight at a residence. Upon arrival officers were told by subject fleeing the residence that the arrestee was inside threatening to shoot anyone who goes inside. Due to the threat of a firearm the two officers on scene drew their firearms. One officer issued commands for the arrestee to exit the residence. The arrestee exited the residence and officers were able to observe the arrestee's hands were empty. One officer holstered his firearm and one officer provided cover with his firearm per training. The officer handcuffed the male and patted him down for weapons. The second officer holstered his firearm.

Black Male Age, 5'07", 170lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – firearm pointed/Verbal commands/handcuffing

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee - uninjured