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Use of Force Report
August 01, 2022 – August 31, 2022

Total Number of Incidents for 8/1/22 – 8/31/22 incidents - 2767

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 17

Total Uses of Force – 28

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents - . 61%

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Male – 9

White Female – 6

Black Male – 3

Incidents

1. 22BU014021 Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/Officer Dispatched

UVM Medical Center called asking for assistance removing the arrestee from the hospital property. A hospital representative had asked the arrestee to leave the property and the arrestee responded that they should call the police. Upon arrival officers spoke with the arrestee explaining to them they had to leave the property. The arrestee refused to leave on his own accord and the officer informed them they were under arrest. The arrestee became non-complainant and refused to stand up. Officer picked the arrestee who was prone on a bench and placed him prone on the ground to handcuff them. The arrestee then tucked his arms in and officers had to physically place their hand behind their back and handcuff him.

White Male Age 39, 6'01", 200 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/Handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Arrestees – no injury

Officer – no injury



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2. 22BU014228 Arrest Domestic Assault

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller witnessed the arrestee drag a female (later identified as the arrestee's girlfriend) out of a vehicle. The witness observed the arrestee pick up the girlfriend and physically throw her, push her to the ground and punch her. The witness was able to give a description of the arrestee, the vehicle and license plate. Officers located the girlfriend and observed her to be upset and crying. The girlfriend was not cooperative but officer based on the witness statements had enough for an arrest. Officers located the vehicle a short time later and conducted a motor vehicle stop. An officer spoke with the arrestee who stated that he told the girlfriend to get out of the car when she did not he dragged her out. The officer informed the arrestee they were under arrest. When the arrestee exited the vehicle the officer took a hold of his arm, the arrestee pulled his arm away and tried to use his cellphone. The arrestee was told to put their cellphone down. A second officer moved in and took hold of the arrestees arm, the arrestee still resisted putting his arm behind his back and the officer had to physically move their arms there. The arrestee was handcuffed without further incident.

Black Male Age 20, 5'10", 150 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

3. 22BU014616 Search Warrant

Officer generated

While assisting in the service of a search warrant the officer had their firearm displayed but not pointed at 2 arrestees. Both arrestees were able to observe the firearm. The officer then secured the weapon and handcuffed the female arrestee without incident.

White Female Age 42, 5'05"', 175 lbs.

White Male Age 65, 6'00", 180 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm displayed/complainant handcuffing

Officer – no injury

Arrestee – no Injury



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4. 22BU014661 Protective Custody

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Dispatchers observed on camera a subject in the vestibule of BPD with a knife in their hand. Dispatch then observed the subject was also bleeding. Due to the presence of a knife, the first officer arriving on scene drew their firearm, pointed it at the subject and gave the subject orders to drop the knife. The subject complied with the officer's direction. The officer holstered their weapon and had BFD come in to treat the subjects wound. The subject stated they had been using meth earlier in the day.

White Female Age 41, 5'03"', 100 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal Commands/Firearm pointed

Officer – No injury

Subject – No Injury from UOF. BFD treated them for self-inflicted knife wound to hand.

5. 22BU014759 Arrest Attempted Homicide

Officer generated

Officer assisted in the service of a search warrant for subject wanted for 2 attempted homicides with a firearm. Due to the nature of the crime while calling out the arrestee the officer had their firearm out. The arrestee appeared and the officer pointed their firearm at them while they were taken into custody without incident.

Black Male Age 19, 5'07" 121 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed

Arrestee – no injury

Officers– no injury

6. 22BU014811

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Dispatch received a call from victim who stated they were threatened by a subject with a knife and a gun. Officer responded to the scene and began to search the area for the suspect. Due to the nature of the call an officer was searching the lower level of a parking garage they had their



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firearm out. While searching around a corner a subject came into view and the firearm was pointed in their general direction. The officer was able to ascertain that the subject was not involved in the incident.

White Male Age 34, 5'08" 120 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officers – no injury

Subject – no injury

7. 22BU014835

Officer Initiated

Officer observed an altercation between arrestee and female. The female pushed the arrestee almost knocking them over. Officers approached the disturbance as the two separated. As the arrestee walked away the officer asked him to stop. The arrestee did not stop and the officer took hold of the arrestee's right sleeve and told them they were not free to leave. The arrestee stepped towards the officer, the officer steps back and the arrestee continues to step forward within approximately 2 feet of the officer. The officer then puts his hand up and pushes the arrestee back away while telling them to back up. The arrestee is moved back but then steps forward again towards the officer. A second officer then places his hand on the arrestee's chest and pushes him back and away from the first officer. The arrestee then turns his attention to the second officer moving forward at the officer who has his hand up. The arrestee repeatedly states "Why you touching me" as they walk forward into the officers hand. The officer repeatedly states for the arrestee to back up and warns the arrestee he is going to be arrested. The first officer moves next to the second officer and pushes the arrestee back away from the second officer. The arrestee backs up as a bystander attempts to have the arrestee stop. The arrestee then asks for "Cameras up" as they again approach the second officer repeating "Why you touching me" as the arrestee walks into the officers upraised hand. The second officer warned the arrestee he would be taken to the ground to stop his behavior. The arrestee did not stop and the officer took him to the ground. Once on the ground the arrestee was rolled onto his stomach and the officers had to physically place his hands behind the arrestees back to handcuff them.

Black Male Age 39, 5'10", 210 lbs.

2 Officers



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Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal direction ordered/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – complaint of head pain/evaluated by BFD transported to UVMHC ER/evaluated and released

Officers – no injury

8. 22BBU014836 Sexual Assault/Unlawful Restraint

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Victim contacted friends and ex-boyfriend that she had been sexually assaulted by male she had met in a bar and gone home with. Victim also texted that the male was holding her against her will. Friends called the police. Two officers arrived on scene and the victim answered the door with a shirtless male standing next to her putting a shirt on. The officers instructed the male to exit the residence and the male did not comply. An officer took a hold of the male's shirt and pulled him out of the residence. The officer then placed the male's hands behind his back and handcuffed him.

White Male Age 22, 5'10" 165 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/empty hand control/handcuffing

Subject - no injury

Officers – no injuries

9. 22BU011937 Arrest on a Warrant

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Caller observed the arrestee and several other subjects in a parking lot taking items out of a vehicle. Officers arrived on scene and made contact with the arrestee who was the only one left on scene. Dispatch confirmed that the arrestee had an active warrant for their arrest. The officers informed the arrestee of the warrant and that they were under arrest. An officer attempted to remove their backpack the arrestee attempted to pull away. The officer had to grasp her around her waist to stop her. A second officer took hold of the arrestee's right arm and the officer transitioned from the arrestees waist to the arrestees left arm. The arrestee continued to actively resist placing their hands behind their back. A third officer had to assist with the arrestees left arm and the 3 officers had to physically move the arrestee's hands behind their back where they were placed in handcuffs.



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White Female Age 27, 5'00" 110 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands given/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injuries

10. 22BU015338 Stolen Vehicle/Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer/Arrest on Warrant

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Toyota service contacted dispatch concerning the location of a stolen vehicle. An officer was dispatched to see if the vehicle was still in the location given. Upon arrival the officer located the vehicle, called for another unit and made contact with the arrestee seated in the front seat. The arrestee was moving around the cab of the vehicle and the officer was concerned they would flee in the vehicle. The officer ordered the arrestee out of the vehicle. The arrestee complied but then tried to place his hands in the pockets of his shorts and waistband. The officer gave the arrestee orders to stop moving his hands. The arrestee did not comply. The officer told the arrestee they were not under arrest but were being detained and to place their hands behind their back. The arrestee actively resisted grabbing a hold of the truck bed. The arrestee reached into his waistband with his hand and the officer fearing they were grabbing for a weapon took the arrestee and himself to the ground. While on the ground the arrestee reached up with their right hand and attempted to gouge out the officers left eye. The officer repeatedly told the arrestee he was assaulting a police officer, to stop fighting with him and to stop digging into his eye. The officer and the arrestee fought on the ground until a second officer arrived and they were able gain control of the arrestee legs and foot. The arrestee then stopped trying to gouge the first officers left eye. The arrestee was placed in a prone position and handcuffed. The officer was transported to UVMCC ER for lacerations to their left eye, left ear and nose. The arrestee was transported to UVMCC ER for wrist pain. Dispatch advised the arrestee had 5 active warrants for their arrest.

White Male Age 30, 5'09" 135 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls



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Arrestee – complained of wrist pain – brought to UVMCC ER evaluated and released
Officers – injured – lacerations to left eye, nose and left ear – brought to UVMCC ER Treated and released

11. 22BU015406 Suicidal Subject

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Call initially came to dispatch as medical call but a family member called and a stated the subject was suicidal and “was going to make them shoot me.” The subject was known to be in possession of a firearm. Officers arrived on scene, deployed the ERV, set up a perimeter and made contact with the subject. Officers were able to negotiate with the subject and have him come outside. Due to the threats of suicide by cop and the possibility of a firearm. Three officers had their firearms out and pointed at the subject when they exited. One officer holstered their firearm and transitioned to his CEW. The subject was handcuffed and taken into protective custody without incident.

White Male Age 58, 5’10”, 275 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed /CEW pointed/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands /firearm pointed

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

12. 22BU015417 Simple Assault

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Complainant from a downtown bar called stating a male subject had just assaulted one of their staff members. They stated the male was being restrained by staff at this time. While on route to the call the complainant advised that the male appeared to be having a seizure. The first officer on scene learned the male had walked away and witness pointed the male out walking further up the street. As the officer approached, the male tripped and fell to the sidewalk. The officer made contact with the male already on the ground and placed both the males’ hands behind his back and secured them in handcuffs. The officer had BFD respond to medically check out the male. After being checked out he medically declined transport to UVMCC ER. The



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employee who was assaulted did not want to provide a statement or pursue charges. The male was released to friends.

White Male Age 51, 5' 08" 132 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Subjects – no injury from UOF/Evaluated by BFD refused treatment

Officer – no injury

13. 22B015964 Arrest Felony Domestic Assault

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Victim called stating the arrestee was in the residence causing a disturbance, breaking items and attempting to steal others. Upon arrival officer located the arrestee in the residence and asked them to step outside. The arrestee complied. While speaking with the arrestee the officers observed them to be highly intoxicated. Officer on scene were able to determine they had probably cause to arrest them for aggravated domestic assault. Based on those observations and the arrestees previous behavior at the residence officers placed the arrestee into protective custody. The arrestee was compliantly handcuffed. The arrestee then passively resisted by going limp onto the ground. Officers had to pick up the arrestee and physically place them into the back of the police cruiser.

White Female Age 46, 5' 05" 155 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction given/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

14. 22BU015992 Arrest Stalking

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Victim's sister called stated an intoxicated male was attempting to break into her sister's apartment. The officers arriving on scene searched the area and located the arrestee hiding in a bush nearby. Due to the nature of the call, the arrestee attempting to hide and having his right hand concealed in their waistline the officers drew their firearms. The officers pointed their



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firearms at the arrestee and ordered them out from behind the bush and to show his hands. The arrestee complied. The officers was able to see the arrestee did not have a weapon in their hands and one officer holstered their weapon. A second officer kept their firearm out and pointed at the arrestee while the first officer placed the arrestee into handcuffs.

White Male Age 25, 5' 11" 147 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction /firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

15. 22BU15995 Arrest Simple Assault and Assault on a Police Officer

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant called stating a group of females was fighting in a city park. Upon arrival officers did not observe anyone fighting. Witnesses directed them to two females. While investigating the disturbance officer developed probable cause to arrest the arrestee for simple assault and during the arrest, the arrestee assaulted a police officer. The officers observed the arrestee was intoxicated while speaking with them. While speaking with the arrestee, the arrestee encroached on the officer and the officer placed their hand in front of them to keep the arrestee at a distance. The arrestee struck the officers on the arm. The officer then took hold of their left wrist, the arrestee struggled and attempted to pull away. A second officer took hold of their right arm to assist in controlling her. The two officers were able to place the arrestee's hand behind their back and secure them in handcuffs. The arrestee continued to act violently while being transported kicking the partition of the cruiser between front and back seats.

White Female Age 52, 5' 06" 160 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction /empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury from UOF/had been pepper sprayed by witness/BFD evaluated and they declined services/ they were decontaminated at eye wash station at BPD.

Officers – minor injury hand



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16. 22BU015992 Disturbance with a firearm

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Caller advised of a large fight at a residence. Second caller stated that someone pulled a loaded gun on her. Officers arriving spoke with the second caller who stated that a male subject in an apartment had pointed the gun at her. Officers used a ballistic shield to approach subject's door. One officer had his firearm out and pointed at the door to cover the officer carrying the shield. The officer knocked on the door and the subject answered. The officer with his firearm pointed at the male until officers were able to determine the subject had not firearms on their person. The officer then holstered their firearm. The subject admitted to answering his door with a pellet gun when the second caller had been loudly banging on their door.

White Male Age 51, 6' 00" 240 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 –firearm pointed

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

17. 22BU015546 Arrest Aggravated Assault with a Firearm

Officers generated

Officers serving a search warrant for the arrestee wanted for aggravated assault and reckless endangerment with a firearm. Officers attempted to call the arrestee to negotiate their surrender but they did not answer their cell phone. The officers approached the residence and used a bullhorn to announce their presence and to have the arrestee to exit the building. The arrestee did not immediately comply but eventually exited the residence. Due to the possibility of a firearm an officer had their firearm out and pointed at the arrestee until they were cleared of weapons, handcuffed and taken into custody.

White female Age 21, 5' 00" 100 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 –firearm pointed

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury