



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Use-of-Force Report
January 01, 2023 – January 31, 2023

Total Number of Incidents for 1/1/23 – 1/31/23 – Incidents 1767

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 12

Total Uses of Force – 23

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – % 0.67

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 2

Black Female – 0

White Male – 10

White Female – 3

Asian Male – 1

Incidents

#1 23BU000082 Arrest Disorderly Conduct

Complainant/Officers Assigned

Complainant called stating the arrestee was on the Church Street Market place randomly approaching people and screaming in their face. Officers arriving on scene and located the arrestee standing in the roadway. An officer asked the arrestee to step out of the road to which the arrestee refused to comply. The officer had to enter the roadway and again asked them to step out of the road way and speak with them on the sidewalk. The arrestee refused and got into the officers face. The officer then had to physically escort the arrestee from the roadway. The arrestee continued to aggressively enter the officer's personal space as they tried to speak with them. The officer had to continuously prevent the arrestee from doing so by placing their hand up and moving the arrestee back out of their space. The officer told the arrestee they were going to be detained in handcuffs if they continued their aggressive behavior. The arrestee did not stop their behavior. The officers had to physically place the arrestee's hands behind their back and place them in handcuffs. The arrestee once handcuffed continued to attempt to go chest to chest with the officer. The officer informed the arrestee they needed to stop or they would be placed on the ground. The arrestee refused to stop and the officer brought them to the ground in a controlled manner into a seated position.

Asian Male Age 47, 5'06" 120 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officers – no injuries

Arrestees– no injuries

ANTONIO B. POMERLEAU BUILDING • ONE NORTH AVENUE • BURLINGTON, VT 05401



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

#2 23BU000467 Arrest on a Warrant

Complainant/Officers Assigned

Complainant called about finding their significant other deceased in their residence. During the officers investigation into the death the complainant gave a false name and was later positively identified and had a valid warrant for their arrest. After being processed at the Burlington Police Department the arrestee refused to turn around and be placed into handcuffs for transport to corrections. The arrestee lunged at the officer and then turned around but refused to bring their arms behind their back. The officer took hold of left arm and attempted to physically bring the arm behind the arrestees back. The arrestee tensed and locked his arm to his chest. The officer gave him commands to comply but the arrestee refused to comply. Two other officers attempted to assist in bringing the arrestees arms behind their back. The officers were able to bring the arrestee to the floor in a controlled manner leaving them in a prone position. The arrestee's arms still remained under them. The officers had to use physical force to bring the arrestees arms from underneath them and behind their back. The arrestee was then placed in handcuffs without further incident. The officers assisted the arrestee to their feet and they were transported to corrections.

White Male Age 47, 5'06" 120 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Officers – no injuries

Arrestees– no injuries

#3 23BU000507 Arrest Simple Assault on a Police Officer

Complainant/Officers Assigned

Complainant called stating there was a loud argument going on between several subjects outside of a residence in a parking lot. The first officer on scene observed several subjects arguing and screaming at each other. One of the subjects claimed they had been assaulted by two of the other subjects. The arrestee, one of the alleged suspects in the assault, began encroaching on the officer yelling expletives at them. The arrestee also took off their sweatshirt and balled up their fists both pre-assaultive clues. The officer gave the arrestee commands to stop and get back. The arrestee refused to stop advancing towards the officer. The officer in fear of being assaulted displayed their OC. The sight of the OC did not stop the arrestees advance the officer then drew their CEW and pointed at the arrestee and warned them to stop or they would discharge the CEW. Two subjects on scene physically restrained the arrestee as a second officer arrived on scene. The two officer took hold of the arrestee's arms and had to physically place them behind the arrestee's back. One officer then place the arrestee's hands in handcuffs without further incident.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

White Male Age 35, 5'11" 200 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/OC displayed/CEW pointed/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injuries

Arrestees– no injuries from UOF/cut on knuckles of both the arrestee stated happened 3 months prior

#4 23BU000635 Arrest Attempting to elude a police officer/Stolen Vehicle

Officer initiated

Officer observed a motor vehicle sitting at a gas stations pumps idling without the operator. The officer had dispatch run the vehicle license plate which did not come back to the vehicle. While the officer was conducting the registration check the operator exited the store, entered the vehicle and drove off at a high rate of speed into a residential area. The officer drove into the neighborhood and searched the area locating the vehicle. The officer then attempted to stop the vehicle, activating their blue lights and siren. The vehicle did not stop and the officer followed. The vehicle finally came to a stop and the officer conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. A second officer arrived to assist. Both officers drew their firearms and pointed them at the vehicle. One officer gave verbal commands to the arrestee who complied with all commands. The other officer kept their firearm pointed at the arrestee until they were close enough to be handcuffed they then holstered their firearm. The first officer kept his firearm pointed at the arrestee until the second officer had placed them in handcuffs without incident. A check of the vehicles VIN showed it was stolen.

White Male Age 47, 5'11" 165 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officers – no injuries

Arrestees– no injuries

#5 23BU000954 Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/Officers Assigned

Complainant security Alarm Company called that a motion sensor was triggered in a city owned building. Upon arrival officer had a key holder open a door as the window that had been pushed open was not safe for the officers to enter. A K9 officer made a K9 warning and the two arrestees called out that they



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

were in the building and were coming out. One officer drew their firearm and covered the arrestees while the other officer compliantly handcuffed both arrestees without incident.

White Male Age 22, 5'11" 156 lbs.

White Male Age 26, 5'09" 135 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed/Verbal commands

Officer – no injuries

Arrestees– no injuries

#6 23BU000997 Arrest Narcotics distribution Warrant

Officers Initiated

Officer assisted in taking the arrestee into custody from a local hotel on a Narcotic distribution warrant. The arrestee exited their hotel room and the officer provided cover with their firearm while the arrestee was taken into custody and compliantly handcuffed without incident.

Black Male Age 31, 6'00" 160 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed

Officer – no injuries

Arrestee– no injuries

#7 23BU001200 Arrest on Warrant/Simple assault/Simple Assault on a Police

Officer/Resisting arrest

Complainant/Officers Assigned

Complainant called and stated they were assaulted by the arrestee. After speaking with complainant two officers made contact with the arrestee. While speaking with the arrestee the arrestee stated several times "if you touch me I'll punch you in the face" A check with dispatch showed the arrestee had an active warrant for their arrest. An officer informed the arrestee they were under arrest for a warrant and because of the arrestees previous threats both officers immediately took hold of an arm on the arrestee. The arrestee actively resisted, tensing up their arms and tightening up. The officer had to physically place the arrestee's arms behind their back and apply handcuffs. Once in handcuffs the arrestee was brought outside, where they kicked the police car, struggled with the officer searching them and attempted to stomp on that officer's foot. The arrestee did stomp on a second officer's foot causing pain. The arrestee then began to hit their head on the cruiser causing officers to have to physically restrain him from doing so. The arrestee calmed down and was transported to a correctional facility on the warrant.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Black Male Age 32, 6'00" 170 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Officers – no injuries

Arrestees– no injuries

#8 23BU001337 Arrest Stolen Vehicle

Officers Initiated

Officer was taking the arrestee into custody for a stolen vehicle. A second officer on scene observed the arrestee when told they were under arrest stared at the arresting officer and did not remove their hands from their pockets. The officer had to physically remove the arrestee hands and place them behind their back. The arrestee was then handcuffed and taken into custody.

White Female Age 20, 5'05" 190 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls

Officers – no injuries

Arrestees– no injuries

#9 23BU001354 Home Invasion/Trespass

Complainant/Officers Assigned

Complainant stated they received a text message from friend stating she can't leave home due to man not allowing her to leave and having a firearm. Complainant attempted to text friend asking description and more information but was unable to get any more information. Complainant reported male was likely unknown and suspects this is a break in. Officer arrived at friends address and attempted to make contact with the resident. Due to the report of a firearm being used the officer drew their firearms. A subject looked out the window and 1 officer pointed their firearm at the subject not knowing who they were. A second officer had their firearm out and displayed at their side. The subject in the window disappeared. A female subject opened the door and officers were able to identify her as the resident. A cover officer had their firearm pointed at her until she was identified. Two more subjects were in the apartment and were verbally called out one at a time and placed in handcuffs. Before being placed in handcuffs cover officers firearms were pointed at them until they were secured.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

White Female Age 45, 5'00" 135 lbs.

White Female Age 38, 5'06" 190 lbs.

White Male Age 39, 6' 00" 180 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Officer 4 – Firearm pointed

Officers – no injuries

Subjects – no injuries

#10 23BU001474 Stolen Vehicle

Officers Initiated

Officer observed a motor vehicle they believed was stolen, parked unoccupied in a driveway. The officer confirmed the vehicle was stolen. The officer had dispatch contact the owner and waited for the owner to respond. A second officer arrived on scene. The officers observed two males exit the residence where the stolen vehicle was parked. One unidentified subject got into the driver's seat as the second subject walked towards the passenger door. One officer pulled up behind the vehicle with their cruiser. The vehicle backed up, turned and then drove forward, driving across the sidewalk and several lawns before accelerating on the road, east on Manhattan Drive, at a very high rate of speed. The second officer had driven up and parked down the road from the stolen vehicle. The officer exited his vehicle when they observed the stolen vehicle began to move forwards towards him, drew his firearm, and pointed it at the vehicle as it fled down the sidewalk. The first officer attempted to follow the stolen vehicle but did not pursue due to the erratic operation and speed of the stolen vehicle in a city neighborhood. The second officer turned and observed the subject that had been walking up to the passenger door of the stolen vehicle turning to try to enter the residence. The officer pointed their firearm at the subject and gave them commands to get on the ground. The subject complied and the officer holstered their firearm and placed the subject in handcuffs.

White Male Age Unk., Unk., Unk.

White Male Age 60, 5'09" 190 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed X2/verbal commands/handcuffing

Officer – no injuries

Subject– no injuries



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

#11 23BU001652 Suicidal Subject

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant called dispatch stating they had observed a vehicle with a male subject in it with a hose hooked up to the tailpipe of the vehicle in a wooded area of a local park. The caller stated they had removed the hose and spoke with the male subject. After speaking with the male subject the caller left the area. Officer arrived at the park and were able to locate the vehicle. They observed the subject in the open the rear door then shut it again. The officers then observed through the tinted rear window the subject moving around throwing their arms up and down. The officer were concerned that the suicidal subject had armed themselves. One officer drew their firearm and held it down by their side and gave the subject commands to come out of the back of the vehicle. The subject did not comply. After several more commands the male subject complied. The officer did not point their firearm at the male. The officer had them turn around and place their hands on their head. The second officer was able to compliantly handcuff them.

White Male Age 43, 6'00" 160 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Handgun displayed/verbal commands

Officers – no injuries

Subject – no injuries

#12 23BU001722 Arrest 2nd Degree Aggravated Assault committed within the Presence of a Child

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant called stating there was a disturbance taking place at a residence they were the landlord off. The complainant stated they were not currently at that residence. Officers arrived on scene and located a male outside and female inside. After conducting their investigation officer went outside with the male and told them they were under arrest. The arrestee attempted to place a cigarette in their mouth and the officer stated they could not have one at this time. The arrestee continued to try and smoke the cigarette. Officers gave the arrestee commands to place their hands behind their back. The arrestee did not comply. Two officers had to physically move the arrestee's hands behind their back and they were placed in handcuffs. The arrestee appeared to calm down when officer allowed him to say good bye to his child. But became agitated again when they were told it was time to leave. The arrestee planted their feet and threatened physical violence on the officers when they were released from the handcuffs. The officer had to physically move the arrestee from the residence to the police cruiser as they continued to plant their feet and push back against the officers.

White Male Age 41, 6'00" 280 lbs.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

2 Officers

Officer 1 – verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officers – no injuries

Arrestee – no injuries