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

Total Number of Incidents for 7/1/22 – 7/31/22 incidents - 2701

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 15

Total Uses of Force – 36

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents - .55 %

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Male – 8

White Female – 5

Black Male – 5

Incidents

1. 22BU010787 Arrest Felony Unlawful Mischief

Complainant/Officer Dispatched

On June 29, 2022 caller observed arrestee kick in the window of coffee shop, gave description of arrestee. Upon arrival officers spoke with several witnesses, one who told them it was her ex-boyfriend who had kicked and shattered the store front window. Officer were unable to locate arrestee at this time. On July 07, 2022 officers located the arrestee at a business on Church Street. The arrestee was told he was under arrest for unlawful mischief. The arrestee fled on foot with the officer pursuing him. The officer was able to catch up to the arrestee and bring assist him to the ground, placing the arrestee on his back. The officer then rolled the arrestee over and handcuffed him. The arrestee was taken into custody without further incident.

White Male Age 21, 6'05", 179 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/Handcuffing

Arrestees – no injury

Officer – no injury



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2. 22BU010974 Stolen Vehicle

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller advised their car had been stolen. Description and license plate of vehicle was given to dispatcher. Second caller stated a vehicle driving on Shelburne road had pointed a rifle out the window at people. The description matched stolen vehicle. Officer located the vehicle and followed it until they had another police unit behind them. The officer then activated their blue lights and siren and stopped the vehicle. The officer conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. One officer had his firearm pointed at the operator while the second officer gave the arrestee verbal commands. The operator was handcuffed and taken into custody without incident.

White Male Age 21, 6"00", 185 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

3. 22BU011018 Arrest Simple Assault, Simple Assault on a Police Officer

Complainant/Officer Dispatched

Complainant called stating the arrestee had assaulted her (the caller's) brother. Upon arrival an officer located the arrestee nearby. The officer made contact with the arrestee who appeared intoxicated to the officer. The arrestee started to walk away. The officer told the arrestee to stop several times but they did not comply. The officer took hold of one of the arrestees arms, the arrestee turned and swung a closed fist at the officer with the other hand. A second officer took the arrestee to the ground as the first officer moved out of the way of their fist. While on the ground the arrestee spit on the first officer. The officer use her hand to turn the arrestee face away from her direction so they could not spit on them. A third officer held the arrestee legs down so they could not kick. The officers were able to roll the arrestee prone and handcuff them. The arrestee continued to kick and scream while being transported to the Burlington Police Department and then again while going to corrections.

White Female Age 46, 6'00"', 130 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal Commands/Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls/Handcuffing



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Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Officers – One officer spit on
Arrestee – no Injury.

4. 22BU011053 Arrest Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest

Complaint/Officers dispatched

An officer on foot patrol near a downtown bar, was told by complainant about arrestee assaulting multiple people in the area of the bar. The complainant pointed out the arrestee and the officer approached the arrestee who turned and began to walk away. The officer attempted to speak with arrestee but they turned and approached the officer quickly with fists clenched stating "I fight bro, that's what I do". A bystander attempted to intercede and the arrestee walked away. Two subjects stopped the officer and told them they were assaulted by the arrestee. While dealing with them the officer gave a description of the arrestee and officer began to look for the arrestee in the downtown area. Officers located the arrestee who ran from them. After an approximately 1.5 block foot pursuit the arrestee laid himself prone on the sidewalk. Once officer reached the arrestee he began to thrash around on the ground. One officer secured the arrestee legs. Another officer place a hand on the arrestee shoulder pressing down to keep him prone. Two officer each took an arm of the arrestee and placed it behind their back and secured them in handcuffs. The arrestee was stood up but dropped their weight and refused to walk. Officers had to carry the arrestee to the cruiser and place them inside. The arrestee stated he had a hand that he previously been broken in a MMA fight or a car crash. Officers called the Burlington Fire Department to evaluate them and he was transported to UVMHC ER for evaluation there. The arrestee was cleared and released by UVMHC ER staff. The arrestee was lodged at corrections.

White Male Age 25, 5'07" 180 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/open hand techniques/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Open hand techniques/carried arrestee

Officer 3 – Open hand techniques/carried arrestee

Officer 4 – Open hand techniques/carried arrestee

Subject – no injury from UOF/ previous injury – broken hand seen at UVMHC ER, evaluated and cleared by ER personnel.

Officers – no injury



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5. 22BU011113 Arrest Possession of Cocaine, Reckless Endangerment

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

911 caller stated they observed the arrestee shooting a firearm on North Avenue. The caller gave a description of the male. A short time later officers went out with two males together, a short distance from the location given by the caller and one matching the description given by caller. The arrestee and the other subject were detained at gun point. The arrestee was walked back to officers where they were handcuffed and searched. Narcotics were located on the arrestee but no firearm. Note that the firearm was located days later in the area where the arrestee was taken into custody. The other subject was walked back to officers where they were handcuffed and searched. During the investigation the subject was found to not have been with the arrestee during the firearm being used and they were released.

While in custody at the Burlington Police Department the arrestee requested medical attention for a mental health issue. While the BFD was being called the arrestee stripped down in the cell and defecated on the floor. When officer went to take the subject out of the cell the arrestee would not move back from the door and stated they were going to fight the officers. Due to the arrestees threats to fight with officers a officer drew his CEW as others officer opened the cell door giving the arrestee commands to move back against the wall. The officer pointed his CEW at the arrestee. The arrestee complied and was placed in handcuffs by an officer.

Black Male Age 33, 5'07" 170 lbs.

Black Male Age 37, 5'11" 155 lbs.

6 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Officer 4 – Firearm pointed/CEW pointed

Officer 5 – Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 6 – Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Subject – no injury

Officers– no injury



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6. 22BU011471 Arrest Felony Burglary

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Dispatch received a call from complainant that observed the arrestees hopping at gate at the Burlington Electric Department and stealing wire from a storage area. Officers arrived on scene and were given access to the outdoor storage area by staff. While searching the storage area officer standing at the gate observed the two arrestee running towards them. The officers gave them commands to stop but neither arrestee complied. One officer brought the female arrestee to the ground and was able to handcuff her. The second officer brought the male arrestee to the ground. The male arrestee began to actively resist and two other officers assisted the first officer in rolling the male arrestee prone. The arrestee was told numerous times to stop resisting. The arrestee continued to resist attempting to place his hands and arms underneath himself to prevent them from being placed behind his back. K9 Officer warned the male arrestee he could be bitten if he did not stop resisting. One officer warned the male arrestee he would deploy his OC if he did not stop. The arrestee continued to resist. The officer deployed a burst of OC to the right side of the male arrestee's face. The male arrestee then complied with orders and was placed in handcuffs without further incident. The arrestee complained of trouble breathing from the OC. BFD was called and evaluated both arrestee's. They were both transported to UVMHC ER where they were evaluated by staff, treated and released.

White Male Age 40, 5'04" 125 lbs.

White Female Age 49, 5'03" 115 lbs.

6 Officers

Officer 1 – verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls/OC displayed and warned/OC deployed

Officer 4 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 5 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 6 – K9 warning given

Arrestee Male – scrapped knee from ground/difficulty breathing from OC – transported to UVMHC ER for evaluation, treated and released.

Arrestee Female – scrapped forehead transported to UVMHC ER for evaluation, treated and released.

Officers – no injury



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7. 22BU011703 Arrest Felony Unlawful Mischief

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Complainant stated the arrestee had just broken a window to a business on Main Street. A second caller stated the same. Two officers arrived on scene and observed the arrestee with an unknown object in his hand break another window to the business. The first officer drew his firearm pointed it the arrestee and gave them orders to kneel on the ground with their hands behind their back. The arrestee complied and the second officer compliantly handcuffed the arrestee. The arrestee was taken into custody without incident

Black Male Age 21, 5'10", 220 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/firearm pointed

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

8. 22BU011710 Arrest Simple Assault

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Complainant stated two subjects were refusing to leave a bar in the downtown district. Before officers arrived the arrestee had assaulted an employee at the bar. An officer was able to watch video footage of the assault. As the officer was leaving the bar to look for the arrestee an employee alerted the officer that the arrestee had just been seen in the area. The officer searched and observed the arrestee and stopped him attempting to gather information on the assault. The arrestee refused to stop and continued to try to walk away. The officer noted that the arrestee appeared intoxicated, slurring his words and unsteady on his feet. Due to the arrestee not being cooperative in remaining there the officer attempted to place them in handcuffs. The arrestee tensed up his arm and attempted pulled away. A second officer took hold of the arrestees other arm and had to physically move it behind the arrestee's back and were then able to place him in handcuffs. While second officer was attempting to place the arrestees arm behind his back they had to physically push the girlfriend of the arrestee away from him as she continued to grab a hold of the arrestee in an attempt to pull him away. The girlfriend refused to identify herself.

White Male Age 25, 6'00" 160 lbs.

White Female Age unk, approx. 5'06" 110 lbs.



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2 Officers

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

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Subject - no injury

Officers – no injuries

9. 22BU011937 Arrest Felony Burglary

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Victim stated subjects were in her apartment after ripping out her A/C unit and making entry through the window. The victim met the officers outside her apartment and gave them a key to make entry and check the apartment. Both officers drew their firearms and used the key to open the door. Upon opening the door they immediately came in contact with the arrestee. The arrestee was given orders to exit onto the deck with their hands up. The arrestee complied and was handcuffed and taken into custody without incident.

Black Male Age 20, 6'00" 160 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands given/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injuries

10. 22BU012111

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Victim an employee of Green Mountain Transit called dispatch and stated the arrestee had pointed a firearm at him. One officer located the arrestee a short distance from bus station and went out with him. This officer who was behind cover learned that the firearm could possibly be a toy gave verbal commands for the arrestee to keep his hands out of his pockets, turn around and put his hands on his head to which he at first did not follow instructions. The second officer had his firearm out and pointed at the arrestee. Both officers had to give him commands before he complied. When officers went to place the subject in handcuffs they resisted and the officers had physically place the arrestee's hands behind his back.



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Black Male Age 16, 5'05" 120 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

11. 22BU012408 Arrest on Warrant

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller stated the arrestee had exited her room at a residential house and was now throwing items and destroying property. Before arrival officers learned the arrestee had an active warrant for their arrest. Upon arrival officers made contact with staff members then the arrestee. The arrestee was hostile toward the officers screaming profanities and uncooperative when questioned about the damage they had caused. The arrestee barricaded themselves in to a common area bathroom. Officer tried to de-escalate the arrestee but were unable to do so as she began to kick the door. One officer drew their CEW and the other officer opened the door. The officer pointed his CEW at the arrestee and told them to show their hands and they complied. The arrestee was directed to step outside. The officer holstered his CEW and assisted the other officer in trying to place the arrestee into handcuffs. The arrestee refused to place their hands behind their back and both officers had to take an arm and physically put their arms behind their back where handcuffs were applied. While officer did this she stomped and kicked the officer's legs and feet. While being searched a can of OC spray and a folding knife were taken from the pocket of her sweatshirt.

White Female Age 20, 5'04", 150 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – CEW pointed/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands /empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury



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12. 22BU012588 Arrest DUI

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Complainant called stating the arrestee operating a motor vehicle had struck the curb near the skate park entrance and was now stuck on the curb. A second caller stated the arrestee was out of the vehicle and appears confused or intoxicated. Officers arrived on scene. Officers were able to determine through their investigation that they had probable cause that the arrestee had operated a motor vehicle under the influence. The arrestee refused to place their hands behind their back and actively pull their arms away from officers when they attempted to physically place her hands behind her back. Officers were finally able to bring her arms behind her back and place her in handcuffs.

White Female Age 51, 5' 07" 140 lbs.

2 Officer

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

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Subjects – no injury

Officer – no injury

13. 22BU013241 Domestic Disturbance/Arrest on Warrant

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant on 911 concerned about a fight between a male and female. The female was screaming and the male forcibly dragging her behind a shopping complex. Officer arrived on scene and searched the area but could not locate the two. The male was believed to be a subject known to police and to carry a firearm. A short time later a resident of condo complex behind the shopping center called and stated they observed a male and female hiding in the stairwell of her building. The two stated for her to be quiet because they had a warrant and were hiding from the police. An officer arrived at the building and located the male and female. The arrestee was hiding behind the female and the officer could not observe their hands. The officer believing the male in question was known to carry a firearm drew his firearm and pointed it at the male, gave him verbal commands to show his hands and move away from the female. The officer had the female move to another officer who arrived on scene. The officer then handcuffed the male. The male gave a false name, when his identity was learned officer discovered he had an active warrant for his arrest. The female refused to give any statement about a domestic assault.



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White Male Age 40, 5' 10" 170 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction given/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

14. 22BU013364 Arrest on Warrant

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Complainant called about a shirtless male in his garage holding a hand saw. The male was stating "Don't make me do it". When officers arrived on scene the male had fled. Officer then searched for the male through numerous backyards, and a local school that was put in lockdown temporarily. Callers into dispatch and witness on the street continued to tell officers about a shirtless male running or attempting to get into residences. Approximately ½ mile from the original call the officers located the male attempting to enter into the basement of a residence. Officer spoke with him and de-escalated him. Officer were able to take him into custody without incident. The officers believed the male was experience agitated chaotic event and called for BFD. The arrestee had a warrant for their arrest. While at the hospital both officers had to hold down the male by the shoulders for hospital staff get him into restraints.

White Male Age 33, 5' 10" 185 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction /empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury from UOF/transported for possible drug overdose/reaction to UVMCC ERs

Officers – no injury

15. 22BU013364 Arrest on Warrant/Assault on a Police Officer

Officer initiated

Officer observed arrestee with an open container is City Hall Park the officer also believed the arrestee to have an active arrestee warrant. While addressing the municipal violation the officer was advised that the arrestee did have two active arrestee warrants. The officer explained twice the warrant that he was not free to leave and that if he resisted that force would be used to take him into custody. The arrestee attempted to reach into his backpack and the officer told him not to do so. The arrestee then stood up and ran from the officer. The



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officer was able to catch the arrestee and bring him to the ground in the grass. There the arrestee began to actively fight with the officer attempting to strike him in the face. The officer was able to gain control of the arrestee to prevent further strikes and then waited for a second officer to arrive. Once the second officer arrived on scene they were able to roll the arrestee into a prone position and physically place their hands behind their back. A third officer arriving on scene handcuff the arrestee.

White Male Age 38, 5' 10" 195 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction /empty hand controls/

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury