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CITY OF BURLINGTON

**Use of Force Report**  
**June 01, 2022 – June 30, 2022**

Total Number of Incidents for 6/1/22 – 6/30/22 incidents - 2569

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 13

Total Uses of Force – 26

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents - .51 %

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Male – 9

White Female – 2

Black Male – 2

Asian Male – 1

**Incidents**

**1. 22BU008401 Arrest on Warrant**

Officer initiated

An officer on foot patrol in City Hall Park observed the arrestee and other subjects with an open container of alcohol in violation of a city ordinance. The officer asked them to dump out the contents to which they complied. While running the subjects names through dispatch the officer learned that the arrestee had 2 confirmed warrants for his arrest. Officers on scene informed the arrestee of the warrants and told him he was under arrest. They asked him to place his hands behind his back. The arrestee refused several times and attempted to walk past the officers as one of them grasped his arm. The arrestee actively resisted and was brought to the ground in a controlled manner. Once on the ground the arrestee continued to resist and was warned that he would be sprayed with OC if he continued to resist. The arrestee continued to resist and was sprayed with OC. The arrestee attempted to grab the OC spray from the officer's vest but stopped when commanded by the officer to do so. The arrestee was placed in handcuffs and taken into custody without further incident.

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

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/take down/OC warned OC used/Handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestees – no injury

Officer – no injury



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**2. 22BU008509 Arrest Disorderly Conduct**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Multiple 911 callers advised arrestee was screaming on the street outside of a residence. Officer arriving on scene located the arrestee in a hysterical state. Earlier in the evening BPD had responded to the location for a female screaming but caller refused to identify themselves or meet with police. The officer went out with two subjects who refused to identify themselves. The officers recognized the arrestee as the female from the first call. While attempting to investigate what had occurred the arrestee continued to yell, scream and talk in an elevated voice. An officer warned the arrestee to calm down and stop yelling or she could be arrested for disorderly conduct. The arrestee refused and continued her behavior. An officer took the arrestee into custody and as he attempted to place her in handcuff she actively resisted and was placed against a motor vehicle and held there while being handcuffed. The arrestee was given an alcosenor which showed a Blood Alcohol Content of .165%.

White Female Age 20, 5"05", 120 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand techniques/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

**3. 22BU008657 Intoxication/Protective Custody**

Complainant/Officer Dispatched

Complainant called 911 stating a male subject was fighting with two females and had dragged one of them. The caller stated one of the females texted her stating "we're about to die" and "call the police ASAP." Officer arriving on scene spoke with the female who stated that the subject had been following them around for two days and trying to get them to come to his residence but she did not feel safe with him. Officers made contact with the subject who appeared intoxicated, slurring his words, smelled of intoxicants and had watery eyes. Officers determined he needed to be taken into protective custody and the subject was advised of this. The subject refused to place his hands behind his back and officers had to physically place them there. Officers then applied handcuffs and the subject was taken into protective custody.

Black Male Age 44, 5'06"', 160 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls



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Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officers – No injury

Subject – no Injury.

**4. 22BU008792 Arrest Felony Domestic Assault**

Complaint/Officers dispatched

Female caller stated her brother was outside her residence and she was afraid he was going to make entry. The arrestee attempted to enter the residence by breaking down the door with his shoulder. The female state that the male had threatened her earlier with a knife. An officer arriving on scene observed the arrestee who then fled on foot from him. The officer chased after the male into a city park as another officer joined the pursuit on foot. The arrestee stopped running and turned toward the first officer with his hands up in a fighting stance. The officer used a body fold to bring the arrestee to the ground in a controlled manner. The second officer arrived on scene and secured the arrestees legs. The first officer was then able to place the arrestee into handcuffs without further incident.

White Male Age 35, 6'00" 220 lbs.

2 Officers

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

Officer 2 – Open hand techniques

Subject – no injury from UOF/Complained of shoulder pain from striking door, driven to UVMHC ER by BPD, evaluated and cleared by ER personnel.

Officers – no injury

**5. 22BU009019 Arrest Felony Possession of Stolen Property (Stolen Vehicle)**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Colchester Police Department called stating they were out with a stolen vehicle reported out of Burlington Police Department. Officer went to the scene and took the arrestee into custody. The arrestee was handcuffed and taken into custody without incident. While in the back of the police vehicle the arrestee began to kick the partition and refused to stop when asked. The officer displayed the OC and explained that if the arrestee continued she would be sprayed with OC. The arrestee complied and stopped kicking the partition.

White Female Age 31, 5'05" 140 lbs.



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1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction asked/OC displayed

Arrestee – no injury

1 Officers– no injury

**6. 22BU009284 Arrest Misdemeanor Domestic Assault**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Dispatch received two calls about the arrestee attacking his mother. The mother stated she was kicked and punched by the arrestee. The officers went to the rear door and then the front door of residence to make contact with the arrestee. While at the front door an officer left at the backdoor stated the arrestee was exiting the residence and had a weapon in his hand. The two officer ran to the rear and observed the arrestee with wooden sword approaching the third officer who was telling the arrestee to “drop that, drop that”. The three officer drew their CEW’s. The arrestee walked back to the rear of his residence and entered. As the officer reached the backyard the arrestee exited the backdoor and charged the officer with the wooden sword. The officer deployed his CEW to stop the arrestee from assaulting him. A second officer also deployed his CEW when he observed the arrestee charging the first officer but those probes did not make contact with the arrestee’s skin. The arrestee went to the ground from probes of the first officers CEW. Two officer attempted to place him in handcuffs. The arrestee attempted to stand up and the second officer used a CEW drive stun to keep him on the ground. The two officers were then able to place the arrestee in handcuffs and move him to a recovery position. An officer held the arrestee in a seated position by holding onto his arm. Based on officer observations of arrestees mental status BFD was called and he was taken to UVMHC ER for evaluation and later released into BPD custody.

Asian Male Age 39, 5’09” 140 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/CEW displayed/CEW deployed

Officer 2 –CEW displayed/CEW deployed X2/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Verbal Commands/CEW displayed/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 4 – empty hand controls

Arrestee – scrapped knees from ground – transported to UVMHC ER for evaluation

Officers – no injury



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**7. 22BU009698 Arrest on Warrant**

Officer initiated

Officers learned a wanted subject location and went to that location to arrest them on the confirmed warrants. The arrestee was located and told he had warrants for his arrest. Officers observed the arrestee to have a wound on their leg that officers wanted medical attention before taking him into custody. The arrestee was passively resistant from the start of the encounter. Once BFD arrived on scene the arrestee refused to cooperate with them and then attempted to walk away. The arrestee stated to the officer that they would have to kill him. One officer took hold of the arrestees arm to prevent him from walking away and the arrestee attempted to pull and turn away from the officer. A second officer took hold of the arrestee's other arm. The first officer told the arrestee to put his hands behind his back. The arrestee refused to comply and actively resisted, pulling away, yelling and finally grabbing a hold of a fence. The second officer drew his OC and warned that he would deploy it. A third officer drew his CEW upon observing the arrestee clench his fists believing he was about to assault the other two officers. The two officer were able to remove the arrestees hand from the fence and bring the arrestees arms behind his back and handcuff him. The arrestee was transported to UVMCC ER for evaluation of his leg and complaint of dislocated shoulder. The arrestee was evaluated and released from UVMCC ER and transported to NWCC and lodged on his warrants.

White Male Age 49, 5'10", 220 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls/OC displayed

Officer 3 – CEW displayed

Arrestee – injury – stated dislocated shoulder/previous wound to leg not related to UOF transported to UVMCC ER for evaluation, evaluated and released to BPD

Officers – no injury

**8. 22BU0010040 Suspicious Event/Firearm**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Complainant stated they observed a male pointing a shotgun at people and then disconnected. Called back and stated the male with the shotgun was in a red vehicle. The first officer on scene observed two males next to a red vehicle. As the officer approached the males, an unidentified male pointed to them and stated to the effect that it was the two males. Due to the nature of a firearm involved the officer drew his firearm, pointed it the males and instructed them to get on the ground. The two males complied. Two more officers arrived on scene and drew their



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firearms and pointed it at the males on the ground. The second and third officers upon conferring with the first holstered their firearms. The first officer ordered each male back individually where the other two officers who placed them into handcuffs and searched them without incident. A shotgun style BB gun was located in the red vehicle belonging to one of the males being detained. An investigation discovered video that showed that the male subject did retrieve the weapon from his vehicle after an altercation with another male but did not point it at the male.

White Male Age 34, 6'00" 200 lbs.

White Male Age, 5'07" 130 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Subjects - no injuries

Officers – no injuries

**9. 22BU0010136 Arrest Felony Domestic Assault**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Victim called stating her son, the arrestee, stabbed her 3 times in the back. Upon arrival officers located the arrestee in his bedroom. A BPD Officer who is a negotiator began to speak with arrestee. The negotiator was able to de-escalate the arrestee and talk him into peacefully surrendering. Due to the possibility the arrestee still had a knife, one officer had his CEW drawn and pointed at arrestee until he was handcuffed and searched for weapons. The arrestee was taken into custody without incident.

White Male Age 24, 5'06" 140 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – CEW pointed

Subject – no injury

Officers – no injuries



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**10. 22BU0010380 Emergency Evaluation Warrant**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

First Call contacted BPD to assist in serving an Emergency Evaluation (EE) warrant on a subject. First Call stated the subject had been decompensating the last two weeks and had been violent and posed a threat to the other clients in the residence. The subject was seated next to another male. The subject continued to spit and stretch his arms out which can be pre-assault clues. Officers made a plan on taking him into custody and approached. The male seated next to the subject got up and the subject immediately stood up and pushed the male to the ground. Two officers were able to grasp the arms of the EE subject and control him, place him in handcuffs as well apply a spit hood. The subject was transported to UVMMC ER for evaluation.

White male Age 72, 5'06" 200 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury from UOF/Transported to UVMMC ER for mental health evaluation

Officer – no injury

**11. 22BU0010466 Arrest Unlawful Trespass**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller stated they observed the arrestee checking the door handles of parked vehicles and residences. Officers arriving on scene located an open bulkhead door to the basement of a vacant residence. Officers loudly announced their presence and ordered anyone inside to slowly exit the residence. The arrestee called out and complied with officers orders. Two officers had their firearms drawn and pointed at the arrestee. The first holstered his firearm and secured the arrestee in handcuffs. The arrestee was taken into custody without incident.

White Male Age 44, 5'09", 190 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury



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**12. 22BU0010493 Arrest on Warrant**

Officer Initiated

Officer observed the arrestee and a second male in a verbal argument with a local business owner. The arrestee also had an open container of alcohol in his hand in violation of city ordinances. The officer asked the arrestee to dump out the alcohol but the arrestee refused and attempted to walk away. The officer stopped him from leaving and again asked him to dump out the alcohol and again the arrestee refused. The officer had to remove the can from the arrestees hand and dump out the alcohol. The arrestee made a motion as if to strike the officer with his motorcycle helmet he had in his hands but the officer was able to safely move back away from arrestee. Dispatch advised the arrestee had a warrant for his arrest. The arrestee was advised he had a warrant at which point he attempted to walk away. The officer grasped an arm and a second officer on scene grasped the other arm. The arrestee began to resist but officers were able to secure him in handcuffs without further incident.

White Male Age 37, 5' 07" 165 lbs.

2 Officer

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

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Subjects – no injury

Officer – no injury

**13. 22BU0010552 Domestic Disturbance**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Multiple 911 calls for a domestic in progress one male smashing a car window with a female inside. A second caller stated the male had a wooden bat or ice scraper. A single officer arrived to what they described as a chaotic scene with two vehicles and two subjects. The male subject had exited a vehicle and was approaching the vehicle of a female subject in an aggressive manner. The officer concerned the female was about to be assaulted drew his CEW and gave hard orders to the male to stop, put his hands on top of his head and get on his knees. The male immediately complied and the officer was able to place him in handcuffs without incident. After patting them down for weapons the officer stood him up and brought them away from the female to speak with him. Through their investigation the officer learned that while the male had struck the vehicle with an ice scraper but there had been no physical contact between the male and female who were in a relationship. There was no damage to the female's vehicle. The male was released.





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Black Male Age 38, 5' 10" 155 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction given/CEW pointed/handcuffing

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury