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

Total Number of Incidents for 5/1/22 – 5/31/22 – 2163 incidents

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 16

Total Uses of Force – 44

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

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Male – 14

White Female – 3

Black Male – 5

Black Female – 1

Incidents

1. 22BU004296 Felony Drug Arrest

Officers Initiated

Burlington Police Officers conducted a search warrant execution and arrest of two subjects at a residence. Information gathered prior to the search warrant contained the possibility of a firearm and narcotics in the residence. Officer attempted to call out subjects inside the building but there was no response and officers entered the building. During a search of the building officer had their firearms out per procedure and they were pointed at arrestees and subjects they encountered. One subject refused to follow orders but the officer could observe their hands were empty so they transitioned to their CEW and pointed it at them. The arrestee then complied. The second arrestee was prone on the ground and an officer placed a foot on his shoulder to hold him on the ground while they dealt with the second subject who was standing up in front of them and not following orders.

White Male Age 42, 5'10", 160 lbs.

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

White Male Age 41, 5'09, 213 lbs.

White Female Age 30, 5'01" 100 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal commands X4/Firearm pointed X4

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm displayed/CEW pointed/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed/other placed foot on shoulder



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Arrestees – no injury
Subject – no injury
Officer – no injury

2. 22BU006626 Felony Arrest Aggravated Assault with a knife

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller advised of two subjects fighting and one had a knife. Prior to officers arriving on scene the arrestee had left. The victim had a defensive stab wound to their hand. Officers canvassing the area located the arrestee a short distance away. Officer attempted to place the arrestee in handcuffs but they resisted attempting to pull away. Officers had to physically place their hands behind their back and hold them there to place them in handcuffs. The arrestee refused to get into the back of the police cruiser. One officer had to pull the arrestees arms from behind while the other picked up the arrestees feet to swing them seated into the back of the cruiser.

White Male Age 26, 6"04", 185 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand techniques

Officer 2 – Verbal direction/empty hand techniques/ rear handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury
Officers – no injury

3. 22BU006641 Protective Custody

Complainant/Officer Dispatched

Complainant called 911 stating that a subject was inside his apartment busting things up and then disconnected. Upon arrival officers located the subject in the residence. The subject appeared highly intoxicated and to level that officer called BFD to respond to have him medically evaluated. After being evaluated the subject became hostile towards BFD, refusing to be transported by them to UVMCC ER. Officers then took him into protective custody. The subject resisted and his hands had to be physically placed behind his back. Due to the subjects size two sets of handcuffs had to be daisy chained together. The subject refused be seated in the back of the cruiser and one officer had to pull on his left arm to get him into the cruiser. The subject was then transported by BPD to the UVMCC ER where he was admitted for his level of intoxication.



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White Male Age 50, 5'06"" , 215 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/pulled on left arm

Officer 1 – No injury

Subject – no Injury from UOF- transported to UVMMC ER due to level of intoxication.

4. 22BU007150 Felony Aggravated Assault with a knife

Officer initiated

Officer observed a large group of subjects in what appeared to be a fight in front of a bar on Church Street. The arriving officer observed that there were 2 females fighting and a large crowd surrounded them. The officer gave verbal commands to the two women fighting but they did not stop. The officer took the female closest to him, wrapped his arms around her waist and pulled her away and to the ground onto her stomach. This stopped the fight. The officer placed her in handcuffs while she was on the ground. Arriving officers detained the second female who attempted to leave the scene. During the officers investigation it was learned the second female had been stabbed but not by the female she had been fighting with.

Black Female Age 21, 5'09" 250 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/rear take down/handcuffing

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

5. 22BU007363 – Arrest Simple Assault on a Police Officer

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Arrestee's friend called in stating that she was having a mental health issue and was possibly going to take her children to CT. The caller was concerned for the children's welfare. Officer arrived on scene at the arrestee's residence. Officer with First Call on scene and stated they were going to attempt to have an Emergency Evaluation (EE) done. Officers, Howard Street Outreach workers, the caller and her husband all spoke with her and attempted to calm her down. The arrestee grew more manic as time went on. The arrestee began calling 911 multiple times and making false complaints of illness or fires. After approximately 1 ½ hours of de-



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escalating the arrestee she entered her residence, grabbed her two young children and attempted to lock herself in the bathroom with them. Two officers stopped her from closing the door and were able to get the children out of the bathroom. Officer then attempted to place her in protective custody. The arrestee assaulted both officers by kicking them, one in the chest and the other in the groin. The arrestee continued to actively resisted Officers as they attempted to handcuff her. One officer was able to hold her legs while the other was able to physically place her hands behind her back and handcuff them. BFD after consulting with UVMHC used a medical intervention but that had no effect. Officer had to physically carry the arrestee outside to a stretcher where BFD was able to place her in 4 point restraints and transport to UVMHC ER for evaluation.

White Female Age 35, 5'06" 135 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/ empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls

Arrestees – no injury from UOF/Transported by BFD to UVMHC for mental health evaluation

2 Officers– injury - did not need medical attention

6. 22BU007405 Arrest Disorderly Conduct by electronic means

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Dispatch reported the arrestee had called 911 - 7 times and the non-emergency line 9 times for a total of 16 calls making threatening statements to dispatchers. The arrestee was told to stop calling the numbers unless they had a legitimate emergency but they continued to call. Officers went to the residence of the arrestee. The arrestee came out of the residence but then attempted to run back in when he was told he was under arrest. Officer had to physically grab him to prevent him from running away. The arrestee actively resisted being placed in handcuffs. Officers were able to use a body fold to bring him safely to the floor and control him. The arrestee complied when told to place his hands behind his back, handcuffed and taken into custody.

White Male Age 34, 5'10" 140 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 –Verbal commands X3/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Verbal Commands/empty hand controls



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Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

7. 22BU007415 Arrest Felony Unlawful Trespass/Violation of Condition of Release/Possession of Methamphetamine

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller stated he could hear two males in a verbal altercation from an apartment. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to an occupant of the apartment. The resident stated they woke up to the Arrestee in the entryway of his apartment yelling incoherently. The resident had never seen and does not know the arrestee. The resident tried to push the male out of the residence but the arrestee began to fight with him. The resident stated they were able to get the arrestee out of the residence and into the common hallway. The resident stated during the fight he struck the arrestee several times in the face. Officers located the arrestee a short distance from the residence. The arrestee attempted to walk away from officers and when the officers attempted to stop him he resisted. The officers told him to place his arms behind his back but he refused and actively resisted the officers who attempted to place his hands behind his back. One officer performed a body fold to bring him safely to the ground. The arrestee then tucked his arms underneath himself and refused to put them behind his back. Officers had to physically remove his arms and place them behind his back. Officers then handcuffed him and took him into custody. During a search incident to arrest suspected methamphetamine was located on the arrestee's person. Officer then called BFD to transport the arrestee as a safety precaution fearing the arrestee may be in having an agitated chaotic event. The arrestee was transported to UVMCC ER by BFD for evaluation

Black Male Age 23, 6'04", 150 lbs. same subject in UOF #11

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered X4/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – injury – scuffed knees from UOF/facial injuries sustained fighting victim/transported to UVMCC ER for evaluation for drug intoxication

Officers – no injury



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8. 22BU007462 – Reckless endangerment

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Complainant stated her ex was following her in a vehicle and that he had displayed a firearm at her threatening to shoot her. Officer were able to locate the vehicle and conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Officer present drew their firearms and pointed them at the vehicle as the occupants were called out one at a time. Firearms were pointed at the occupants until they were handcuffed, searched and detained. An AR style rifle was located in the vehicle. When caller was met with and a statement was attempted the complainant refused to give one.

White Male Age 34, 5'11" 155 lbs.

White Male Age 44, 5'11" 155 lbs.

White Male Age 31, 6'00" 155 lbs.

White Male Age 28, 5'07" 130 lbs.

White Female Age 42, 5'06" 160 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Officer 4 – Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Subjects - no injuries

Officers – no injuries

9. 22BU007475 Arrest DUI

Officer Initiated

Officer observed a motor vehicle operating without their headlights on, in the bicycle lane and almost strike a curb. The officer conducted a traffic stop based on the observed operation. After the officers investigation the operator was arrested for suspicion of DUI. While attempting to place the arrestee in handcuffs the he tried to pull his arms away and struggled with officers. One officer took out his OC and told the arrestee to stop resisting or he would be sprayed with OC. The arrestee continued to resist. The officer sprayed a small amount of OC on his gloved hands and applied it to the eyes of the arrestee. The arrestee continued to struggle and an officer used a leg sweep to bring the arrestee to the ground. Once on the ground officers were able get the arrestee arms behind his back and place him in handcuffs.

White Male Age 27, 6'00" 170 lbs.



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3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/OC deployed/leg sweep

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Subject – no injury

Officers – no injuries

10. 22BU007618 Arrest Simple Assault on a Police officer X2/Disorderly Conduct/Unlawful Trespass/Resisting Arrest

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Owner of local café called stating the arrestee had ordered food and while waiting became more and more erratic, pacing back and forth and yelling very loudly. When the arrestee did not receive fries with his food (they were not part of the order) his behavior escalated even more. Staff gave him a free order of fries in hopes of calming him. The arrestee did not de-escalate and began arguing and yelling curse words at staff about ketchup. The owner observing that other customers appeared scared due to the arrestee's behavior. Staff at one point had to prevent the arrestee from going behind the counter after the owner. The first arriving officer attempted to speak with the arrestee telling them that the staff wanted him to leave the premises. The arrestee was given three opportunities to leave the establishment on his own accord. The arrestee then placed his cellphone in his pocket and when he brought his hand back out he cocked it back in a fist and attempted to strike one of the officers. Both officers were able to grab his arms and prevent the assault. The arrestee's arms were placed behind his back and he was handcuffed. The arrestee had to carry out of the establishment as he actively pushed back with his legs and dropped his body onto the ground. Once at BPD the arrestee was transported to UVMHC ER by BFD for a mental health evaluation.

The arrestee was discharged from the ER but became angry with the charge nurse and refused to leave without getting her name. Officer attempted to de-escalate him but he continued to yell at the nurse. After approximately 7 minutes the arrestee was informed that the officers were going to physically move him into a wheelchair. The arrestee struggled attempting to kick the wheelchair into a security guard. The officers placed the arrestee back onto the bed and one officer attempted to control his kicking legs and was kicked in the face by the arrestee. The two officers were able to hold him on the bed while more officer responded. Once they arrived they were able to help hospital staff place him in 5 point restraints and he was readmitted to the hospital.

Black male Age 29, 5'10" 198 lbs. same subject in UOF #16



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5 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls/leg control

Officer 4 – empty hand controls

Officer 5 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

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

Officer –injury nose and face contusion

11. 22BU007785 Arrest on Warrant

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller stated her adult son was in her residence, intoxicated and throwing items. Upon arrival officers learned the male was wanted on a warrant. The warrant was confirmed and officer let the arrestee know he was under arrest. The arrestee did not comply with orders and the observed his right hand into his right pocket fondling an object. The two officer each took a hold of his arms. The arrestee was withdrawing his hand when the officer who had a hold of his right arm observed a box cutter with the blade extruded in a usable position. Officer move the arrestee into a seated, then supine position. One officer was able to remove the box cutter from the arrestee's hand. The officer then rolled arrestee into a prone position and placed him into handcuffs.

Black Male Age 23, 6'04", 150 lbs. – Same subject from UOF #7

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

12. 22BU007897 Arrest Operating without Owners Consent – (Stolen Vehicle)

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Caller stated the arrestee posed as a U-Haul employee and took customers keys and drove off with U-Haul vehicle. Officer located the vehicle and conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Officer on scene had their firearms out and pointed at the vehicle while the arrestee was called



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out and back to the officers. The arrestee complied and was taken into custody without incident.

White Male Age 33, 6' 01" 340 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/Firearm active pointing

Officer 2 – Firearm active pointing

Subjects – no injury

Officer – no injury

13. 22BU007932 Arrest Felony Aggravated Assault

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Caller stated the arrestee had run up to her vehicle holding a knife, opened the passenger door of her vehicle then apologized and ran off. Caller called back and stated the arrestee was doing the same thing to other vehicles. Officer located the arrestee nearby and he was taken into custody without incident. A knife was taken off the arrestee during a search incident to arrest. While at BPD a officer was processing the arrestee when he became aggressive. The officer brought the arrestee back to his holding cell and asked him to enter. The arrestee refused and exhibited signs that he was preparing to fight. The officer removed his OC and warned the arrestee that if he did not comply he would be sprayed with OC. Several more officers arrived in the processing area and the officer was able to talk the arrestee into returning to the cell.

Black Male Age 30, 5' 09" 160 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction given/OC warned

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

14.22BU008055 Arrest Simple Assault on a Police Officer/Disorderly Conduct

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Caller stated the arrestee was screaming at her through her window possibly trying to get into her residence. Caller then stated the arrestee was on her porch destroying items. The first officer located the arrestee nearby in a highly agitated state. Officers confirmed there was an



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emergency evaluation warrant for the arrestee. Officer made contact with him and tried to de-escalate him to no avail. The arrestee began to display pre-assaultive cues, challenging the officer to arrest him. The arrestee walked away and officer followed attempting to speak with him and trying to get him to stop. The arrestee refused and officer then took hold of his arms to stop him and take him into custody. The arrestee actively resisted. One officer was able to grab his legs the other his upper torso and together they were able to bring him safely to the ground. The arrestee managed to place his arms under his body and one officer had to physically remove his left one and used pain compliance to remove the other. With both arms behind his back the officers were able to place him in handcuffs. Officer were then able to sit the arrestee up. The arrestee was transported to UVMHC ER for the EE warrant.

White Male Age 38, 6'00" 203 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 –Verbal direction given/empty hand controlsX2

Officer 2 – Verbal direction asked/empty hand controlsX2

Arrestee – small facial cut

Officers – one officer knee injury, second officer cuts to hand and knee

15.22BU008082 Arrest Felony Aggravated Domestic Assault

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Caller stated her boyfriend had stolen her car. While taking car he pushed her and her 3 year old were pushed to the ground causing injury to both of them. Officers located the arrestee in a nearby parking garage. The arrestee began to take off his shirt, a pre-assaultive clue, stating to officers that they “weren’t going to get him” but did comply when ordered to get on the ground. Officers were able to a handcuff the arrestee and stand him back up. While walking the arrestee to the cruiser he lunged at one officer and attempted to pull away from the other. The officers had to physically walk him to the police cruiser. At BPD the arrestee refused to exit the cruiser. The officers spoke with the arrestee attempting to talk him out, but the arrestee refused. The arrestee had also slipped his handcuffs from his back to his front giving him a better fighting stance. One officer physically pulled the arrestee from the cruiser and onto the ground so they could remove the handcuffs and re-apply them behind his back. Officer had to physically hold the arrestee on the ground, remove the handcuffs and physically move his arms behind his back and handcuff him again. Once in the cell the arrestee was handcuffed to the wall. The arrestee again got his handcuffs in front of him and began to strike his head off the metal bench. Officers intervened and stopped him by holding him from striking his head and the arrestee eventually sat back down. Officer remained with him to prevent him from injuring



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himself. The arrestee again attempted to strike his head off the bench again. And was stopped by an officer. The arrestee again resisted being placed into the back of the police cruiser by bracing his feet on holding area door and on the vehicle door. Officer had to physically place him into the vehicle for transport to a correctional facility.

White Male Age 22, 6' 00" 190 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction asked/Verbal direction given/empty hand techniques

Officer 2 – empty hand techniques/handcuffing

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

16. 22BU008085 - Arrest Disorderly Conduct, Unlawful Trespass, Assault of a Protected Professional and Resisting Arrest

Caller/Officers Dispatched

Bar employee called dispatch stating they had a subject that they had asked to leave but was refusing to do so and had become aggressive with staff. Upon arrival bar staff informed the officers that the arrestee was not overly intoxicated but had been refused service due to his debit card being declined and making female staff uncomfortable. Officers approached the arrestee and asked him to step outside so they could speak with him due to the loud dance music in the bar. The officer detected the odor of intoxicants emanating from the male as they spoke with him. The arrestee refused to step outside. The arrestee still refused as officer tried to de-escalate him and get him to leave. The bar manger verbally trespassed him from the bar and officer attempted to get the arrestee to exit the premises on his own accord. Officer finally told the arrestee he was under arrest for unlawful trespass and they attempted to take him into custody. The arrestee backed himself into a corner and actively resisted arrest. The arrestee struck one officer in the eye and nose. Officer ordered the arrestee several times to stop resisting but the arrestee did not comply. Officers took the arrestee to the ground where they physically placed both his arms behind his back and handcuffed him. The arrestee was stood up but stated he could not walk. The two officers were concerned about attempting to carry the arrestee down the steep flight of stairs to the ground floor. Officers waited for other officers to arrive and then he was carried down the stairs by three officers. Thee arrestee complained of leg pain and BFD was called and he was transported to UVMMC ER for evaluation. The arrestee was released with a walking boot due to a possible hairline fracture in his shin and transported to BPD and then to a correctional facility. The officer struck in the eye and nose area was seen at UVMMC ER for a bloody nose and eye injury.



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Black Male Age 29, 5' 10" 198 lbs., same subject from UOF #10

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction given/empty hand techniques

Officer 2 – Verbal direction asked/empty hand techniques/handcuffing

Arrestee – possible leg injury – hairline fracture to shin

Officers – bruise/contusion to eye, bloody nose