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Use of Force Report

November 01, 2022 – November 30, 2022

Total Number of Incidents for 11/01/22 – 11/30/22 – Incidents 1935

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 12

Total Uses of Force – 24

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – .62%

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 4

White Male – 6

White Female – 5

Incidents

#1 22BU021375 – Agency Assist to South Burlington Police Department

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

South Burlington Police Department called for Burlington Police Department to negotiate with a barricades subject armed with a knife in their city. Two Officers/negotiators and a Supervisor/negotiator responded to the scene. The subject had conditions not to be in the residence stemming from an aggravated domestic assault. Burlington officers were able to deploy a robot with a camera into the area the subjects was in without them knowing. Officers were able to monitor the subjects' movements during the standoff. Officers negotiated for 3 hours without success. The subject threatened to murder officers and fillet their skin. A Burlington officer deployed OC vapor under the door and into the room. The subject opened a window to attempt to dispel the vapors and eventually exited the window. A SB officer stated that the subject had a knife in their hand. A Burlington officer drew and pointed their CEW at the subject until SB officers pointed their CEW at them and the officer holstered their CEW. The subject was taken into custody by SB officers.

White Female Age 34, 5'05" 143 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – CEW pointed

Officer 2 – OC vapor deployed

Officers – no injury

Arrestee– no injury



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#2 22BU021673 Arrest Impeding, Simple Assault on a Police officer

Officer Generated

Officers were in City Hall Park for a disturbance. After investigating the disturbance an officer went to check the welfare of a male slouched over a bench. Officers were concerned the male was overdosing. The arrestee stepped in-between the officers and the male. Officer explained to the arrestee why they were interacting with the male. The arrestee then spat on one of the officers. The arrestee attempted to walk away as the officers told them they were under arrest. The officer had to each take an arm and physically place them behind their back and place them into handcuffs. The arrestee was taken into custody without further incident.

White female Age 34, 5'04", 175 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

#3 22BU021751– Arrest Felony Drug distribution

Officer generated

Officer assisted in high risk motor vehicle stop to take the arrestee into custody on felony drug charges. The arrestee was known to law enforcement to carry a firearm. The officer drew their firearm and pointed it at the arrestee until they were taken into custody, without incident by another officer. The officer then holstered their firearm.

Black male Age 68, 5'09", 154 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 –firearm pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured



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#4 22BU022038 Arrest Violation of a Restraining Order and 22BU022043 Arrest Simple Assault on a Police Officer.

Complainant/ Officers Responded

Complainant called stating the arrestee was inside a residence and that a court issued restraining order was in place stating the arrestee could not be there. Officers arrived on scene and located the arrestee in the residence in violation of the court ordered restraining order. The arrestee was upset at an officer on scene who had served the court ordered restraining order. The arrestee was compliant when taken into custody and handcuffed, but continued to yell at the officer on scene. While the second officer was taking the arrestee to the police cruiser, the arrestee kicked the first officer in the groin. The arrestee was brought to the ground where they continued to kick. The first officer restrained the arrestee's legs while the second officer held their upper torso. After speaking with the arrestee and getting him to calm down they assisted them from the ground and brought him to the cruiser without further incident.

White Male Age 27, 5'07", 130 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/open hand techniques

Officer 2 – open hand techniques

Officers – injured kicked in groin/second officer injured back was seen at UVMHC ER, treated and released

Arrestee – uninjured

#5 22BU022323– Agency Assist Stolen Vehicle for Winooski PD

Complainant

A Burlington Police Officer located a stolen vehicle for Winooski Police Department. Officer's conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Two officers drew their firearm and pointed it the vehicles operator and passenger. The first officer provided cover until both subjects were taken into custody. The second officer gave the operator command to assume a kneeling position with their hands on top of their head. The officer then holstered their weapon and handcuffed the operator and brought them back to other officers. The officer then took out their firearm and pointed it at the passenger as they were called out of the stolen motor vehicle. Officers handcuffed and took the passenger into custody without incident. The operator was turned over to Winooski Police Department.



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White Female Age 31, 5'04", 160 lbs.

White Male Age 27 5'05", 165 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal orders/firearm pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestees – uninjured

Subject – uninjured

#6 22BU022456 Arrest Accessory to Homicide

Officer Generated

Officers assisted the Burlington Police Department Detective Unit in locating and taking into custody the arrestee. The arrestee was located inside a residence they had initially attempted to flee from. The arrestee was told they were under arrest and an officer attempted to take them into custody. The arrestee actively resisted by attempting to pull out of the officers grasp. The arrestee purposely dropped to the floor trying to pull out of the officers grasp. A second officer had assist by gaining control of the arrestee on the floor. The officer was able to give clear commands to the arrestee and the arrestee complied. The officer was able to have the arrestee roll onto their stomach. The officers were able to secure the arrestee's hands behind his back and place him into handcuffs without further incident.

Black Male Age 19 6'00", 190 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/open hand techniques

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/open hand techniques/handcuffing

Officers – uninjured

Arrestees – uninjured

#7 22BU022522 Arrests Narcotic Distribution

Officer Generated

Officers assisted State Drug Task Force unit in the arrest of two subjects for narcotic sales. One arrestee was observed outside of the residence by two officers. One officer drew their firearm and pointed it at the arrestee and provided cover for the second officer who approached the



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arrestee. The arrestee began to reach into his pockets and the officer drew and pointed their CEW. The officer gave the arrestee commands to place their hands in the air and the arrestee complied. The officer holstered their CEW and placed the arrestee into handcuffs without further incident. While at the residence several officers had their firearms out but not pointed at any subjects but were in full view of said subjects. The second arrestee inside the apartment building was told they were under arrest. The arrestee began to back away from officers. Two officers each took a separate arm and attempted to take the arrestee into custody. The arrestee kicked out with her legs off the walls of the hallway finally causing them to fall into a seated position. From the seated position the arrestee continued to kick at officers. The arrestee rolled themselves onto their stomach. An officer was able to then take hold of their legs and stop them from kicking. The officer used their bodyweight on the arrestee legs to keep them still. The officer then spoke with arrestee trying to get them calmed down. After approximately 4 minutes the arrestee had calmed down and officers were able to stand them up and place them into handcuffs. The first arrestee stated they felt faint. The officer had BFD dispatched to screen them. The arrestee refused medical treatment. Officers had BFD screen the second arrestee as well who declined medical treatment.

Black Male Age 42 6'00", 190 lbs.

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

5 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal Commands/CEW

Officer 3 – Empty hand techniques

Officer 4 – Verbal commands/open hand techniques

Officer 5 – Verbal commands/open hand techniques /handcuffing

Officers – uninjured

Arrestees – uninjured

#8 22BU022613 Arrest DUI/Simple Assault on a Police Officer, Violation of Conditions of Release/Interference with Law Enforcement/Driving while License Suspended – (Criminal)
Officer Initiated

An officer investigating a separate incident observed a motor vehicle that was involved in several accidents the prior day but had fled the scene. The officer aired the vehicles direction of travel. A second officer located the vehicle and stopped it. An officer found probable cause the arrestee was operating the motor vehicle under the influence. The arrestee was handcuffed and escorted towards a police cruiser. While escorting the arrestee they began to resist, pulling



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back and away from the officer. The officer had to physically move the arrestee to the police cruiser. While at the cruiser the arrestee kicked the officer in their right leg. Throughout the rest of the arrest and DUI process the arrestee attempted to hurt themselves, resist and be combative with officers.

White Female Age 28 5'02", 100 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/handcuffing/pulling

Officer – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

#9 22BU022635 Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant observed the two arrestees “jimmy the lock” on the door to a building under construction. The first officer arriving on scene observed the male arrestee who fled further back into the building. The officer identified themselves as police but the arrestee did not stop. The officer then moved to another side of the building and located the male arrestee a second time. The officer could not observe the arrestees hands as they were below a plywood barrier between them and the arrestee. The officers was concerned the arrestee was armed. The officer drew their firearm and pointed it at the arrestee and gave them commands to show their hands. The arrestee refused to show their hands. A second officer arriving drew their CEW and pointed it at the arrestee. The arrestee finally complied and placed their hands over a plywood barrier. The officer holstered his firearm and the second officer holstered his CEW. The two officers had to physically lift the arrestee up and over the barrier. They were able to place the arrestee on his back on the ground and then roll them over onto their stomach and place them into handcuffs without incident. The female arrestee was located and taken into custody without incident or use of force.

White Male Age 45 5'11", 210 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed/open hand techniques

Officer 2 – CEW pointed/open hand techniques/handcuffing

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured



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**#10 22BU022679 Arrest Disorderly Conduct/Possession of Narcotics/Weapons
Possession/Person Prohibited from Possessing firearms/Stolen Property – Firearm/Resisting
Arrest.**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

An employee at downtown bar called stating the arrestee was antagonizing, threatening and attempting to assault patrons. Officer arrived on scene and located the arrestee outside the bar. The arrestee appeared to be intoxicated. During their initial contact with the arrestee the officers and a female companion of the arrestee attempted to have them leave the area. The bar did not make contact with the officers. After some discussion the arrestee stated they would leave. A Sergeant cleared several officers and then the remaining officer began to leave the area. The arrestee however did not leave and reentered the bar. The bar manager was blocking the door and not allowing the arrestee to enter when officer returned to the scene. The arrestee was standing close to the bar manager and yelling at him. An officer placed his arm between the arrestee and the bar manager in an attempt to move the arrestee away without touching him. The female repeatedly and loudly stating to the arrestee "Let's go". The arrestee moves away from the bar manager and door but then turns back at the bar manager. The officer raised their arm in between the arrestee and the bar manager again in an attempt to move the arrestee away from the manager without touching the arrestee. The arrestee states "Don't touch me," and the officer states they do not want to touch them but to get out of the doorway. The arrestee does not move his hand which is directly in front of the officer's chest and the officer places his hand on the arrestee upper arm and says "Lets go." The arrestee flails his arm to move out of the officer's hand. The arrestee then reaches at the officer to grab the officers arm located at the officers side, grabs it as the officer backs away and the arrestee shoves the officers arm back. The officer states to the arrestee that they are under arrest and two other officers move in as the arrestee flails their arms around. The officers attempt to gain control of the arrestee the arrestee resists. The officers are able to bring the arrestee to the ground onto their stomach. One officer holds the arrestees legs down while the other two officers place the arrestee into handcuffs. During a search of the arrestee, an officer locate a loaded, stolen, handgun and a baggie with white powder.

Black Male Age 33 6'02", 260 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/open hand techniques/handcuffing

Officer 2 – open hand techniques

Officer 3 – open hand techniques

Officers – uninjured



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Arrestee – uninjured

#11 22BU022730 Arrest Stolen Vehicle/Assault and Robbery

Complainant/Officers dispatched

A Community Service Officer observed a stolen vehicle with two subjects in it near City Hall Park and called dispatch. Two officers were sent to the area but the vehicle had left the area. While looking for the vehicle the officers were notified by dispatch that the victim stated her vehicle was taken by force. A third officer located the vehicle. A high risk motor vehicle stop was conducted. One officer had their firearm drawn and pointed at the vehicle. The arrestee and passenger were called out of the vehicle, one at a time. The officer provided cover as the arrestee was handcuffed and taken into custody without incident. The officer provided cover as the passenger was taken out and detained in handcuffs without incident.

White Male Age 42 6'01", 165 lbs.

White Male Age 41, 6'02", 250 lbs.

Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

Subject – uninjured

#12 22BU022963 Arrest Simple Assault/Violation of Court Orders/Disorderly Conduct/Interference with Law Enforcement

Complainant/Officers dispatched

An employee at downtown bar called stating the arrestee assaulted a staff member causing facial injuries. The doorman had stopped the arrestee from entering the bar because he appeared intoxicated and could not produce an ID. Upon arrival officers located the arrestee outside of the bar. The arrestee appeared intoxicated. An officer remained with the arrestee as another officer entered the bar to speak with the victim. While the officer was standing by the arrestee speaking with them, the arrestee began to posture towards the officer. The arrestee steps forward and flicked an unlit cigarette into the officer's face. The officer moved in and took hold of the arrestees arm. The arrestee loses their balance and the officer was able to place the arrestee on the ground and roll them onto their stomach. A second officer assisted with bringing the arrestees arm behind his back and the first officer was able to remove the arrestee arms out from under the arrestee. The arrestee was handcuffed. While this was occurring a third officer gained control of the arrestees legs. The arrestee was assisted up and brought to



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the side of the cruiser to be searched. The arrestee became resistant again, pushing back from the cruiser, attempting to turn around so that the officers could not search them. An officer brought the arrestee to seated position on the ground then place him on his stomach finish searching them. The arrestee was then stood up. The arrestee refused to sit in the cruiser and an officer had to enter the backseat from the other side of the cruiser and pull the arrestee into the cruiser.

White Male Age 27 6'02", 175 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/open hand techniques/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Open hand techniques/pulling

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

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