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Use of Force Report
June 01, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Total Number of Incidents for 6/1/21 – 6/30/21 – Incidents 2069

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 9

Total Uses of Force – 20

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – .43%

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 3

Black Female -2

White Male – 2

White Female - 2

Incidents

#1 21BU07911 – Mental Health

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

E Area

Complainant called dispatch stating a male was in the roadway pushing a large shopping cart and was “smashing a headboard and mattresses on the side of the road”. Two officers were responded and went out with subject. The officers recognized the male from previous law enforcement incidents and knew him to be aggressive towards law enforcement. The officers located the subject and asked him to leave the roadway, stay on the sidewalk and not act belligerently and there would be no need for police contact. The subject began to show pre-assaultive clues – clenching his fist, tensing his arms in front of his chest. The subject then began to close the space between himself and the officers. One officer drew his Taser and pointed at the subject and ordered him to stop and back up. The subject complied but yelled for the officer to “Tase” (use the officers CEW) him while doing so. The male then discontinued his behavior and the officer holstered their CEW.

Black Male Age 26, 5’10” 180 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – CEW displayed/warned /Verbal Direction

Subject– no injury

Officer – no injury



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#2 21BU008251 Arrest Simple Assault/Felony Unlawful Trespass/Mental Health

Complainants/ Officers Dispatched

D Area

Multiple Complainants called 911 stating a female had been assaulted by a male (later identified as a female). Officers located the arrestee, who they knew through previous law enforcement incidents to have mental health issues and be aggressive towards law enforcement. The arrestee had been the subject in 5 previous incidents that day. The officer was able to place the arrestee in handcuffs using non-complainant handcuffing. The officer had to use a non-complaint escort as the arrestee resisted being brought to the police SUV for transport. The arrestee was transported to the UVMHC ER for an emergency evaluation. At the hospital the officer had to assist UVMHC ER staff in placing her into restraints by holding her legs down.

Black Female Age 32, 5"11", 175 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Rear non-compliant handcuffing/non-Compliant Escort/ Empty hand controls- held feet down

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

#3 21BU008761 – Mental Health/ Attempted Assault

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

E Area

Complaint called dispatch stating there was a fight between 2 females and a male. Upon arrival the first officer observed a male trying to get away from a female subject. The subject continued to go after the male. The officer began speaking with both of them. The male explained he wanted the subject to leave him alone and she was refusing to do so. The male again attempted to walk away but the subject attempted to follow him again. The officer stated the subject appeared sweaty, lost and confused. The officer got the subject to sit on a bench briefly before she once again attempted to go after the male. The officer decided to detain the subject and place her in handcuffs to stop her going after the male. The officer



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attempted to place the subject in handcuffs. Three additional officers arrived on scene and attempted to help the officer. The subject continued to pull away and try to reach the male. Officer placed the subject on the ground and were able to get her into handcuffs. The officers helped her to her feet where she again tried to go after the male. Officers were concerned that the female was experiencing a mental health issue and/or an excited delirium event brought on by a drug overdose. BFD was called to evaluate her. While waiting for BFD the subject was seated on the curb. While seated there the subject attempted to bite the officers. The subject had to be strapped to a gurney by BFD to prevent her from harming herself or others. The subject was transported to UVMHC ER for evaluation.

Black Female Age 31, 5'06", 135 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls - held forearm, thigh and shoulder blade and handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls - held shoulder

Officer 3 – empty hand controls - held shoulder and thigh

Officer 4 – other force used - shoulder lock

Officers -uninjured

Subject– uninjured by UOF – evaluated at UVMHC ER for mental health and drug OD.

#4 21BU009001 –Suicide Attempt/Mental Health

Complainant/Officers dispatched

A Area

Family member called dispatch stating that his son/subject who already had cut his arm seriously enough that it appeared he would need stitches attempting was still threatening to harm himself. The family member stated the subject has several extensive mental health issues. The family member stated they had fled the residence out of fear of the subject. The family member then stated the subject fled the residence with a backpack and entered the wooded area of Leddy Park. The family member was unsure if the subject still had a knife with him. BPD Canine Unit tracked the subject into the park and located them in a wooded area near the tennis courts. The officers attempted to speak with the subject to check his welfare. The subject refused and walked towards the arena at Leddy Park and ultimately the beach. The subject dropped his backpack and a mallet he had been carrying and walked out into the water. The Coast Guard was notified and arrived on scene preventing the subject from going any further out into the lake. Officers' negotiated/de-escalated with the subject for 2 hours. The subject repeatedly threatened to assault officers and asked officers to shoot him. The subject approached officers on shore threatening to assault them with his hand in his pocket and



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refused to take his hand out. An Officer fearing that the subject had a knife drew his CEW and discharged it but missed the subject. The subject turned and ran directly at another officer. That officer was armed with a LLM bean bag shotgun. Fearing for their safety they discharged the bean bag at the subject's legs. The bean bag missed the subject. The subject then attempted to flee back into the water but tripped and fell to the sand. Three officers were able to hold the subject on the ground and place the subject in handcuffs.

A third officer was providing lethal cover, per training, for the officers using the CEW and LLM Bean bag. This officer pointed his firearm at the subject. The officer transitioned to his CEW and pointed at the subject while officers took him into custody.

White Male Age 34, 5'07", 195 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm Pointed/CEW pointed

Officer 2 – CEW displayed/CEW darts used

Officer 3 – Projectile launcher used

Officer 4 – other force used – figure four leg restraint

Officers -uninjured

Subject – uninjured by UOF – transported to UVMHC ER for self-inflicted wounds and mental health

5. 21BU009143 – Arrest Aggravated Assault

Complainants/Officers Dispatched

D Area

Arrestee was wanted in for beating a male downtown 4 days prior. The arrestee has a cast on one arm and that was used in the beating of the victim. An officer observed the arrestee, still wearing the cast and who he knew through previous professional contact, walking down the street. The officer spoke with the arrestee and took him into custody without incident. While at BPD the male attempted to break a holding cell camera with the cast. While being transported to a correctional facility the male continuously beat the cast against the Plexiglas partition in the cruiser. The officer could hear the cast beginning to disintegrate. The arrestee was warned numerous times to stop his actions or he would be sprayed with OC but the arrestee refused to stop beating his cast against the Plexiglas. The officer stopped the cruiser and deployed their OC and the arrestee stopped his actions..

Black Male Age 31, 5'06", 140 lbs.



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1 Officer
Officer 1 – Verbal direction/OC deployed

Officers -uninjured
Arrestee – uninjured

6. 21BU009147 – Mental Health – Mental Health Emergency Evaluation Warrant

Complainants/Officers Dispatched
C Area

Complaint stated they had EE warrant for subject. The officers located the subject in the downtown area, explained that she had a EE warrant and negotiated with them to go up to the hospital. The female became aggressive and officers allowed her to leave the scene and return to her residence, feeling this would be a safer course of action. Officers re-located subject at her residence and attempted to negotiate with her to come with them up to the hospital. Officers then attempted to take her into custody. The subject resisted by pulling away. The three officer were able to gain control of the subject and place her into handcuffs. The subject was then placed on a gurney and BFD transport her to UVMHC ER.

White Female Age 41, 5'07", 150 lbs.

3 Officers
Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/Verbal commands
Officer 2 – Handcuff control technique – rear wristlock
Officer 3 – Empty hand controls – rear wrist lock

Officers -uninjured
Subject – uninjured – subject transported to UVMHC ER for EE warrant

7. 21BU009454 – Crash/Attempting to leave the scene of an Accident

Complainants/Officers Dispatched
E Area

Caller on 911 stated that a vehicle had crashed into a residence and the male operator was attempting to flee scene. The first officer on arrival was pointed to a male walking down the street. The officer confirmed with the witnesses that the male walking away was the operator. The officer went out with the male clearly identified himself as a police officer with blue lights activated on his Police SUV and in full uniform and gave numerous verbal commands to stop



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and told him he was being detained. The male refused to stop walking around him stating he was walking home. The officer then stood in front of the male and when the male walked into him he placed his hand on his chest to prevent from walking around him. The officer explained that if he did not stop he would place him in handcuffs. The male continued to try and walk around him. A second officer arrived on scene and they were able to handcuff the male despite him actively resisting and detain him.

Black Male Age 21, 5'06", 155 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/verbal commands/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officers -uninjured

Subject –uninjured

8. 21BU009678– Disorderly Conduct/Drug OD/Altered Mental Status

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

B Area

Complainant called 911 stating there was a male who stripped down in Battery Park and now naked and trying to hug people. Arriving Officers found the male sweating profusely and making incoherent statements. The male made statements that he had taken crystal meth. The male became fixated on a female officer and rushed towards her stating “give us a hug”. The officer speaking with the male grabbed him and stopped him. The officer was able to handcuff the male. The male then swung between a calm states to an agitated state repeatedly and struggled with the officers. Officer were able to gently place him on the ground. Concerned the male was experiencing excited delirium they had BFD respond. With the male violently struggled on the ground the officers held the male on the ground until BFD arrived on scene.

White Male Age 37, 5'10", 195 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/rear wrist lock/handcuffing

Officers -uninjured

Subject – uninjured by UOF transported to UVMHC ER for Drug OD/altered mental status



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**9. 21BU009749 – Domestic Assault/Simple assault on Law Enforcement Office/emergency
Evaluation Warrant**

Complainant/Officers dispatched
B Area

Family member called stating that the arrestee had become violent with them and assaulted them. The arrestee also had a valid emergency evaluation warrant issued by a judge. Officers responded to the residence and located the arrestee seated in the dining room. The officer made a plan with BFD and attempted to have BFD make contact and see if she would willingly go up to the hospital. The arrestee was uncooperative. The arrestee appeared to be in the throes of a psychotic episode, yelling and screaming incoherently. The arrestee got up and approached officers as they attempted to make contact with her. As an officer moved a fork out of the arrestees reach the arrestee observed this and then grabbed for the fork. The three officers took control of the arrestee by grabbing her arms and shoulders. One of the officers handcuffed her. After the arrestee was handcuffed she turned and spit saliva directly into the eyes of one of the officers. The arrestee continued to attempt to pull away and kick officers. BFD had to administer a sedative so the arrestee could be transported to UVMHC ER per the emergency evaluation warrant.

White Female Age 40, 5'04", 130 lbs.

3 Officer

Officer 1 – empty hand controls rear wrist lock and shoulders

Officer 2 – empty hand controls- elbow joint and shoulder/handcuffing

Officer 3 – empty hand controls- handcuffing control technique – rear wrist lock

Officers – evaluated for bodily fluid exposure at UVMHC ER

Arrestee – uninjured by UOF transported to by BFD to UVMHC ER per emergency evaluation warrant