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USE of Force Report
March 01, 2021 – March 31, 2021

Total Number of Incidents for 3/1/21 – 3/31/21: 1584

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 16

Total Uses of Force – 29

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – 1 %

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Males - 7

White Female – 2

Asian Female - 1

Asian Male - 1

Black Male – 5

Incidents

21BU2721– Arrest Felony Attempted Homicide

Caller - Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

911 call concerning shots fired and a lot of blood at a residence. Upon arrival at residence officers observed female shot through upper thigh. Officer took life saving measures. Officer were able to learn the arrestee know to the victim had shot through the door of the residence striking the victim. Arrestee had fled the area. Officer began to canvass area looking for male. A mobile unit observed the arrestee operating a vehicle. The arrestee fled in the vehicle, crashing the vehicle after a short pursuit. Officers conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop with the crashed vehicle. This type of stop is used when a weapon is suspected or in this case known to have been involved with a subject and involves some officer to point their weapons at the vehicle and subjects exiting the vehicle. The arrestee exited the vehicle with the firearm in his hand but officers lost sight of firearm. Arrestee refused to comply with officers orders once out of vehicle and began to move backwards away from the vehicle as if to flee. This posed a threat to public and officer safety if Arrestee armed with a firearm, had having just shown he would use, was allowed to run. One officer deployed his CEW. The first probes appeared to have no effect on Arrestee due to his heavy clothing so the officer deployed the second set which successfully incapacitated him allowing officers to take him into custody without further incident. A loaded hand gun was located on the Arrestee.

Black Male Age 31, 5'11"" 150 lbs.

5 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed



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Officer 3 – Verbal Commands/CEW displayed-warned/CEW Darts usedX2

Officer 4 – Firearm active pointing/ Verbal Directions ordered

Officer 5 – Firearm Displayed

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

21BU002763 – Gunfire/Mental Health

Caller - Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller advised of a disturbance occurring at residence nearby. While on phone a female could be heard yelling that someone just shot a gun. Responding officer made where able to call into suspect residence and make contact with male subject who was in mental health crisis. The male came to the door of residence and without provocation began to walk downstairs towards officers. Due to the call with a firearm being fired officer per training pointed their firearms at male. Once it was discerned the male did not have firearm in his hands officers holstered weapons and took male into protective custody and were able to transport him to the hospital for help.

White Male Age 61, 5’11”, 175 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing

Officer 2 – Firearm active pointing

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

21BU002878 – Arrest Felony Aggravated Domestic Assault 2nd degree

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Complainant/Caller called and stated she had been assaulted and choked by Arrestee and that they currently had a knife. Dispatch could hear Arrestee verbally threatening caller in background. Upon arrival due to a knife being allegedly held by Arrestee Officer drew firearm and made contact with Arrestee. Officer was able to learn the Arrestee no longer held knife and holstered their firearm. Officer proceeded to take Arrestee into custody without further incident.

Black Male Age 33, 5’09”, 210 lbs.



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1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal directions/Firearm Active /Handcuff control techniques

Officer 1 -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

21BU002926 – Agency Assist for Winooski PD Barricaded subject armed with a knife.

Caller Winooski PD/Officers Responded

Winooski PD called for assistance in containing and negotiating with armed barricaded subject. Burlington Police Department negotiators after approximately 1 hour were able to talk subject into coming out. Due to the subject displaying several knives during incident officers pointed firearm at subject when he came out of residence. Once it was discerned the male was unarmed the officer holstered their firearm and were able to take the subject into custody without further incident and turn them over to Winooski PD.

White Male Age 38, 5'10" 187 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – firearm pointed

Officer 1 – uninjured

Subject– uninjured

21BU003203 Protective Custody Mental Health Subject

Caller/Officers Responded

Caller stated subject was running on street, banging on doors asking people to call 911 about an emergency in the area. Male was located in a dumpster and stated to the effect that he was stabbed with needles or had needles on him. Officer drew his CEW concerned for their welfare due to the possibility of the male having open needles on him. Officer did not point CEW but was held it at the officer's side. Once male was observed to not be armed Officer holstered CEW and took male into custody transported to hospital by ambulance.

White Male Age 36, 5"10 165 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – CEW displayed-Warned/Empty hand controls



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Officer 1 – uninjured
Subject – uninjured.

21BU003252 – Mental Health – Take into Custody for Emergency Evaluation Warrant

Caller/Officers Responded

BPD was called to Female subject was throwing items from residence and destroying her own property. BPD then assisted First Call in taking a female subject into custody for an emergency evaluation warrant. Officer had to assist in carrying subject to bottom of stairs and placing her hands behind her back to take her into custody.

White Female Age 37, 5'03" 115 lbs.

1 Officer
Officer 1 –Verbal/Empty hand controls

Officer 1 – uninjured
Subject – uninjured.

21BU003383 – Mental Health – Suicidal Juvenile Female

Caller/Officers Responded

BPD was called to residence by mother who stated her daughter was suicidal and armed with a knife. Officers located the female in a back room holding a knife. Officer was able to de-escalate female and remove the knife from her hands. While doing that the officer squeezed the female's hands together around the knife to make sure she could not brandish it and then removed the knife from her hands

Asian Female Age 13 5'00" 115 lbs.

1 Officer
Officer 1 –Verbal/Empty hand controls

Officer 1 – uninjured
Subject – uninjured.



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21BU003532 – Arrest Misdemeanor Operating without Owners Consent/Petit Larceny from a Vehicle

Caller/Officers Responded

Caller stated the Arrestee had stolen packages from a USPS truck. While officers were on scene the Arrestee stole a motor vehicle to flee scene but only operated the vehicle for a short distance. The Arrestee then fled on foot. A perimeter was set up and a short time later was spotted by officers running from are with an unidentified object in his hand. Officer chased male into the rear of a building where the Arrestee started running up a set of stairs but stopped abruptly. The officer pursuing them was close behind and momentum carried them into Arrestee. The Officer used a body fold to bring subject to ground, rolled them onto their stomach and used a shoulder lock and ground handcuffing.

White Male Age 22 5'04" 120 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 –Verbal/Empty hand controls/Ground handcuffing

Officer 1 – uninjured

Arrestee – advised of shoulder and wrist pain – seen by BFD at BPD, not transported to ER

21BU003675 – Domestic Disturbance

Caller/Officer Responded

Caller stated her ex-boyfriend had used a copied key to gain entrance into her apartment and was using a knife to enter the bathroom where she had attempted to secure herself away from him. Upon arrival officers met with caller who had made it outside of the residence. Caller was unsure if the male was still in residence and advised the knife was a butter knife. Officer attempted to call the male out from the doorway to the apartment numerous times and received no response. The officer then made entry, due to the early use of a knife, officers used a shield with one officer armed with a CEW and per training one officer had their firearm out for lethal cover. Officer began to clear apartment and located a male in the back bedroom. They called out to the male who complied with their commands and was taken into custody without incident. It should be noted that the officers interviewed the male and based on his statements re-interviewed female caller and learned she had fabricated the entire story.

Black Male Age 25, 5"11", 160 lbs.



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3 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed

Officer 3 – CEW displayed/Verbal Commands

Officers– no injury

Subject – no injury

21BU003745 Arrest Misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct

Caller/Officers responded

While attempting to locate a male for a welfare check, the Arrestee (girlfriend of male) attempted to assault a male friend of the missing male. Officer on scene used compliant arm escort and then compliant handcuffing to take her into custody.

White Female Age 36, 5'06", 190 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/Verbal commands

Officer – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

21BU003841 Mental Health - Take into Custody for Emergency Evaluation Warrant

Caller/Officers responded

Warrant subject had been acting aggressively towards neighbors but had not risen to the level of criminal action. Subject was experiencing mental health episode. EE warrant was obtained by medical professionals and called officer to assist in serving it on subject. Officer attempted to negotiate with subject but he refused to exit his residence. 2 Officers were later able to make contact with subject in hallway of building. The subject attempted to flee back into his apartment but was stopped by officers. Officers were able to place one handcuff on subject before he began to struggle with officers. Two more officers were required to hold the male to safely place him in handcuffs. Subject refused to walk and had to be transported to the ER on a stretcher by BFD.

White Male Age 40, 5'06" 155 lbs.



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4 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – other force used – held feet against wall

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/other force used – held subject against wall

Officer 4 - Empty hand controls/other force used – held subject against wall

2 Officers – minor injuries – (1) bruise and (1) injury to elbow/forearm

Subject – minor laceration to wrist

21BU004020 – Assisted USMA - Arrest on Warrant – BPD suspect in Aggravated Domestic Assault with firearm

Caller/Officer Responded

US Marshall Service was following wanted subject (from BPD case) in motor vehicle. Arrestee had used firearm in commission of the Domestic Assault, subject was also know to LEO to have history of firearm offenses and violent offenses. Based on this officer conducted a High risk Motor Vehicle stop per training. Arrestee was non-compliant after exiting vehicle but a short time later responded to commands and was taken into custody without further incident.

Black Male Age 35, 5’08”, 175 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing/Verbal commands

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed

Officer 3 – Firearm active pointing

Officer – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

21BU004034 – Felony Arrest Aggravated Assault, simple assault, Aggravated disorderly conduct, retail theft

Caller/Officer response

Caller/convenience store reported two “African men came in and took a bunch of items, threatened to shoot up the place and left”. Officer located Arrestee and other male with items from store and approached them. Arrestee fled on foot with officer pursuing him. Officer yelled repeatedly for Arrestee to stop. Arrestee tripped over his own pants and fell. Officer caught up



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to male who was attempting to get up. Officer wrapped up the male and used his body weight to bring him back down to ground. Officer was able to compliantly handcuff Arrestee on ground without further incident.

Black Male Age 21, 5'11" 155 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction order/Empty hand controls/Handcuff control techniques

Officer - injured – multiple abrasions to hand and wrist

Arrestee - injury – elbow

21BU004047 Mental Health – Suicidal Male with Firearm

Caller/Officer Response

Caller stated that she had just broken up with her boyfriend and that he was now in the bathroom with a loaded firearm threatening to commit suicide. During stand off and negotiations subject was seen with firearm. Negotiations were successful and subject agree to come out of residence. Officer provided lethal cover per training as officers that took male into protective custody and searched him to ensure he was not carrying firearm.

White Male 28, 5'11" 170 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing

Officer – no injury

Subject – no injury

21BU002715 – Misdemeanor Arrest Unlawful Trespass

Caller/Officer response

Caller stated they could see two individuals in a house they knew to be vacant with flashlights. Responding officers located two subjects inside house. Arrestee fled out front door where officer gave orders for Arrestee to stop but Arrestee attempted to flee. Officer wrapped his arms around Arrestee and brought them safely to ground where they were able to compliantly handcuff them after some initial resistance. Second Officer drew firearm when suspect suddenly opened and fled out front door, then holstered and helped secure Arrestee.



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White Male Age 38, 5'07" 137 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal Commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed/empty hand controls

Officers – no injury

Arrestee – no injury