



MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members, Kingston Police Services Board
From: Antje McNeely, Chief of Police
Date: 2021-02-12
Re: Use of Force Report, January–December 2020

A review of the Use of Force Statistics for the year 2020 indicated that members of the Kingston Police submitted 68 reports (64 individual reports and 4 team reports) for use of force in 43 separate incidents (multiple members responded to some incidents). In 2019, 88 reports (80 individual reports and 8 team reports) were submitted in 67 separate incidents.

In accordance with General Order Vol. I-A-24, “Use of Force,” members are required to complete a Use of Force Report whenever they:

- draw (display) a handgun or carbine in the presence of a member of the public, excluding a member of the police force while on duty;
- point a firearm at a person;
- discharge a firearm;
- use a weapon other than a firearm on another person; or
- use physical force on another person that results in injury requiring medical attention (this includes injury to another member involved in the incident).

After supervisor review and approval, Use of Force Reports are examined by the Training Unit. Following is a breakdown of the use of force options exercised in 2020, as compared to 2019.

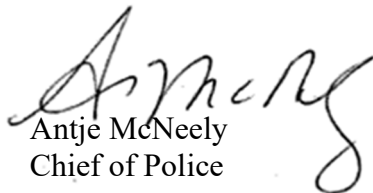
Method	Number	Remarks	2018
Empty hand	13	Note 2	4
Aerosol spray	2	Note 3	2
Baton	0		1
Canine	1	Note 4	3
CEW displayed/pointed	23	Note 5	13
CEW deployed	6	Note 6	6
Firearm displayed	20	Note 7	10
Firearm pointed	21		41
Firearm discharged	1	Note 8	17
Other	2	Note 9	

Notes:

1. During some incidents, officers used more than one use of force option. In addition, verbal interaction was employed in incidents involving persons present.
2. The 13 reports related to three incidents involving individuals who were combative / resisting arrest.

3. Calls involved a highly intoxicated, violent male and a barricaded person.
4. Call involved brief canine tracking of suspects fleeing a CDSA warrant.
5. CEWs displayed or pointed were used to:
 - a. arrest fleeing suspects;
 - b. during calls involving suicidal / mental crisis individuals; and
 - c. effect arrest of suspects known or suspected to possess weapons.
6. The deployments of the conducted energy weapon (CEW) occurred:
 - a. during a call involving suicidal male armed with a knife;
 - b. during the arrest of combative males (one required three cycles); and
 - c. to arrest a barricaded person.
7. There were 41 reports filed for displaying (20) or pointing (21) firearms. In these incidents the firearms were displayed or pointed because the suspects either were extremely violent and/or known or suspected to be armed with firearms or other weapons. There were 6 reports filed in relation to planned execution of warrants; the remaining reports related to observed wanted persons or calls for service in 24 separate incidents. Many of these incidents involved a response by multiple officers, which is reflected in the reported statistics.
8. There was one discharge of a firearm related to the dispatch of an injured animal.
9. A baton was displayed during one incident, and ARWEN rounds were used in a barricaded person incident.

The attached Use of Force Model is a graphic representation of a member's use of force options, profiled behaviours, and situation assessment process. The selection of a force option is based on a number of variables, including but not limited to the subject, the circumstances of the encounter, the degree of resistance, and the nature of the offence. During the encounter, the member is constantly reassessing the situation and may change the force option one or more times.


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Enclosure