



MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members, Kingston Police Services Board
From: Antje McNeely, Chief of Police
Date: 2022-02-09
Re: Use of Force Report, January–December 2021

A review of the Use of Force Statistics for the year 2021 indicated that members of the Kingston Police submitted 110 reports (71 individual reports and 39 team reports) for use of force in 91 separate incidents (multiple members responded to some incidents). In 2020, 68 reports (64 individual reports and 4 team reports) were submitted in 43 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 2021, as compared to 2020.

Method	Number	Remarks	2020
Empty hand	7	Note 2	13
Aerosol spray	1	Note 3	2
Baton	1		0
Canine	0		1
CEW displayed/pointed	17	Note 4	23
CEW deployed	4	Note 5	6
Firearm displayed	48	Note 6	20
Firearm pointed	60		21
Firearm discharged	21	Note 7	1
Other	0		2

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 7 reports related to four incidents involving individuals who were combative / resisting arrest.

3. Call involved combative subject resisting arrest.
4. CEWs displayed or pointed were used during incidents involving subjects who were either intoxicated, aggressive towards civilians or responding officers, possessed or thought to be possessing a weapon, threatening self-harm or suicide, attempting to flee a search/arrest warrant, or a combination of the previous.
5. The deployments of the conducted energy weapon (CEW) occurred during calls involving subjects who were intoxicated and/or combative. Subjects were armed with knives in three of the occurrences.
6. There were 108 reports filed for displaying (48) or pointing (60) 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 33 reports filed in relation to planned execution of warrants; the remaining reports related to observed wanted persons or calls for service in 21 separate incidents. Many of these incidents involved a response by multiple officers, which is reflected in the reported statistics.
7. There were 21 discharges of a firearm related to dispatches of an injured animal.

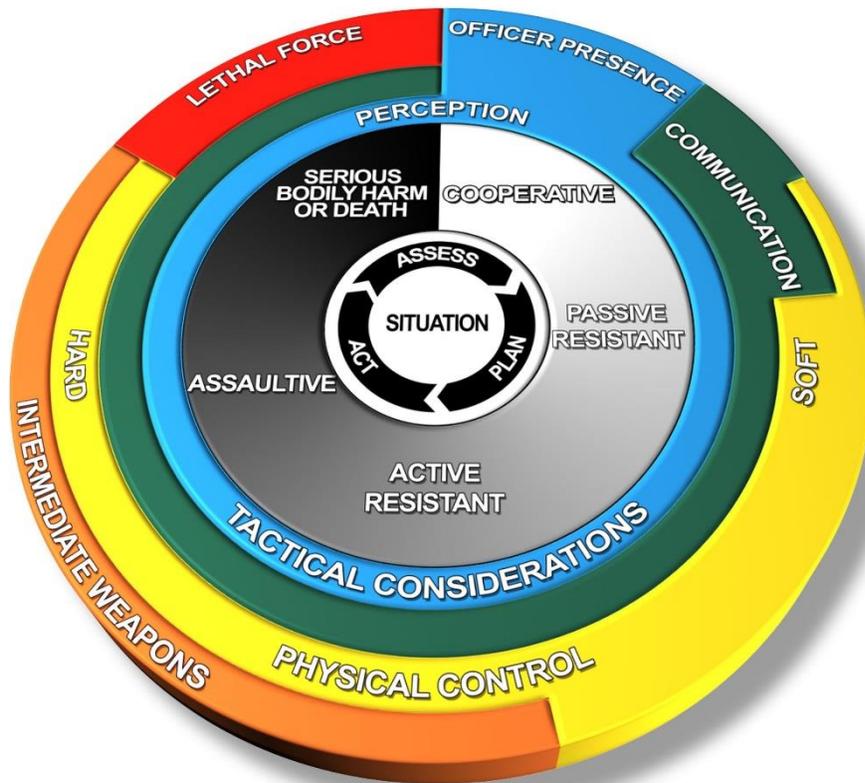
The attached Use of Force Model is a graphic representation of a member's use of force options, profiled behaviours, and situation assessment process. The selection of a force option is based on a number of variables, including but not limited to the subject, the circumstances of the encounter, the degree 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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Chief of Police

Enclosure

Ontario Use of Force Model (2004)



The officer continuously assesses the situation and selects the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that point in time.