



## Kingston Police

### Public Agenda Information Report

To: Kingston Police Services Board

From: Scott Fraser, Acting Chief of Police

Subject: Use of Force Report, January – December 2022

Date: February 8, 2023

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#### Recommendation:

**That** the Use of Force Report, January – December 2022, Report Number 23-07 is for information only.

#### Summary:

A review of the Use of Force Statistics for the year 2022 indicated that members of the Kingston Police submitted 75 reports (41 individual reports and 34 team reports) for use of force in 66 separate incidents (multiple members responded to some incidents). In 2021, 110 reports (71 individual reports and 39 team reports) were submitted in 91 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 2022, as compared to 2021.

Method	Number	Remarks	2021
Empty hand	16	Note 2	7
Aerosol spray	0	Note 3	1
Baton	1		1
Canine	0		0
CEW displayed/pointed	7	Note 4	17
CEW deployed	13	Note 5	4
Firearm displayed	43	Note 6	48
Firearm pointed	42		60
Firearm discharged	7	Note 7	21
Other	0		0

**Notes:**

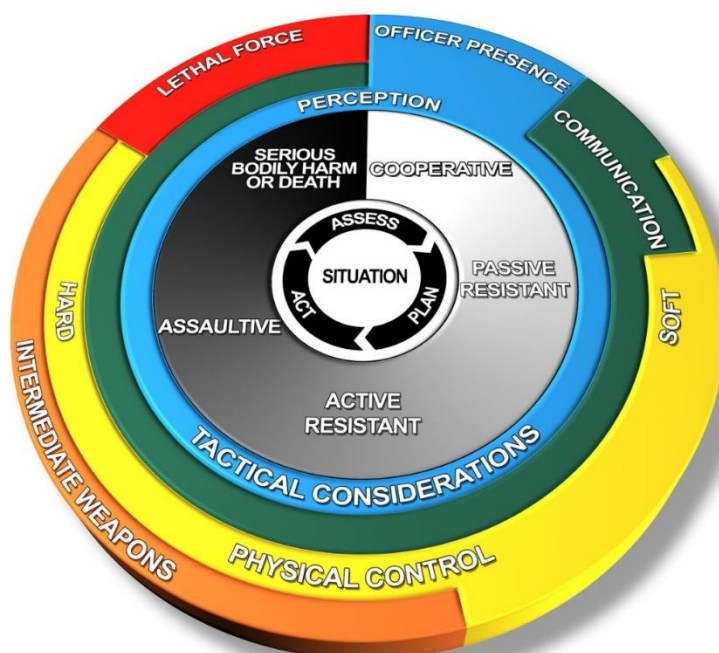
1. During some incidents, officers used more than one use of force option. In addition, verbal interaction was employed in incidents involving persons present.
2. The 16 reports related to 15 incidents involving individuals who were subject to high-risk warrants, combative or known to be combative; and/or resisting arrest.
3. Call involved combative subject resisting arrest.
4. CEWs displayed or pointed were used during incidents involving subjects who were either intoxicated, actively committing a crime, 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 high-risk, intoxicated, barricaded, and/or combative. Subjects were armed with firearms, knives, bear spray, fireworks, and/or other object that could be used as a weapon in six of the occurrences. There was a single incident of an accidental CEW discharge (the probes did not hit anyone).
6. There were 65 reports filed for displaying (23) or pointing (42) 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 20 reports filed in relation to planned execution of warrants; the remaining reports related to observed wanted persons or calls for service in 23 separate incidents. Many of these incidents involved a response by multiple officers, which is reflected in the reported statistics.
7. There were 7 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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## 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.