



Kingston Police

Public Agenda Information Report

To: Kingston Police Service Board

From: Adam MacIntosh, Chief of Police

Subject: Use of Force Report, January – December 2025

Date: February 18, 2025

Strategic Priority Alignment:

Administrative/Procedural

Recommendation:

That the Use of Force Report, January – December 2025, Report Number 26-07, is for information only.

Background/Analysis:

A review of the Use of Force Statistics for the year 2025 indicated that members of the Kingston Police submitted 66 reports (29 individual reports, 30 Emergency Response Unit team reports, and 14 other team reports) for use of force in 63 separate incidents (multiple members responded to some incidents). In 2024, 82 reports (29 individual reports, 22 Emergency Response Unit team reports, and 31 other team reports) were submitted in 73 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 statistics in 2025, as compared to 2024:

Use of Force Option			
Method	2025	Remarks	2024
Physical Control	1		0
Baton / Impact Weapon	0		0
OC Spray	0		2
Canine	0		1
Firearm Drawn	6	See Note 3	6
Firearm Pointed	44		53
Firearm Discharged	1	See Note 4	2
CEW Displayed	10	See Note 5	18
CEW Deployed	9		7

De-Escalation Attempted (by report)			
	2025		2024
	Yes	No	Yes
	56	9	57
Why de-escalation not attempted:			
Immediate action required	5		15
Destroy Animal	2		2
Imminent Threat	1		7
Used by another officer			
Immediate Compliance			1
No interaction with subject	3		

Perceived Race & Gender				
	2025		2024	
Race	Male	Female	Male	Female
White	60	42	66	16
Black	13	1	20	1
Indigenous	1	1		
South Asian			1	1
East / Southeast Asian				
Middle Eastern			4	
Latino				
Unknown	1			

Subject Weapons (by event)		
	2025	2024
Knives	5	13

Pistol	1	4
Rifle/shotgun	1	2
Hammer		1
Metal Object		2
Wood Stake		1
Scissors	1	
BB Gun	1	1
BB Bat		1
Sword/machete		4
Crossbow		1
Screwdriver	1	

Call Type	2025	2024
Warrant execution	32	27
Weapons call	16	12
Mental health/crisis	4	8
Robbery	0	2
Driving Complaint	2	
K9 Track	0	1
Animal complaint	2	2
Stolen vehicle	1	2
Theft	1	
Barricaded person	1	4
Assault	2	5
Suspicious Activity	1	2
Domestic Disturbance	3	6
Break and Enter	2	1
Active Attacker	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. Race and gender identity information is solely based on the perception of the officer at the time of the interaction.
3. There were 50 reports filed for drawing (6) or pointing (44) firearms. In the incidents where firearms were displayed or pointed, the suspects were either extremely violent and/or known or suspected to be armed with firearms or other weapons. There were 32 reports involving drawing or pointing a firearm unrelated to the planned execution of a warrant, and many of these incidents involved a

response by multiple officers, which is reflected in the reported statistics.

4. There was 1 discharge of a firearm related to dispatches of an injured animal.
5. 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. There were 6 effective and 3 ineffective deployments of the conducted energy weapon (CEW). Deployments occurred during calls involving subjects who were high-risk, combative, and/or attempting to flee. Subjects were armed with firearms, knives, tasers, OC spray, and/or other object that could be used as a weapon in six of the occurrences.

The Use of Force Model at Appendix A 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.

Financial Considerations:

N/A

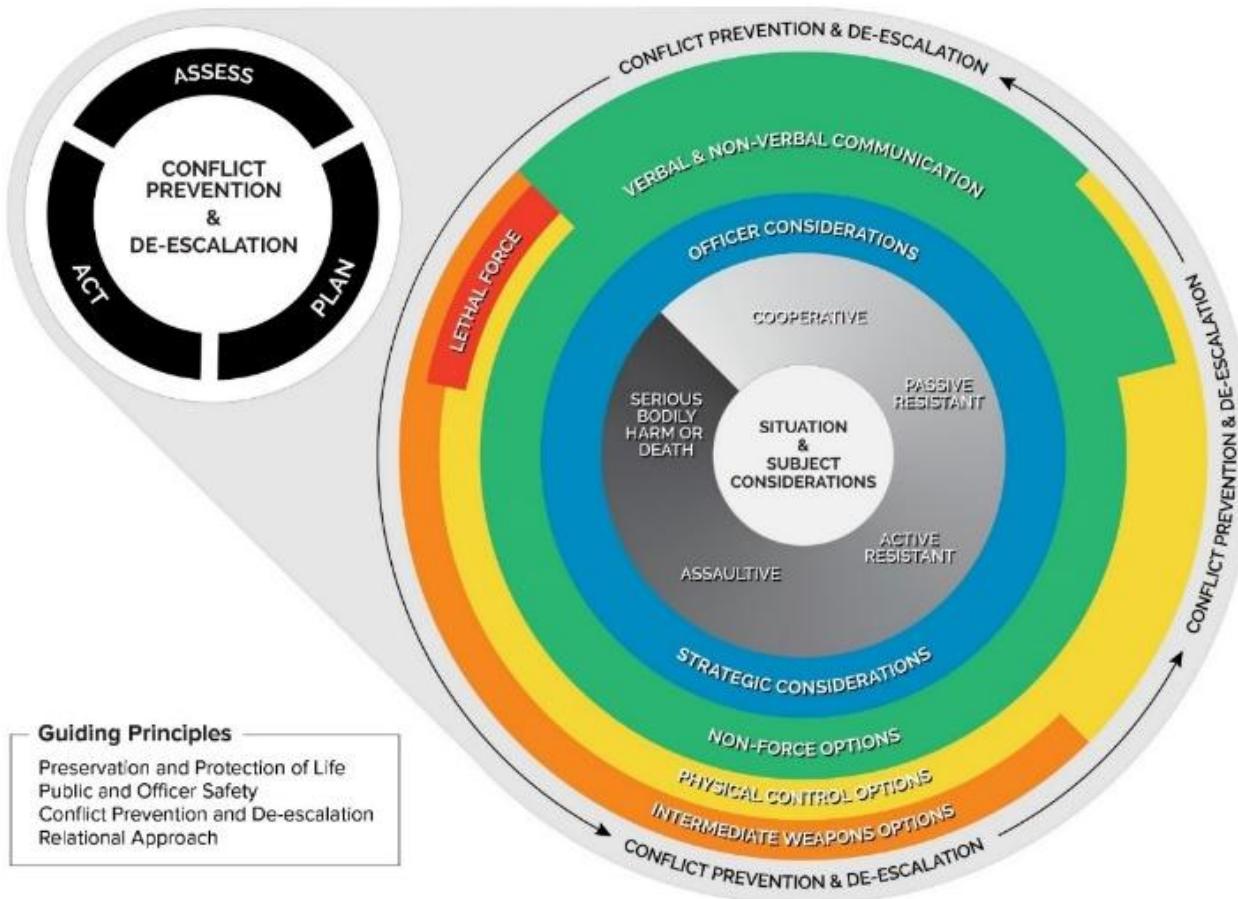
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Exhibits Attached:

Appendix A – Ontario Public-Police Interactions Training Aid

Ontario Public-Police Interactions Training Aid (2023)



The officer continuously assesses the interactions and selects the most reasonable option(s) relative to the subject and circumstances given available resources and time.

