



COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

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REF: 2021 ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF USE OF FORCE INCLUDING SHOW OF FORCE

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The following report was completed for compliance with CALEA standards (4.2.4) regarding analysis of 2021 Columbia Police Department uses of force. The CALEA standard for analysis of use of force is as follows:

Annually, the agency conducts an analysis of its use of force activities, policies, and practices. The analysis should identify:

- a. Date and time of incident;
- b. Types of encounters resulting in use of force;
- c. Trends or patterns related to race, age, and gender of subjects involved;
- d. Trends or patterns resulting in injury to any person including employees; and
- e. Impact of findings on policies, practices, equipment, and training.

This report collected substantial amounts of data for analysis. Nearly all information required in CALEA standards is being collected in data entry points via Blue Team. Variations can occur depending on the specific incident.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to review and analyze incidents involving response to resistance or use of force, hereafter referred to as use of force, by all officers of the Columbia Police Department which occurred in 2021. The analysis will include identification of any patterns, trends, or concerns, if any, which could be indicative of training shortfalls, equipment needs, or policy revision and modification needs.

Methodology:

This analysis was conducted by reviewing all Columbia Police Department use of force reports entered via Blue Team software as well as any internal or external allegations/complaints of excessive or unreasonable force.

Policy 300 Use of Force/Response to Resistance was also reviewed. Due to this department's self-assessment process, Policy 300.12 requires an annual analysis of use of force in compliance with CALEA standard 4.2.4.

Policy 300.9 outlines the reporting requirements when a use of force or response to resistance occurs. Reporting is required in the following circumstances:

- Discharges a firearm, for other than training or recreational purposes (does not include the humane killing of an injured animal).
- Takes an action that results in, or is alleged to have resulted in, injury or death of another person.
- Applies force through the use of lethal or less lethal weapons.
- Applies weaponless physical force at a level as described in the definition of force above.

The types of force available for selection in the BlueTeam software are as follows;

1. Armored Personnel Carrier
2. Balance Displacement
3. Bola Wrap
4. Canine Apprehension
5. Canine Bite
6. Canine Display
7. Chemical Gas (OC/CS/CN)
8. Diversionary Device
9. Drawing / Exhibit Firearm
10. Firearm Discharge at Person
11. Horse Action / Movement
12. Impact Weapon (Baton)
13. Impact Weapon Other
14. Joint Manipulation
15. Kinetic Energy Impact Device (Less Lethal Shotgun)
16. Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint
17. Other Deadly Force
18. Other Physical Force
19. Pepper Spray
20. Pressure Point Technique
21. Restraint Chair
22. Strikes
23. Taser Deploy / Drive Stun
24. Taser Laser / Arc Display

The reporting of response to resistance / use of force is outlined in CPD policy 300.9, which meets the CALEA standard of 4.2.1 and 4.2.2. In summary, a written report will be submitted any time an employee:

1. Discharges a firearm, for other than training or recreational purposes (does not include the humane killing of an injured animal)

2. Takes an action that results in, or is alleged to have resulted in, injury or death of another person
3. Applies force through the use of lethal or less lethal weapons, or
4. Applies weaponless physical force at a level as described in the definition of force.

Each reported use of force shall receive an administrative review. Supervisory notification shall be made as soon as practical following the application of force requiring a written report (CPD 300.9.1.)

Preliminary response to resistance investigations by supervisors can be conducted at the scene, hospital, police department, or jail. The preliminary investigation gathers basic information about the incident, injuries, and circumstances surrounding the use of force from both the officer(s) involved and the subject(s) of the force.

Officers report response to resistance via Blue Team software. The incident is forwarded through the officer's chain of command for determinations of propriety. If the force applied is deemed reasonable and within policy, no further action is taken. If a member of the chain of command determines the force to be unreasonable, outside of policy, or warrants further review for any reason, the incident is forwarded to the Internal Affairs Unit for investigation. Citizen allegations of unreasonable or excessive force are forwarded directly to the Internal Affairs Unit.

Summary:

In 2021, members of the Columbia Police Department generated 247 Use of Force Reports (Blue Team entries). The 247 reports included incidents with: multiple officers, multiple citizens, and multiple applications of force. The total number of different types of force used was 541.

For the 2021 use of force / response to resistance report, Chief Geoff Jones requested further examination of response to resistance. Chief Jones requested an analysis of show of force compared to the actual use of force / response to resistance.

For the purposes of this report, show of force is defined as pointing a firearm at a person, displaying the Taser X2 arc feature or pointing the Taser X2 dual lasers at another person in order to gain compliance or deter a person from a specific act. The analysis of show of force will include only those incidents that an officer(s) used the above defined show of force.

Other incidents that included pointing the firearm or Taser X2 at a person in conjunction with another form of use of force / response to resistance was not included in the analysis. An example of this would be if an officer pointed a firearm at a person and then utilized balance displacement after pointing the firearm.

OFFICER DEMOGRAPHICS:

- The Columbia Police Department had 169 officers.¹
- The average age of all officers at the Columbia Police Department is 36.3 years old.²
- Race and Sex

¹Averages based on all sworn personnel with active status on December 31, 2021.

- Race
 - 2 officers (1.18%) are Asian.
 - 11 officers (6.51%) are Black.
 - 153 officers (90.53%) are White.
 - 2 officers (1.18%) are Hispanic.
 - 1 officer (0.59%) is unidentified.
- Sex
 - 19 Female (11.24%)
 - 1 Black (5.26%)
 - 18 White (94.74%)
 - 150 Male (88.76%)
 - 2 Asian (1.33%)
 - 10 Black (6.67%)
 - 135 White (90.00%)
 - 2 Hispanic (1.33%)
 - 1 unknown (0.67%)
- Years of total service varies from 31.8 years to no experience. The average experience of all officers at the Columbia Police Department is 10.6 years. The following is a breakdown of years of service for officers at the Columbia Police Department;
 - 7 officers (4.14%) had 25 years or more of total experience
 - 19 officers (11.24%) had 20-25 years of more of total experience.
 - 21 officers (12.43%) had 15-20 years of total experience.
 - 30 officers (17.75%) had 10-15 years of total experience.
 - 35 officers (20.71%) had 5-10 years of total experience.
 - 57 officers (33.73%) had 5 years or less of total experience.
 - Of the 57 officers who fell into the category of having 5 years or less of total experience, 44 of them had 3 years or less of total experience.
- The age breakdown of officers who used force in 2021 is as follows: Officers between the ages of 21-29, used force 222 times. Officers between the ages of 30-39, used force 220 times. Officers between the ages of 40-49, used force 65 times. Officers older than 50, used force 34 times.
- Of the officers who used force in 2021, seventy-six (76) were involved in 1-5 incidents, twenty-two (22) were involved in 6-10, ten (10) were involved 11-15 incidents, three (3) in 16-20 incidents, and one (1) officer used force more than 20 times.

COMBINED CITIZEN DEMOGRAPHICS:

- In 2021, were dispatched to 87,352 calls and self-initiated 37,266 calls. Officers arrested 4653 individuals. Officers used force / showed force during 239 incidents, involving 276 citizens.
- The average age of a citizen involved in a use of force / show of force was 31.6 years old.
- The youngest involved citizen was 12 years old and the oldest was 64 years old.
- Of the 276 individuals involved in the use of force / show of force, 228 were male and 48 were female.
- The race of the citizens that had force used against them are as follows;
 - Polynesian—1 or 0.36%

- Black – 140 or 50.72%
- Hispanic – 7 or 2.54%
- White – 126 or 45.65%

INJURIES:

- Injuries are categorized into three categories, Complaint of injury, no injuries noted or visible or observable injury. The following is the breakdown of injuries during 2021;
 - No Injuries Noted or Visible – Two hundred twenty one (221) or 80.07%
 - Complaint of injury – Seventeen (17) or 6.16%
 - Sex
 - Male – Twelve (12) or 70.59%
 - Female – Five (5) or 29.41%
 - Race
 - Black – Nine (9) or 52.94%
 - White – Eight (8) or 47.06%
 - Observable Injury – Thirty-five (35) or 12.68%
 - Sex
 - Male – Thirty-one (31) or 88.57%
 - Female – Four (4) or 11.43%
 - Race
 - Black – Eight (8) or 22.86%
 - Hispanic- Three (3) or 8.57%
 - Polynesian- One (1) or 2.86%
 - White – Twenty-three (23) or 65.71%
 - Serious injury—One(1) or 0.36%
 - Sex
 - Male- One (1) or 100.00%
 - Race
 - Black- One (1) or 100.00%
 - Fatal Injury – One (2) or 0.72%
 - Sex
 - Male – One (2) or 100.00%
 - Race
 - White – One (1) or 50.00%
 - Black—One (1) or 50.00%

LOCATION:

- Location of occurrence was broken down by beats. The beats are: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 70D, 80, Airport City wide and 99 for outside the city limits. The following list indicates the beat and number of uses of force in order of largest to smallest numbers of force used.
 - 40 Beat – Thirty-eight (38) uses of force or 15.90%

- 20 Beat – Thirty-three (33) uses of force or 13.81%
 - 80 Beat – Twenty-nine (29) uses of force or 12.13%
 - 30 Beat – Twenty-six (26) uses of force or 10.88%
 - 10 Beat – Twenty-five (25) uses of force or 10.46%
 - 70 Beat – Twenty-four (24) uses of force or 10.04%
 - 50 Beat – Twenty-three (23) uses of force or 9.62%
 - 60 Beat – Fifteen (15) uses of force or 6.28%
 - City Wide – Fourteen (14) uses of force or 5.86%
 - 99 Beat (Outside City Limits) – Six (6) uses of force or 2.51%
 - 70D Beat – Five (5) uses of force or 2.09%
 - Airport – One (1) use of force or 0.42%
- The month count for use of force incidents most frequently occurred on:
 - September– Twenty-nine (29) or 12.13%
 - May – Twenty-four (24) or 10.04%
 - July – Twenty-four (24) or 10.04%
 - March – Twenty-three (23) or 9.62%
 - April – Twenty-two (22) or 9.21%
 - November – Twenty-two (22) or 9.21%
 - January – Nineteen (19) or 7.95%
 - October – Eighteen (18) or 7.53%
 - August – Sixteen (16) or 6.69%
 - June – Fourteen (14) or 5.86%
 - December – Fourteen (14) or 5.86%
 - February – Fourteen (14) or 5.86%
- The day of the week count for use of force incidents occurred most frequently on:
 - Tuesday– Forty (40) or 16.74%
 - Thursday – Thirty-eight (38) or 15.90%
 - Friday – Thirty-five (35) or 14.64%
 - Saturday – Thirty-two (32) or 14.23%
 - Wednesday – Thirty-two (32) or 13.39%
 - Sunday – Thirty (30) or 12.55%
 - Monday – Thirty (30) or 12.55%
- Time of day count for use of force incidents most frequently occurred on:
 - 1200-1759 – Sixty-seven (67) or 28.03%
 - 1800-2359 – Sixty-three (63) or 26.36%
 - 0600-1159– Fifty-five (55) or 23.01%
 - 0000-0559 – Fifty-four (54) or 22.59%

NATURE OF CALL AND REASON FOR FORCE:

- Nature
 - The use of force is tracked in the IAPro software by “Service being rendered” or the type of call an officer responded to and subsequently used force. The following is the breakdown of types of calls and number of applications of force used in 2021:
 - Assault – Twenty-four (24) or 10.04%

- Trespass –Twenty-four (24) or 10.04%
- Foot Pursuit –Twenty-two (22) or 9.21%
- Weapons Offense – Twenty-one (21) or 8.79%
- Disturbance – Eighteen (18) or 7.53%
- Traffic Stop – Seventeen (17) or 7.11%
- Other Call for Service –Fifteen (15) or 6.28%
- Warrant Service –Thirteen (13) or 5.44%
- Suicidal Subject – Twelve (12) or 5.02%
- DWI – Ten (10) or 4.18%
- Suspicious Person – Ten (10) 4.18%
- Active Assailant –Seven (7) or 2.93%
- Stolen Vehicle – Seven (7) or 2.93%
- Vehicle Pursuit –Six (6) or 2.51%
- Civil Commitment –Five (5) or 2.09%
- Theft –Five (5) or 2.09%
- Burglary –Four (4) or 1.67%
- Medical Call –Four (4) or 1.67%
- Robbery – Four (4) or 1.67%
- Search Warrant – Four (4) or 1.67%
- Accident Investigation –Two (2) or 0.84%
- Citizen Contact – Two (2) or 0.84%
- Shoplifting – Two (2) or 0.84%
- Disorderly Conduct –One (1) or 0.42%
- Inmate Contact –Zero (0) or 0.00%
- Off Duty – Zero (0) or 0.00%

FORCE TYPE:

- Type of force breakdown:
 - Drawing / Exhibit Firearm – Two hundred seven (207)
 - Balance Displacement – One hundred seventeen (117)
 - Joint Manipulation – Eighty-one (81)
 - Other Physical Force – Forty-two (42)
 - Taser Deploy / Drive Stun – Twenty-six (26)
 - Taser Laser / Arc Display – Twenty-four (24)
 - Strikes – Thirteen (13)
 - Pepper Spray – Eleven (11)
 - Pressure Point Technique – Nine (9)
 - Firearm Discharge at Person – Five (5)
 - Kinetic Energy Impact – Two (2)
 - Canine Bite –One (1)
 - Bola Wrap- One (1)
 - Chemical Gas (OC/CS/CN)- One (1)
 - Diversionary Device- One (1)
 - Canine Display – Zero (0)
 - Other deadly force- Zero (0)
 - Impact Weapon Other – Zero (0)

USE OF FORCE / RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE BREAKOUT DEMOGRAPHICS:

- Officers used force / responded to resistance in 239 incidents.
- Of the 239 incidents, there were 276 citizens involved.
- The average age of a citizen involved in the use of force / response to resistance was 31.6 years old.
- The youngest involved citizen was 12 years old and the oldest was 64 years old.
- Of the 276 citizens involved in the use of force / response to resistance, 228 were male and 48 were female.
- During the 239 incidents, 235 or 85.14% of the citizens involved were arrested. 41 or 14.86% of citizens involved were not arrested.
- Officers used force / responded to resistance, in 5.05% of all arrests.
- Officers used force / responded to resistance in 0.22% of all calls for service and self-initiated calls during 2021.
- The race of the citizens involved in the use of force / response to resistance were;
 - Black – 140 or 50.72%
 - White – 126 or 45.65%
 - Hispanic – 7 or 2.54%
 - Unknown- 2 or 0.72%
 - Polynesian- 1 or 0.36%
 - Asian – 0 or 0.00%
- INJURIES:
 - No Injuries Noted or Visible – One hundred twelve (221) or 80.07%
 - Complaint of injury – Seventeen (17) or 6.16%
 - Sex
 - Male – Twelve (12) or 70.59%
 - Female – Five (5) or 29.41%
 - Race
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 - Black – Eight (8) or 22.86%
 - White – Twenty-three (23) or 65.71%
 - Hispanic—Three (3) or 8.57%
 - Polynesian – One (1) or 2.86%
 - Fatal Injury –Two (2) or 0.72%

- Sex
 - Male – Two (2) or 100.00%
 - Race
 - White – One (1) or 50.00%
 - Black – One (1) or 50.00%
- Serious Injury – One (1) or 0.36%
- Sex
 - Male—One (1) or 100.00%
 - Race
 - Black – One (1) or 100.00%

SHOW OF FORCE BREAKOUT DEMOGRAPHICS:

- Officers utilized a show of force in 123 incidents.
 - Of the 123 incidents, there were 157 citizens involved.
 - The average age of a citizen involved in the show of force was 31.0 years old.
 - The youngest involved citizen was 14 years old and the oldest was 64 years old.
 - Of the 157 citizens involved in the show of force, 139 were male and 18 were female.
 - During the 123 incidents, 127 or 80.89% of the citizens involved were arrested. 30 or 19.11% of citizens involved were not arrested.
 - Officers utilized a show of force only, in 3.37% of all arrests.
 - Officers utilized a show of force in 0.1259% of all calls for service and self-initiated calls during 2020.
 - The race of the citizens involved in the show of force were;
 - Black –89 or 56.69%
 - Hispanic – 5 or 3.18%
 - White – 63 or 40.13%
- INJURIES:
- No Injuries Noted or Visible – One hundred forty six (146) or 92.99%
 - Complaint of injury – Two (2) or 1.27%
 - Sex
 - Male – (2) or 100.00%
 - Female – (0) or 0.00%
 - Race
 - Black – Two (2) or 100.00%
 - Observable Injury – Nine (9) or 5.73%
 - Sex
 - Male – Nine (9) or 100.00%
 - Race
 - Black – Three (3) or 33.33%
 - White- Five (5) or 55.56%
 - Hispanic- One (1) or 11.11%

- Fatal Injury – Zero
- Serious Injury- Zero

FINDINGS / RECCOMENDATIONS:

During the year 2021 Officers used force during 239 events. Officers of the Columbia Police Department used force / responded to resistance or used a show of force during 5.05% of the 4653 arrests made. Of the 124,618 total calls for service and self-initiated calls, Officers used force / responded to resistance or used a show of force 0.2215%.

Part of the use of force analysis included the number of uses of force based on age, sex, race, injuries, day of the week, month of the year, time of day and police beat.

- Age: The average age of a citizen that had force used against them was 31.6 years old.
- Sex: Of the 276 citizens that force was used against, 228 were male and 48 were female.
- Race: Of the 276 citizens that force was used against, Zero (0) were Asian, One hundred forty (140) were Black, Seven (7) were Hispanic, One (1) was Polynesian, Two (2) were Unknown and One hundred twenty-six (126) were White.
- Injuries: Citizens who had force used against them complained of an injury 17 times (6.16%), had an observable injury 35 times (12.68%), had a serious injury 1 time (0.72%) and had no injuries occur 221 (80.07%) times. Two citizens (0.72%) suffered fatal injuries due to a use of force / response to resistance.
- Day of Week: Tuesday yielded the highest number of uses of force with 40, or 16.74% of the total number of uses of force. Monday and Sunday had the least number of uses of force with 30 each, or 12.55% of the total number of uses of force.
- Month: September yielded the highest amount of uses of force with 29, or 12.13% of the total number of uses of force. February, June and December had the least amount of uses of force with 14 each, or 5.86% of the total number of uses of force. While reviewing the number of uses of force broken down by month, there appears to be no reasoning as to why any one month would have the most or least amount of force used. The total numbers of force used each month appear to be consistent, even with the Covid-19 pandemic active during these times.
- Time of Day: The highest number of uses of force came during the 1200-1759 hrs (12:00pm-5:59pm) time period with 67 uses of force or 28.03% of the total. The least number of uses of force came during the 0000-0559 hrs (12:00am-5:59am) time period with 54 uses of force or 22.59% of the total. Analyzing these numbers, it appears as though officers are using force during the peak hours of contacts with citizens and calls for service.

- Police Beat: The highest number of uses of force came from beat 40. Officers used force 38 times or 15.90% of the total. The lowest number of uses of force for a beat was beat 80A (Airport) with 1 use of force or 0.42%. Data reviewed included calls for service, self-initiated activity and arrests in each beat.
 - Calls for service during 2021 in 40 beat were ranked #1. Self-initiated activity calls in 40 beat were ranked #4. The highest number of arrests were in 20 beat, 40 beat and 10 beat respectively.
 - Similar to 2020 Officers used force less than one quarter of one percent during all calls for service (service calls and self-initiated calls.) Officers are required to use good judgement in what type of force is reasonable during rapidly evolving circumstances. During the 124,618 total calls for service and 4653 arrests, Five (5) Columbia Police Officers fired a weapon at three (3) individuals. Overall, use of force incidents are down 14.17% from 2020. Force used against citizens are down 13.38% from 2020. In analyzing the number of types of force used in 2020, there were ten (10) types of force that decreased, six(6) types of force that increased and two (2) types of force with no change:
- Decreases
 - Balance Displacement down 4.88% from 2020
 - 2020 – 123 2021-117
 - Canine Display down 100.00% from 2020
 - 2020 – 1 2021-0
 - Impact Weapon Other down 100.00 from 2020
 - 2020 – 1 2021-0
 - Canine Bite down 66.67% from 2020
 - 2020 – 3 2021-1
 - Drawing / Exhibit Firearm down 13.03% from 2020
 - 2020 – 238 2021-207
 - Other Deadly Force down 100.00% from 2020
 - 2020 – 1 2021-0
 - Other Physical Force down 27.59% from 2020
 - 2020 – 58 2021-42
 - Pressure Point Technique down 64.00% from 2020
 - 2020 – 25 2021-9
 - Taser Laser / Arc Display down 40.00% from 2020
 - 2020 – 40 2021-24
 - Strikes down 45.83% from 2020
 - 2020 – 24 2021-13
- Increases
 - Firearm Discharge at Person up 25.00% from 2020
 - 2020 – 4 2021-5

- Joint Manipulation up 3.85% from 2020
 - 2020 – 78 2021-81
- Bola Wrap up 100.00% from 2020
 - 2020- 0 2021-1
- Chemical Gas up 100.00% from 2020
 - 2020 – 0 2021-1
- Taser Deploy / Drive Stun up 18.18% from 2020
 - 2020 – 22 2021-26
- Diversionary Device up 100.00% from 2020
 - 2020-0 2021-1
- No Changes
 - Pepper Spray
 - 2019 - 15 2020 –15
 - Kinetic Energy Impact Device
 - 2020 – 2 2021-2