



Kingston Police

Public Agenda Information Report

To: Kingston Police Service Board
From: Scott Fraser, Chief of Police
Subject: Use of Force Report, January – December 2024
Date: February 10, 2025

Recommendation:

That the Use of Force Report, January – December 2024, Report Number 25-09 is for information only.

Summary:

A review of the Use of Force Statistics for the year 2024 indicated that members of the Kingston Police submitted 82 reports (29 individual reports, 22 Emergency Response Unit team reports, and 31 other team reports) for use of force in 73 separate incidents (multiple members responded to some incidents). In 2023, 91 reports (47 individual reports, 28 Emergency Response Unit team reports, and 16 other team reports) were submitted in 85 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 2024, as compared to 2023:

Use of Force Option			
Method	2024	Remarks	2023
Physical Control	0		3
Baton / Impact Weapon	0		0
OC Spray	2	See Note 3	0
Canine	0		0
Firearm Drawn	6	See Note 4	10
Firearm Pointed	53		57
Firearm Discharged	2	See Note 5	6
CEW Displayed	18	See Note 6	12
CEW Deployed	7		8
Canine	1	See Note 7	0

De-Escalation Attempted (by report)				
	2024		2023	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
	57	19	69	20
Why de-escalation not attempted:				
Immediate action required	15		8	
Destroy Animal	2		4	
Imminent Threat	7		8	
Used by another officer			3	
Immediate Compliance	1		1	
No interaction with subject			1	

Perceived Race & Gender				
Race	2024		2023	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
White	66	16	81	41
Black	20	1	10	1
Indigenous			3	1
South Asian	1	1	3	
East / Southeast Asian				
Middle Eastern	4		1	
Latino			1	
Unknown			5	

Subject Weapons (by event)		
	2024	2023
Knives	13	9
Pistol	4	1
Rifle/shotgun	2	2
Hammer	1	1
Metal Object	2	4
Wood Stake	1	
Scissors		1
Shovel		1
BB Gun	1	1
BB Bat	1	1
Chair		1
Fan		1
Sword/machete	4	
Crossbow	1	
Pepper Spray		2
Baton		1
Taser		1
Vehicle		1

Call Type		
	2024	2023
Warrant execution	27	35
Weapons call	12	18
Mental health/crisis	8	7
Robbery	2	2
Driving Complaint		3
K9 Track	1	1
Animal complaint	2	6
Stolen vehicle	2	6
Theft		1
Barricaded person	4	1
Assault	5	4
Suspicious Activity	2	
Domestic Disturbance	6	
Break and Enter	1	
Active Attacker	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. The 2 reports related to 2 incidents involving individuals who were uncooperative and/or resisting arrest. In once instance, the subject, who was wanted, was barricaded in residence with a sword refusing to exit.
4. There were 59 reports filed for drawing (6) or pointing (53) 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.
5. There were 2 discharges of a firearm related to dispatches of an injured animal.
6. 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 3 effective and 4 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.
7. In the 1 instance of a Canine use of force, subjects were avoiding police after being observed smuggling contraband over the barricade of a Corrections Canada facility. Canine member was used to track and locate subjects.

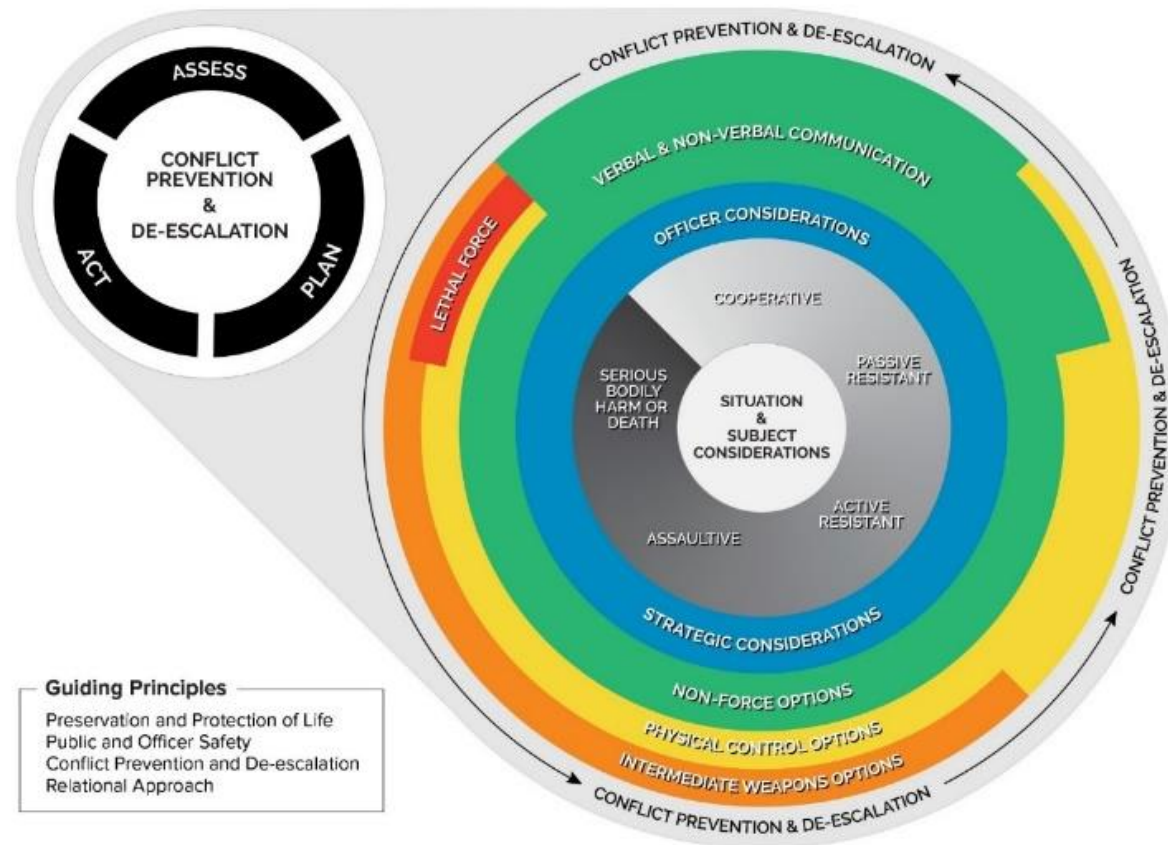
The attached Use of Force Model is a graphic representation of a member's use of force options, profiled behaviours, and situation assessment process. The selection of a force option is based on a number of variables, including but not limited to the subject, the circumstances of the encounter, the degree 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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The officer continuously assesses the interactions and selects the most reasonable option(s) relative to the subject and circumstances given available resources and time.

