



Kingston Police

Public Agenda Information Report

To: Kingston Police Services Board
From: Scott Fraser, Chief of Police
Subject: Use of Force Report, January – December 2023
Date: January 9, 2024

Recommendation:

That the Use of Force Report, January – December 2023, Report Number 24-04 is for information only.

Summary:

A review of the Use of Force Statistics for the year 2023 indicated that members of the Kingston Police submitted 91 reports (44 individual reports and 47 team reports) for use of force in 85 separate incidents (multiple members responded to some incidents). In 2022, 75 reports (41 individual reports and 34 team reports) were submitted in 66 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 2023, as compared to 2022:

Method	2023	Remarks	2022
Physical Control	3	Note 3	16
Baton / Impact Weapon	0		1
OC Spray	0		0
Canine	0		0
CEW Displayed	12	Note 4	7
CEW Deployed	8		13
Firearm Drawn	10	Note 5	43
Firearm Pointed	57		42
Firearm Discharged	6	Note 6	7

Perceived Race & Gender					
Race	2023		2022		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	U/K
White	81	41	77	17	14
Black	10	1	6		
Indigenous	3	1			
South Asian	3				
East / Southeast Asian			2		
Middle Eastern	1		6	1	
Latino	1				
Unknown	5		3		

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. De-escalation was attempted in 69 reports. In the 20 reports where not attempted, de-escalation was either not possible due to immediate action being required or imminent threat; or not being applicable (dispatch of an animal, immediate compliance, de-escalation employed by another officer, no interaction with subject).
4. The 3 reports related to 3 incidents involving individuals who were uncooperative and/or resisting arrest. In once instance, the subject was reported as possessing weapons.
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 2 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.

6. There were 67 reports filed for drawing (10) or pointing (57) 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 35 reports filed in relation to planned execution of warrants; the remaining reports related to observed wanted persons or calls for service in 30 separate incidents. Many of these incidents involved a response by multiple officers, which is reflected in the reported statistics.

7. There were 6 discharges of a firearm related to dispatches of an injured animal.

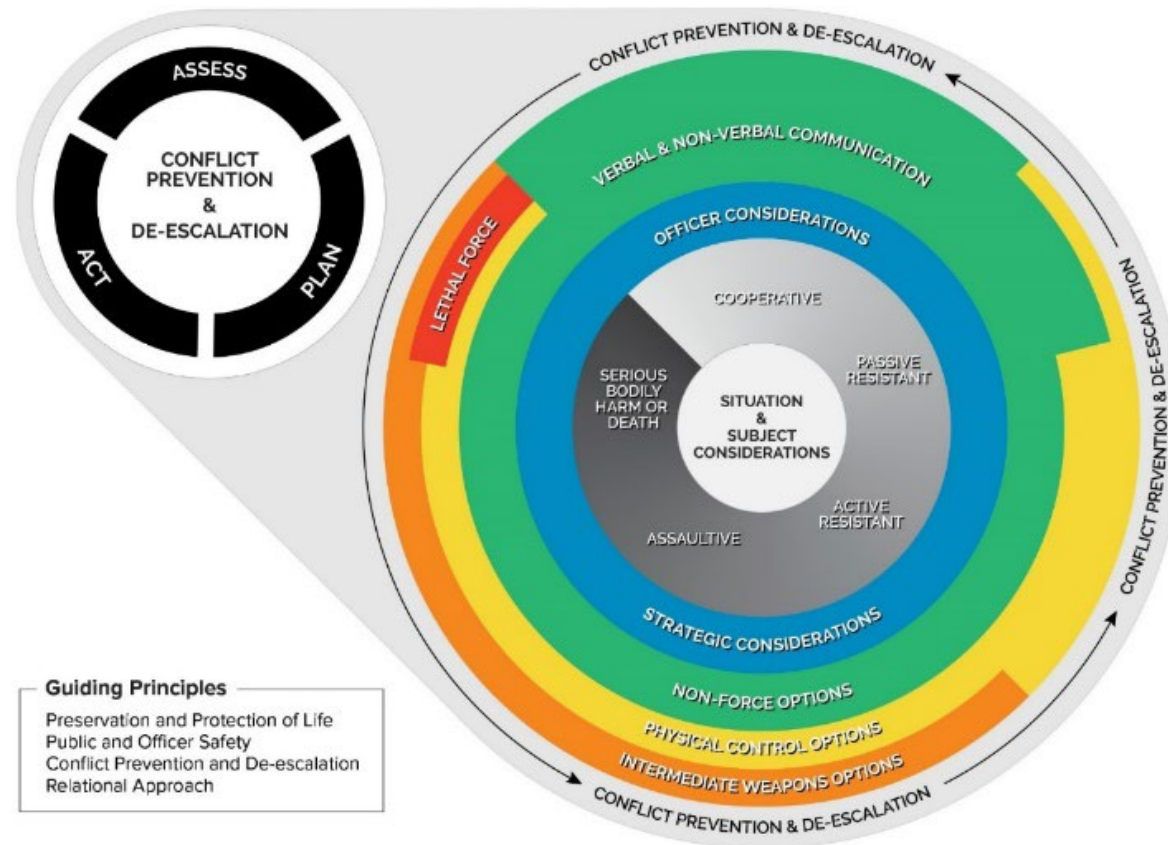
The attached Use of Force Model is a graphic representation of a member's use of force options, profiled behaviours, and situation assessment process. The selection of a force option is based on a number of variables, including but not limited to the subject, the circumstances of the encounter, the degree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

