



2023 USE OF FORCE REPORT

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2023 Use of Force Analysis and Training Summary

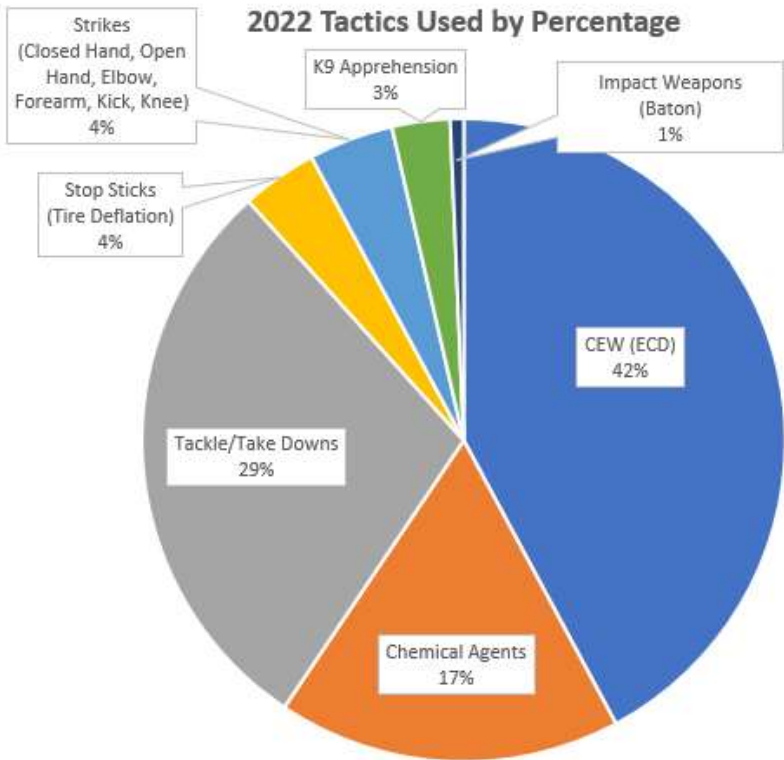
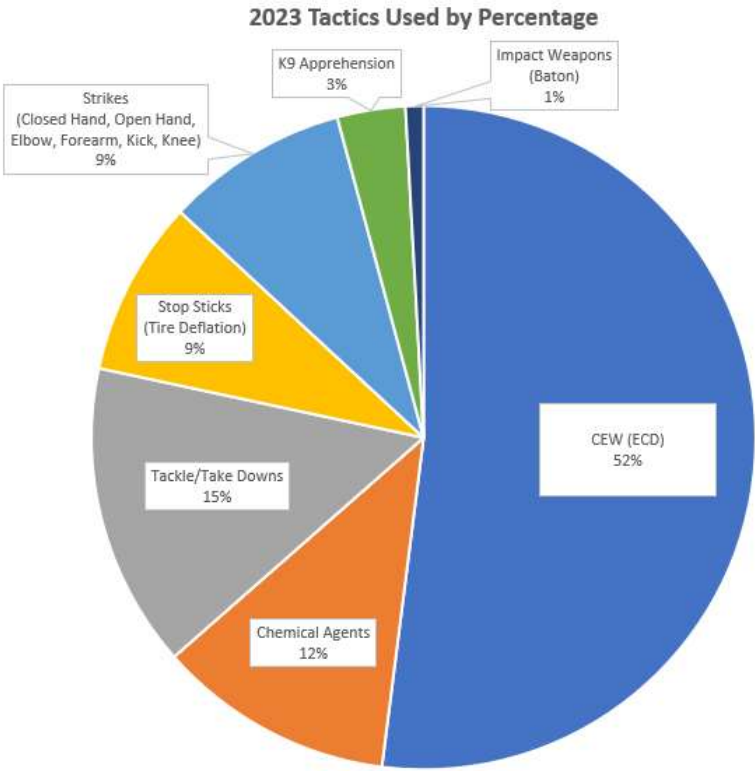
Analysis of Defensive Tactics Utilized

There were 349 Use of Force reports in 2023. Generated reports are recorded in the IA Pro software database which obtains its information from data entered by officers in the Blue Team software. As such, the number of specific tactics is higher than the number of incidents as some incidents have more than one offender where officers responded to resistance. Reports prior to 2021 came from software systems that were incident based, and therefore the report count was lower than the total number of offenders. Total persons taken into custody for 2023 was 15,162 (12,298 adult arrests, 784 juvenile arrests, 2080 Baker Acts).

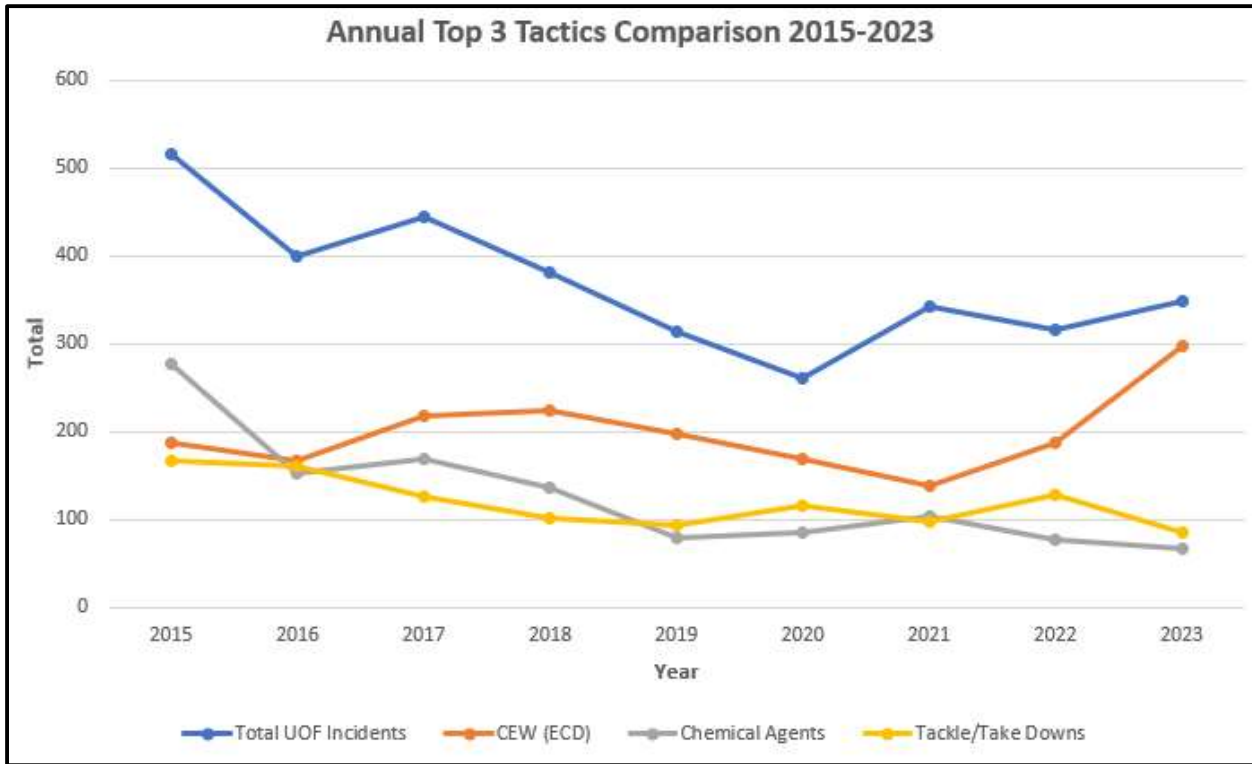
The number of UOF reports recorded in IA Pro increased by 10.1% (from 317 to 349) as compared to 2022 data. The number of total UOF tactics increased by 28.5% (from 446 to 573). The following table details the number of tactics used by category for 2023 and compared to years 2015-2022. Electronic Control Device, Tackles/Takedowns, & Chemical Agents were the most utilized UOF tactics during 2023.

Use of Force Tactic Totals Yearly Comparison										
YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Of Reportable Tactics Used in 2023
Total Persons Taken into Custody	16999	14886	13846	13956	14304	12058	13558	13516	15162	
Total UOF Incidents	517	399	444	382	314	260	343	317	349	
CEW (ECD)	188	168	219	224	198	169	138	188	298	52%
Chemical Agents	278	153	170	137	80	85	104	77	66	12%
Tackle/Take Downs	167	160	126	101	93	116	97	129	85	15%
Stop Sticks (Tire Deflation)	4	10	17	10	9	18	55	17	49	9%
Strikes (Closed Hand, Open Hand, Elbow, Forearm, Kick, Knee)	85	88	74	60	55	45	30	19	51	9%
K9 Apprehension	28	21	27	21	18	15	14	13	19	3%
Impact Weapons (Baton)	10	3	10	9	4	3	0	3	5	1%
Total Tactics	760	603	643	562	457	451	438	446	573	100%

2023 UOF tactics reported are based on IA Pro data as of 02/07/2024. Numbers may slightly increase if additional UOF reports are approved and released from Blue Team*



The below graph displays the top three tactics used in 2023, the number of Use of Force reports generated, and how each have increased or decreased since 2015.



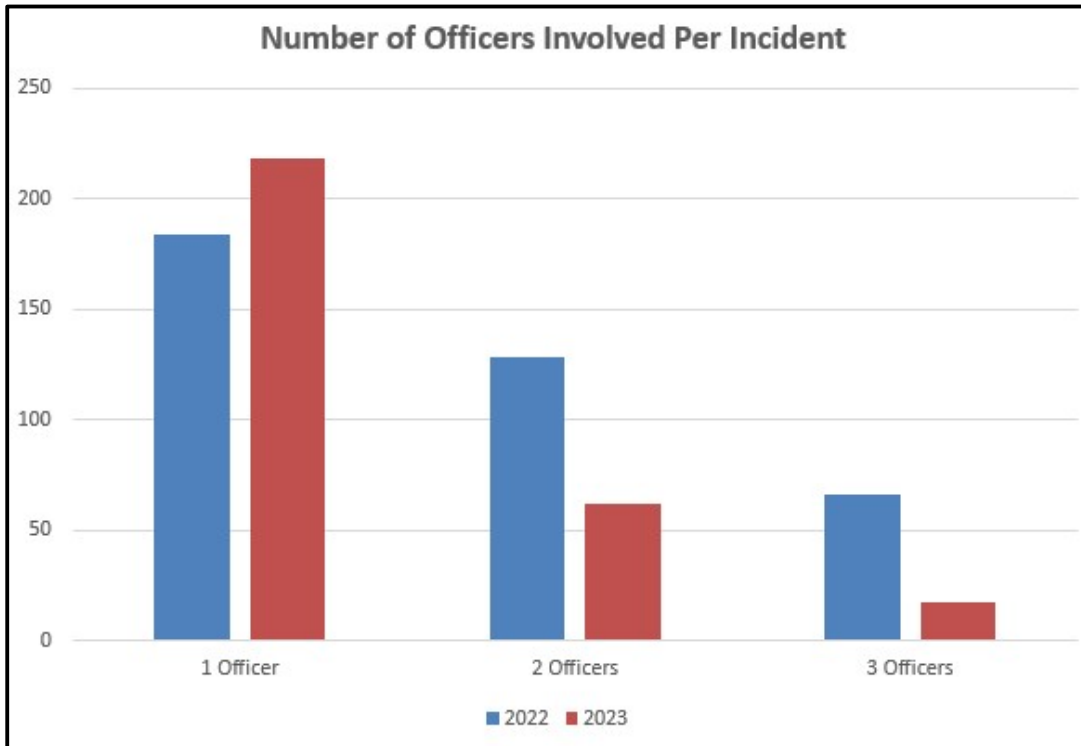
Analysis of the Number of Officers and Offenders Involved Per Tactic Used

Officers Involved in Use of Force Incidents

	2022	2023	% Change 2022-2023
Principal Officers	413	503	22%
Assisting Officers	30	22	-27%
Witness	3	2	-33%
Total Tactics	446	573	29%
Total Officers	853	708	-17%

Numbers of Officers Involved Per Incident

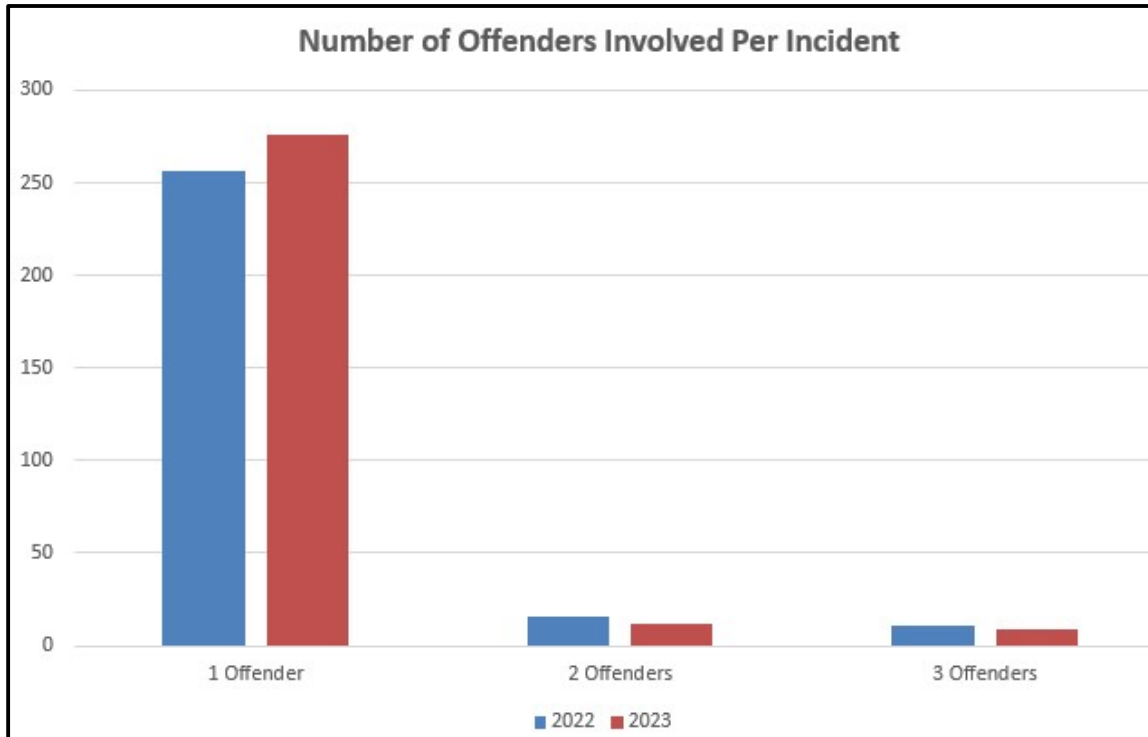
# Involved	2022		2023		% Change 2022 – 2023
	# Of Incidents	% Of Incidents	# Of Incidents	% Of Incidents	
One	184	49%	218	75%	19%
Two	128	34%	62	21%	-52%
Three or More	66	17%	17	6%	-74%



2023's data shows a decrease in the number of officers present during Use of Force incidents. 75% of the total UOF cases, involved only 1 officer present. However, 93% of the time, UOF incidents involved only one offender.

Number of Offenders Involved Per Incident

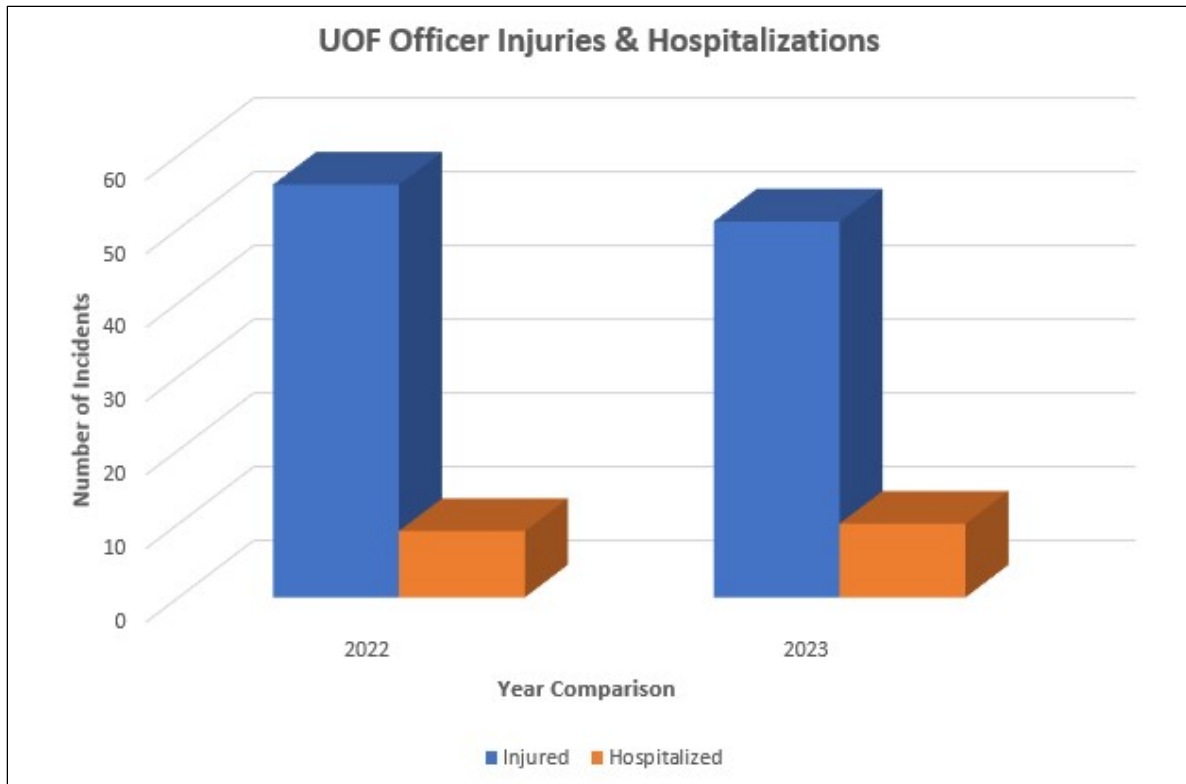
# Involved	2022		2023		% Change 2022 - 2023
	# Of Incidents	% Of Incidents	# Of Incidents	% Of Incidents	
One	256	90%	276	93%	8%
Two	16	6%	12	4%	-25%
Three or More	11	4%	9	3%	-18%



Analysis of Officer Injuries

During 2023, Approximately 7% percent of officers involved in Use of Force incidents were injured during a UOF incident (51 of 708 officers). 1% of officers involved (10 total employees) were hospitalized with injuries. These percentages are static with 2022 percentages of officer injuries and hospitalizations.

Officers	2022		2023		% Change 2022 - 2023 in # of Officers
	Number	% Of Officers	Number	% Of Officers	
Total Officers Involved in UOF	854	-	708	-	-17%
Injured	56	7%	51	7%	STATIC
Hospitalized	9	1%	10	1%	STATIC

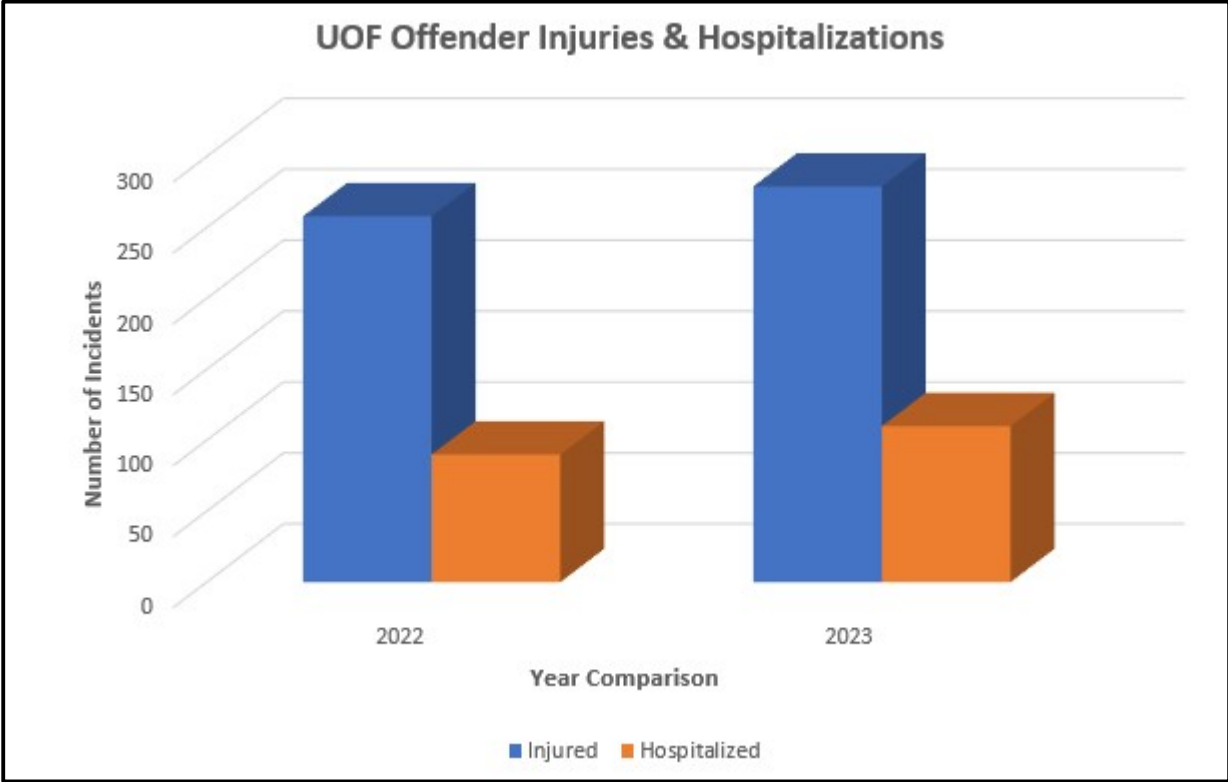


Analysis of Offender Injuries

Of the 349 Use of Force incidents in 2023, an offender sustained an injury in 279 of the incidents. Of these, 110 offenders required hospitalization. This is an 8% increase in number of offenders injured compared to 2022, which correlates to the total number of UOF incidents increasing by 10% since 2022 (317 to 349).

Offender Injuries

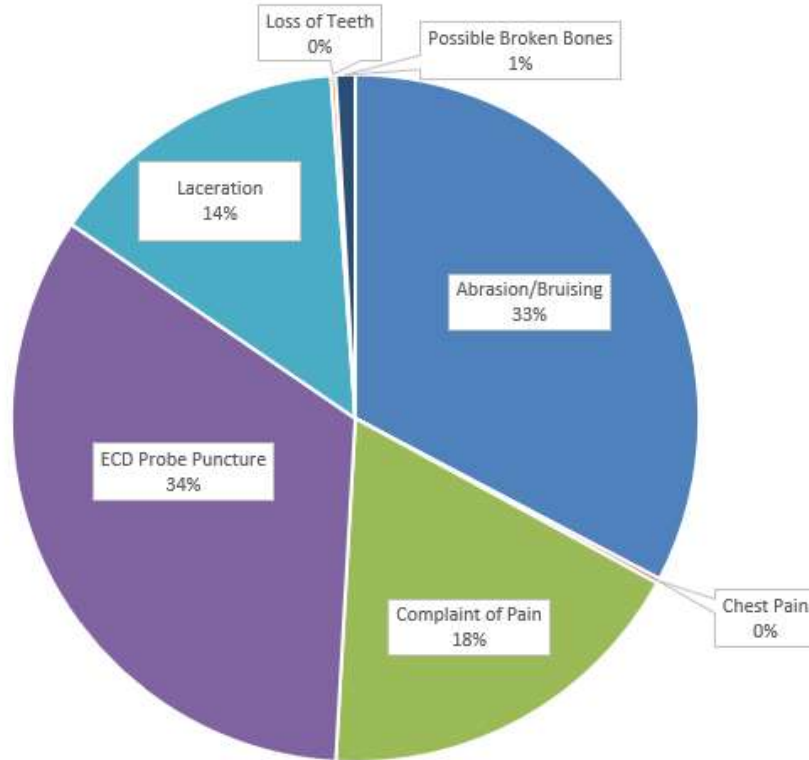
Offenders	2022		2023		% Change in # of Offender Injuries 2021 - 2023
	Number	% Of Offenders	Number	% Of Offenders	
Total UOF Incidents	317	-	349	-	-
Injured	258	81%	279	80%	8%
Hospitalized	90	28%	110	32%	22%



Type of Offender Injury

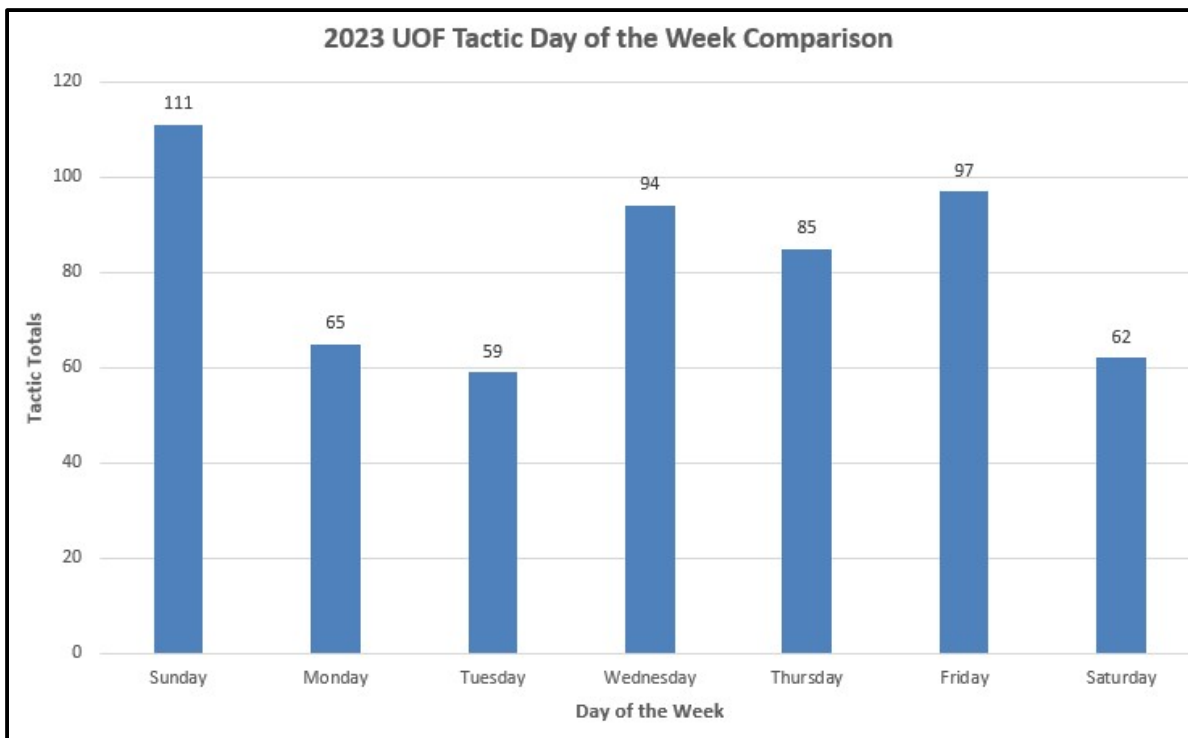
Type	2022		2023		% Change 2022- 2023
	Number	% Of Injuries	Number	% Of Injuries	
Abrasion/Bruising	90	30%	144	33%	60%
Chest Pain	1	0%	1	0%	0%
Complaint of Pain	64	22%	79	18%	23%
ECD Probe Puncture	101	34%	148	34%	47%
Laceration	38	13%	63	14%	66%
Loss of Teeth	0	0%	1	0%	100%
Possible Broken Bones	2	1%	4	1%	100%
Grand Total	296	100%	440	100%	49%

Offender Injuries by Type for 2023



Analysis by Day of Week, Time, and Sector

The largest volume of Use of Force incidents occurred on Sundays (19%). The largest volume of Use of Force incidents occurred between the hours of 2100-0300 hours (48%). The Delta sector had 144 incidents (25%), which led all other sectors in the city. The following tables illustrate the number of incidents per day of the week and the sector.



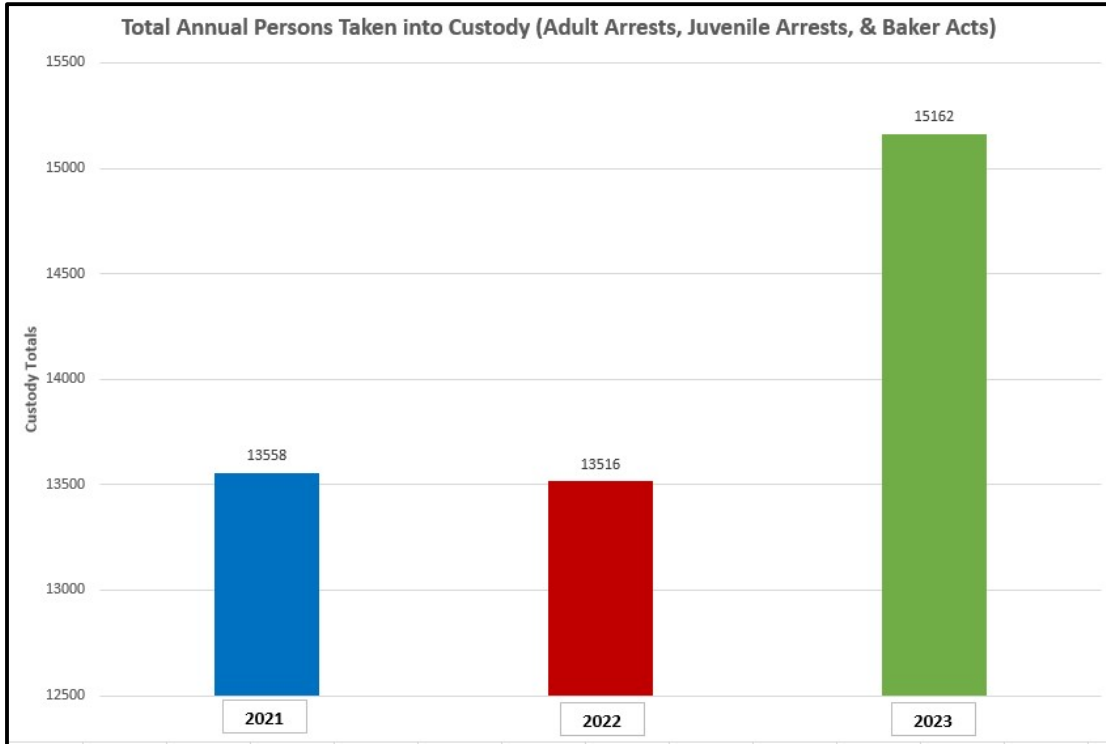
Use of Force Tactics by Sector			
Sector	# Of Tactics	% Of Tactics	Geographical area
B	90	16%	North (Pine Hills, Rosemont, West Colonial)
C	36	6%	North (Baldwin Park, Birdland, Thornton Park, College Park)
D	144	25%	Central/Downtown
E	46	8%	West (Kirkman corridor, I-Drive, Universal)
F	93	16%	Central/Downtown (Parramore)
G	48	8%	West (Richmond Heights, Carver Shores, Washington Shores, OCB)
I	30	5%	East (Englewood, Azalea Park, Curry Ford, Conway, Semoran)
K	16	3%	East (Semoran Corridor, Lake Nona, Vista Lakes)
Airport	4	1%	Airport
Out of City	65	11%	Orange County or other county
Unknown	1	0%	Unspecified Sector
Total	573		

Use of Force Statistics Summary:

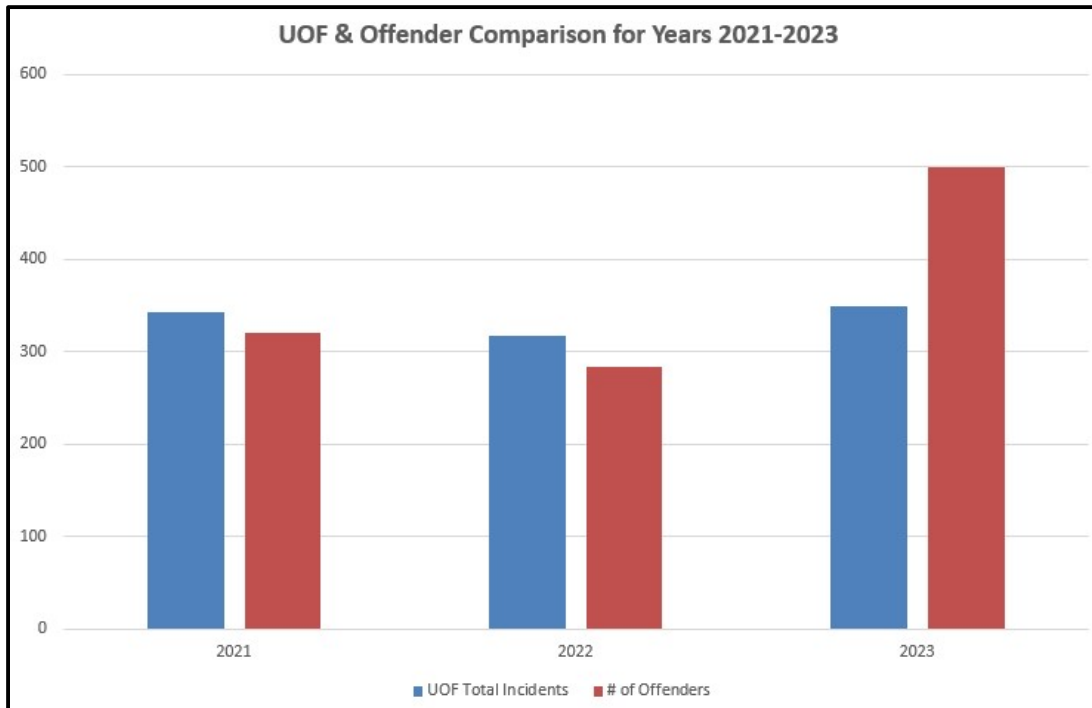
There were 349 UOF incidents involving 573 tactics used by officers in 2023. Total persons taken into custody for 2023 was 15,162 (12,298 adult arrests, 784 juvenile arrests, 2080 Baker Acts). Comparatively, total persons taken into custody for 2022 and 2021 were 13,516 & 13,558 respectively (These totals also include persons taken into custody for Baker Acts). The average Use of Force as a percentage of the total arrests for the last seven years (2015-2023) has fallen within a range of 2.0 %-3.2%. The percentage for 2023 is 2.04% (310 arrests were made during 349 UOF incidents).

The electronic control device, chemical agent, and take downs have remained the leading tactics/techniques since 2015. The number of officers present when encountering a Use of Force incident has shown a decrease compared to incidents in 2022 trend, which is consistent with the decrease in the number of offenders during Use of Force incidents. A single officer responding to a Use of Force incident has increased by 19% and a single offender involved in a Use of Force incident has increased by 8% compared to 2022 statistics.

The following chart compares the total number of persons arrested or taken into custody for a Baker Act each year from 2021-2023. Additionally, the department continues to make policy revisions and provide training pertaining to de-escalation. Trainings covered in 2023 are listed on the last page of this report.



Also compared are the total number of UOF Incidents for each of these three years and total number of offenders involved in these incidents. The UOF Incidents totaled **343** (2021), **317** (2022), and **349** (2023). From those incidents, the total number of offenders involved was **321** (2021), **283** (2022), & **297** (2023). The chart below displays this data.



Training topics covered in 2023:

Special Teams Quarterly Training:

- CNT
- ERT
- ESU
- SVRT
- SED
- SWAT team and sniper team monthly training days
- K9 team training

Other Trainings:

- Part 04 Quarterly Firearms Training Jan-Feb 2023 (all sworn)
- CQT training Building Search
- APX training (software)
- Part 12 Legal Update (all sworn)
- Part 11 Active Assailant Training (all sworn)
- Part 02 Driver's Training (all sworn) 9stop sticks, de-escalation, driver's high risk & prof stops)
- Part 96 AR-15 rifle qualification (all sworn)
- Use Of Force - all sworn (November 2023 - Jan 25, 2024)
- 2023 PIT training
- 2023 Mobile Field Force Training
- 40 MM less lethal
- Marine Patrol re-certifications