

2023 Response to Resistance and Aggression Report & Pursuit Analysis



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MPAC Accreditation Standards:

1.1.14 Response to Resistance and Aggression (Uoff) Analysis

41.2.2 Pursuit of Motor Vehicle



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| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
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| Reportable R to R&A Incidents | 52 | 52 | 54 |
| Total R to R&A Reports Filed | 85 | 52 | 54 |
| Physical Techniques/Controls | 68 | 39 | 45 |
| Taser Deployments | 14 | 11 | 17 |
| Taser Probe Deployments | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| Other Firearm/Pepper/Baton | 3 | 8 | 8 |

The Greenfield Police Department continues to track Response to Resistance and Aggression incidents pursuant to the standards outlined in Police Reform. As a result, the instances of the utilization of Response to Resistance and Aggression methods appear to have increased dramatically over previous years (2020 and earlier not shown on the chart above), however this is not the case. Police Departments simply must report lower levels of “force” as an actual Response to Resistance and Aggression unlike in the past. For example, when an Officer places his/her hands on an individual to assist in escorting that individual it must be documented as a Response to Resistance and Aggression. This was not the case in the past and prior to Police Reform. In fact, the vast majority of our documented Response to Resistance and Aggression instances are just that, escorts. Please refer to the attached Response to Resistance and Aggression chart for details.

Total Response to Resistance and Aggression Incidents: Rose from 52 Response to Resistance and Aggression events in 2022 to 54 Response to Resistance and Aggression events in 2023.

Total Response to Resistance and Aggression Reports Filed: We report ALL incidents of Response to Resistance and Aggression therefore the number is 54 events.

Physical Techniques/Controls: We saw an increase, by six (6) in the number of events consisting of the use of physical techniques from 2022 to 2023. Again, this category considers instances as insignificant as simply yelling verbal commands to instances where we must hold an individual’s arm to prevent him/her from flailing, fighting or falling. This category also includes arm bar take downs, physical strikes etc. Of the 45 events, 8 instances were merely escorts of detainees. Arm Bar techniques, wrist locks, take downs etc. were used 30 times.

Taser Deployments: This category includes any instance whereas a taser was removed from the Officer’s holster. On many occasions simply activating the taser’s lights is enough to gain compliance. Of the 17 instances whereas an Officer removed his/her taser, only 2 resulted in actual taser barb deployment. This is a 67% decrease over the past year.

Taser Probe Deployments: 2, as indicated above.

Other Firearm/Pepper(OC)/Baton: Officers removed their firearm 6 times throughout the year in order to ensure their safety, as well as the safety of others, and to gain compliance. No Officer discharged his/her firearm. There was one instance whereas a highly resistant and combative arrestee was sprayed with pepper spray/OC in order to effectively take him/her into custody and the baton was used only once.

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Statistics:

24% (13 events) of the events leading to a Response to Resistance and Aggression involved Behavioral Health issues resulting in the service of a Section 12 which is significantly down from last year. In 2022 50% of the Response to Resistance and Aggression events was Behavioral Health and Section 12 related.

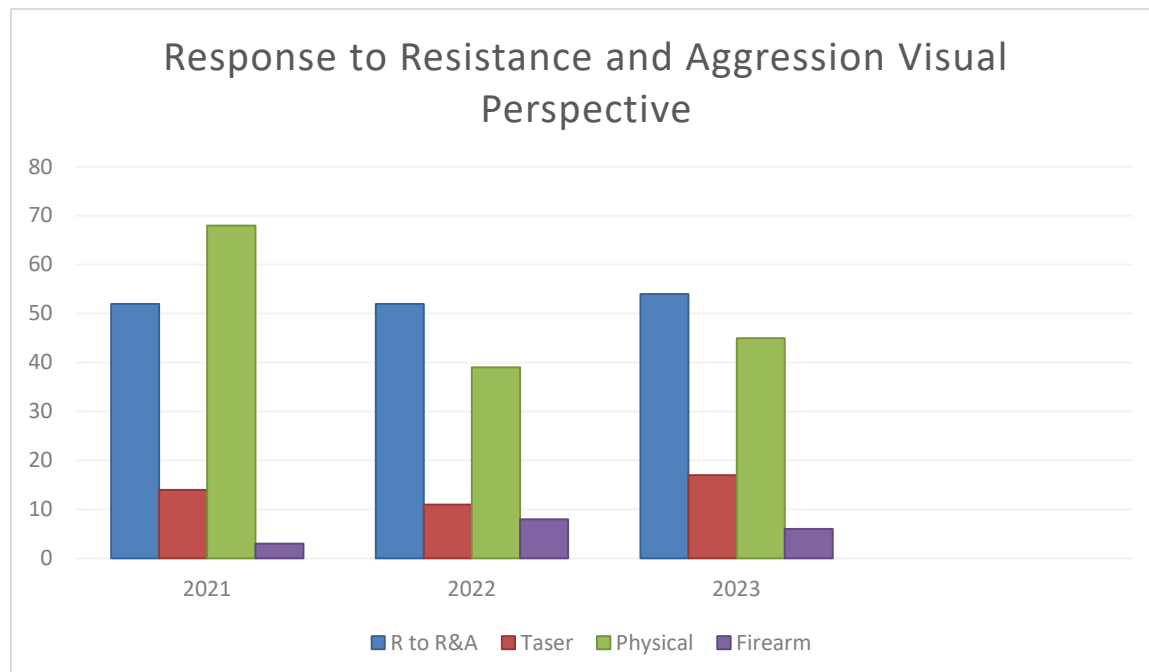
5% (3 events) were drug related. Slight decrease from last year.

17% (9 events) were Domestic Violence related. Slight increase from last year.

54% (Remaining events) included A&B-not domestic violence related, pursuits, explosives and general disorderly conduct caused primarily by the influence of alcohol.

In reviewing and analyzing our Response to Resistance and Aggression incidents, we find that we are making significant strides as it relates to responding to calls involving people experiencing Behavioral Health Crises. We saw a 50% decrease in the amount of Response to Resistance and Aggression events when dealing with individuals experiencing Behavioral Health crises and/or when we served Section 12s. As we continue to navigate the changes and enhancements to the overall Behavioral Health Response process we must continue to exercise and utilize a greater amount of de-escalation techniques while allowing our Behavioral Health professionals (Co-Responders) to assist. Our goal is, as indicated in previous years, is to try to remove Police from the Behavioral Health arena considering, in most cases, the mere appearance of an Officer tends to trigger individuals already in crisis. Clearly our efforts are paying off. More and more often we're seeing that Officers are employing proper "de-escalation" techniques while dealing with combative or resistant individuals.

Further review of our Response to Resistance and Aggression analysis revealed that each and every Response to Resistance and Aggression event was found to have been in conformance with our Department's policies and procedures and were consistent with our training therefore all were deemed justified and in compliance. I also found that all Response to Resistance and Aggression events were completed by Officers who were in uniform.



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You'll notice, in 2021, that the amount of "Physical" techniques used outnumbers the total number of Response to Resistance and Aggression events. The reason for the disparity is because oftentimes more than one Officer utilizes some level of Response to Resistance and Aggression (ie: escort holds, etc.) when the incident is unfolding and during the same Response to Resistance and Aggression event.

This analysis was concluded and **presented to the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police** for further review.

| Day/Date/Time | Case # | Age of Susp. | Race B=Black W=White H=Hispanic A=Asian O=Binary | Sex M=Male F=Fem O=Binary | Taser W=Warning F=Probe Deployed L=Laser D=Drive Stun | Firearm W=Warning F=Discharge | Uniform Plain Clothes | OC Baton | Physical Tech | Injury O=Officer P=Perp M=Minor S=Severe | Type of Encounter |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1/2/23 Monday 9:46PM | 23-2-AR | 24 | W | M | | W x 2 | Uni | | | | ADW |
| 1/8/23 Sunday 2:14AM | 23-6-AR | 38 | W | M | L | | Uni | | Wrist Lock | | DOMESTIC |
| 1/12/23 Thursday 5:37AM | 23-8-AR | 34 | W | M | L | | Uni | | Wrist Lock | | DOMESTIC B&E |
| 1/20/23 Friday 9:00PM | 23-20-AR | 51 | W | M | W | | Uni | | Take Down | | DOMESTIC |
| 1/15/23 Sunday 7:50PM | 23-16-AR | 36 | W | M | | | Uni | | Wrist Lock | | DISORDERLY ABPO |
| 1/4/23 Wednesday 10:53PM | 23-3-AR | 33 | W | F | | | Uni | | Escort | | DISORDERLY |
| 2/10/23 5:43PM | 23-38-AR | 37 | H | M | | | Uni/Plain | | Hand Str. | OP-M | B&E A&B |
| 3/2/2023 11:45AM | 23-229-OF | 34 | H | M | | | Uni | | Wrist Lock | | A&B Hospital |
| 2/19/2023 11:00AM | 23-44-AR | 32 | H | M | L X2 | | Uni | | Hand Control | | DOMESTIC SECTION 12 |
| 3/7/2023 1:58PM | 23-248-OF | 41 | W | M | | | Uni | | Wrist Lock Leg Sweep | P-M | SECTION 12 |
| 3/26/2023 1:15AM | 23-68-AR | 25 | A | F | | | Uni X5 | | Restraint Arm Manip | P-M | Warrant |
| 3/26/2023 1:34PM | 23-69-AR | 32 | W | M | W X2 | | UniX3 | | Wrist Lock Leg Sweep | | Warrant |
| 3/13/2023 7:40PM | 23-281-OF | 24 | W | M | | W | Uni | | | | SECTION 12 |
| 2/7/2023 6:53PM | 23-154-OF | 17 | W | M | L | | Uni | | | | A&B MAL DAM |
| 4/4/23 6:35PM | 23-72-AR | 33 | W | F | | | Uni X2 | | Take Down | | ABDW |
| 4/22/23 6:24PM | 23-439-OF | 45 | W | F | | | Uni X2 | | Escort | | SECTION 12 |
| 5/28/23 6:59PM | 23-577-OF | 22 | W | M | | Wx3 | Uni X3 | | Take Down | P-M | Section 12 |
| 6/25/23 1:35AM | 23-150-AR | 25 | H | F | | | | | Wrist Lock | O-M | POSS CLASS A |
| 7/16/23 12:42AM | 23-180-AR | 18 | H | M | | | Uni X3 | Baton | Take Down/Wrist Lock | P-M | DOMESTIC |
| 7/30/2023 9:00AM | 23-192-AR | 28 | W | M | | | Uni X5 | | Restraint Chair | O-M | WARRANTS |
| 6/7/23 4:50PM | 23-147-AR | 21 | W | M | L | | Uni X3 | | | | ABDW |
| 7/1/23 3:54PM | 23-701-OF | 45 | W | M | | | Uni X2 | | Arm/Leg Restraints | P-M | Section 12 |
| 8/13/23 7:30PM | 23-212-AR | 34 | W | M | L X2 | | Uni X2 | | Arm Bar | | Warrants |
| 8/17/23 3:45PM | 23-216-AR | 33 | B | M | | | Uni X3 | | Arm Manip | | Warrant |
| 8/19/23 3:50PM | 23-222-AR | 38 | W | M | | | Uni X2 | | Arm Bar Take Down | P-M | ADW |
| 8/9/23 11:16PM | 23-206-AR | 47 | W | M | | | Uni X3 | | Arm Bar Leg Sweep | P-M | Disorderly |
| 8/16/23 3:48AM | 23-875-OF | 29 | W | M | F | | Uni X5 | | Taser | P-M | Section 12 |

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| 8/26/23 6:57PM | 23-931- OF | 13 | W | M | | | Uni X2 | | Arm Bar Take Down | | Section 12 |
| 8/26/23 7:15PM | 23-229- AR | 20 | W | M | | W | Uni X3 | | | | ADW |
| 8/30/23 10:33AM | 23-938- OF | 45 | B | M | | | Uni X2 | | Take Down | | Section 12 |
| 8/30/23 12:02PM | 23-232- AR | 48 | W | M | | | Uni X2 | | Arm Bar/Take Down | O-M | Trespass ABPO Disorderly |
| 9/1/23 2:30PM | 23-235- AR | 21 | W | M | | | Uni X4 | | Arm Bar/Take Down | | Trespass ABPO Disorderly |
| 9/2/23 9:11PM | 23-237- AR | 31 | W | M | | | Uni X2 | | Take Down | P-M | Narcotics Resisting |
| 9/20/23 10:09PM | 23-255- AR | 40 | H | M | L | | Uni X4 | | Push away from door | | Domestic |
| 10/3/23 6:15PM | 23-268- AR | 22 | W | M | | W | Uni X3 | | | | Shoplifting HighRiskStop |
| 10/3/23 12:50AM | 23- 1118-OF | 47 | B | M | F | | Uni X4 | | Non Compliant Escort | | Domestic A&B |
| 10/03/23 6:15PM | 23-268- AR | 22 | B | M | | W | Uni X2 | | High Risk Stop | | Robbery/Larcen y |
| 10/9/23 10:10PM | 23-273- AR | 30 | H | F | | | Uni X4 | | Arm Bar Take Down/Leg Shackles/Restrain t Chair | | Domestic |
| 10/12/23 2:52AM | 23- 1139-OF | 59 | W | M | L | | Uni X4 | | Uncooperative cuffing | | Section 12 |
| 9/25/23 9:26PM | 23-261- AR | 38 | W | M | L | | Uni X4 | | Take Down/Escort | | ADW |
| 10/17/23 5:18PM | 23-279- AR | 18 | H | M | L | | Uni X3 | | Taser Laser | | ABDW |
| 10/27/23 8:50PM | 23-241- AR | 50 | W | M | L | | Uni X3 | | Taser Laser | | Warrant |
| 10/29/23 5:30PM | 23-293- AR | 51 | W | F | L | | Uni X2 | | Taser Laser/Arm Bar Take Down | P-M | ABPO |
| 11/2/23 8:33PM | 23-298- AR | 39 | W | F | | | Uni X4 | | Escort into Cruiser | | Warrant |
| 11/6/23 3:17PM | 23-304- AR | 30 | W | F | | | Uni X5 | | Take Down/Non- Compliant cuffing | O-S P-M | Warrant |
| 11/8/23 2:48PM | 23-306- AR | 24 | W | M | | | Uni X5 | | Arm Bar Takedown | | ABPO/AB on Elderly |
| 11/10/23 12:00AM | 23-307- AR | 26 | B | M | | | Uni X2 | | Push Away | | ABPO |
| 11/17/23 8:55PM | 23-322- AR | 46 | H | M | LX2 | | Uni X5 | | Wrist Lock | S-M | Domestic A&B |
| 11/22/23 8:37PM | 23- 1343-OF | 33 | W | M | | | Uni X3 | | Takedown/Wrist Lock | S-M | Section 12 |
| 11/28/23 12:19AM | 23-329- AR | 50 | B | M | | | Uni X3 | | Wrist Lock/Arm Bar Takedown | S-M | Warrant Narcotics |
| 12/11/23 4:09AM | 23-341- AR | 18 | W | F | | | Uni X2 | | High Risk Stop/Prone Handcuffing | | Fail to Stop/Passenger |
| 12/11/23 4:09AM | 23-341- AR | 18 | W | M | | | Uni X2 | | High Risk Stop/Prone Handcuffing | | Fail to Stop/Operator |
| 12/17/23 9:08PM | 23- 1447-OF | 36 | W | F | | | Uni X4 | | Wrist Lock | | Section 12 |
| 12/18/23 7:50PM | 23-1452-OF | 47 | H | M | | | Uni X4 | | Take Down Wrist Lock | S-M | Section 12 |

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| Officer | ID# | Date of hire | Bean Bag | Taser | OC | Baton | Hand control | Firearm |
|--------------------|-----|--------------|----------|-------|----|-------|--------------|---------|
| Chief Haigh | 150 | 2013 | | | | | | |
| D/C. Gordon | 105 | 1993 | | | | | | |
| Lt. Dodge | 120 | 1998 | | | | | | |
| Lt. Greene | 118 | 1998 | | | | | | |
| Lt. Haskins | 139 | 2007 | | | | | | |
| Sgt. Clark | 116 | 1996 | | | | | | |
| Sgt. Cloutier | 140 | 2011 | | | | | 2 | |
| Sgt. C. Rowell | 121 | 1999 | | | | | 1 | |
| Sgt. Butynski | 150 | 2014 | | | | | 1 | |
| Sgt. Purinton | 151 | 2014 | | | | | | 1 |
| Sgt. Rowell-Kanash | 149 | 2012 | | | | | 3 | |
| Ofc. P. West | 113 | 1993 | | | | | 3 | 1 |
| Ofc. Paulin | 117 | 1996 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Ofc. Kratz | 123 | 1999 | | | | | 1 | |
| Ofc. McCloud | 144 | 2010 | | | | | 1 | |
| Det. Co Greene | 154 | 2014 | | | | | 1 | |
| Ofc. Lemay | 155 | 2015 | | | | | | |
| Ofc. Merrigan | 158 | 2016 | | | | | 2 | 1 |
| Ofc. Griffin | 161 | 2019 | | 2 | | | 9 | 5 |
| Ofc. Cooley | 162 | 2020 | | | | | 2 | |
| Ofc. Lagoy | 164 | 2020 | | 4 | | | 6 | |
| Ofc. Granger | 165 | 2020 | | 3 | | | 3 | 1 |
| Ofc. Sinigur | 166 | 2020 | | | | | 5 | |
| Ofc. Limoges | 167 | 2021 | | | | | 5 | |
| Ofc. Llewelyn | 168 | 2021 | | | | | | |
| Ofc. Henry | 169 | 2021 | | 2 | | | 9 | |
| Ofc. Johansson | 170 | 2021 | | 3 | | | 5 | |
| Ofc. Belville | 171 | 2021 | | 2 | | | 4 | 2 |
| Ofc. Placinta | 173 | 2023 | | 1 | | | 4 | |
| Ofc. Ippolito | 175 | 2023 | | | | | | |
| Ofc. Moreno | 176 | 2023 | | | | | 1 | |
| Ofc. Barber | 178 | 2023 | | 4 | | | 8 | 1 |
| Ofc. Parnell | 179 | 2023 | | | | | 2 | |
| Ofc. Barone | 180 | 2023 | | | | | | |
| Res. Cobileanschi | 617 | 2021 | | | | | | |
| Res. Caloon | 618 | 2023 | | | | | 1 | |

2023 Vehicle pursuit **Analysis**

The Greenfield Police Department initiated a total of four (4) pursuits and assisted the Massachusetts State Police with four (4) pursuits in 2023.

The first Greenfield Police initiated pursuit took place on February 26th, 2023. While on patrol, Officers observed an individual who they knew to have outstanding warrants for his arrest, operating a motor vehicle on public ways in Greenfield. Upon initiating the Officer's emergency takedown lights and siren the vehicle continued to travel North on Wells Street ignoring police lights and sirens to stop. The vehicle took a right hand turn onto Allen Street, continuing over the bridge before completely disregarding the stop sign at Allen Street and Chapman Street. The vehicle, without stopping, traveled through the intersection before continuing to drive north onto Chapman Street. The vehicle took a right hand turn into a driveway on Chapman Street, which is known to be one of the occupant's houses, and the operator and occupants fled on foot initiating a foot pursuit. The operator was apprehended and a large quantity of narcotics were found on his person.

The second Greenfield Police initiated pursuit took place on April 30th, 2023. Earlier in the day an altercation took place on Main St. whereas the female operator of a Nissan truck reported having a firearm. The incident was found to be a possible armed robbery, after which the vehicle fled the area. An Officer later observed the vehicle on Conway St. and initiated a stop of the vehicle. The Officer spoke with the operator and identified same however when asking for the operator to produce a license and registration, the operator rolled up the window and fled northbound. Officers pursued the vehicle north into Leyden where the operator eventually lost control and rolled the vehicle. After further conversation was had with the operator, the Officers determined a Section 12 was the most appropriate action at that time.

The third Greenfield Police initiated pursuit took place on July 4th, 2023. Officers attempted to stop a motorcycle and that motorcycle failed to stop. The pursuit was terminated and the operator/vehicle were not located.

The fourth Greenfield Police initiated pursuit took place on July 17th, 2023. Officers attempted to stop a motorcycle with no rear lights. The motorcycle failed to stop. The pursuit was terminated and the operator/vehicle were not located.

During 2023, Mass. State Police advised of four pursuits on Interstate. Greenfield Police Officers had no direct involvement in these pursuits and in some cases, served only as assisting Officers while MSP handled the ultimate stops and investigations.