

Use of Force 2022

2022 Use of force report & Pursuit Analysis

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	2020	2021	2022
Reportable Use of Force Incidents	18	52	52
Total UOF Reports Filed	23	85	52
Physical Techniques/Controls	18	68	39
Taser Deployments	6	14	11
Taser Probe Deployments	4	3	6
Other Firearm/Pepper/Baton		3	8

The Greenfield Police Department continues to track Use of Force incidents pursuant to the standards outlined in Police Reform. As a result, the instances of the utilization of Use of Force methods appear to have increased dramatically over previous years however this is not the case. Police Departments simply must report lower levels of “force” as an actual Use of Force 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 Use of Force. This was not the case in the past and prior to Police Reform. In fact, the vast majority of our documented Use of Force instances are just that, escorts. Please refer to the attached Use of Force chart for details.

Total Use of Force Incidents: Remained static between 2021 and 2022 at 52 total reportable Use of Force events.

Total UOF Reports Filed: We report ALL incidents of UOF therefore the number is 52 events.

Physical Techniques/Controls: We cut this number almost in half from 2021 to 2022 having had 68 incidents in 2021 and only 39 in 2022. 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 and this category also includes arm bar take downs, physical strikes etc. Of the 39 events, 4 instances were merely verbal commands, 28 were mere escorts resulting in no combat like techniques being used. Arm Bar techniques were used 7 times, and knee strikes were used once.

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 11 instances whereas an Officer removed his/her taser, only 6 resulted in actual taser barb deployment. This was an increase over the past year.

Taser Probe Deployments: 6, as indicated above.

Other Firearm/Pepper(OC)/Baton: Officers removed their firearm 7 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.

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Date	Case #	Age of Suspect	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	Baton	OC	Physical Tech	Injury O=Officer P=Perp M=Minor S=Severe	Compliance
1/14/2022	22-10-AR	39	H	M		W			K9	PM	Yes
1/9/2022	22-38-OF	26	B	M					ARM BAR		Yes
1/23/2022	22-79-OF	30	W	M	FD	W					Yes
1/24/2022	22-80-OF	11	W	F					RESTRAINT		Yes
2/2/2022	22-106-OF	64	W	M		W					Yes
2/6/2022	22-116-OF	48	W	F					ARM BAR		Yes
2/23/2022	22-46-AR	33	B	M					ESCORT		Yes
3/27/2022	22-281-OF	11	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
3/23/2022	22-67-AR	49	W	F	FD						Yes
3/23/2022	22-269-OF	28	W	M	FD					PS	No
3/29/2022	22-296-OF	36	W	F	W				ESCORT		Yes
4/8/2022	22-301-OF	39	B	M					ESCORT		No
4/9/2022	22-89-AR	31	B	M					ESCORT		Yes
4/19/2022	22-356-OF	33	W	M					ARM BAR		Yes
4/3/2022	22-308-OF	58	W	M	FD					PM	Yes
4/23/2022	22-367-OF	42	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
4/24/2022	22-110-AR	29	W	M					ESCORT		Yes
5/3/2022	22-116-AR	50	W	M					ESCORT		Yes
5/6/2022	22-417-OF	9	W	M					ESCORT		Yes
5/8/2022	22-118-AR	26	W	M	W						Yes
5/7/2022	22-419-OF	44	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
5/29/2022	22-481-OF	36	B	M					ARM BAR		Yes
5/24/2022	22-131-AR	48	W	M					ARM BAR	PM	Yes
5/25/2022	22-133-AR	38	W	M					ESCORT		Yes
5/25/2022	22-469-OF	10	B	M					ESCORT		Yes
5/27/2022	22-137-AR	46	W	M					ESCORT		Yes

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6/10/2022	22-526-OF	41	W	M					VERBAL		Yes
6/11/2022	22-156-AR	22	W	M		W					Yes
6/21/2022	22-563-OF	40	B	M					ESCORT		Yes
6/24/2022	22-569-OF	20	W	M	D						Yes
7/16/2022	22-177-AR	24	A	F					ESCORT		Yes
7/23/2022	22-178-AR	28	W	M					ESCORT		Yes
7/24/2022	22-667-OF	11	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
7/27/2022	22-685-OF	37	W	M					ESCORT		Yes
8/11/2022	22-187-AR	53	W	M	W	W			ESCORT		Yes
8/17/2022	22-758-OF	45	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
9/4/2022	22-799-OF	38	W	M					ESCORT		Yes
9/6/2022	22-231-AR	23	W	F		W					Yes
9/13/2022	22-238-AR	31	W	F					ARM BAR		Yes
9/15/22	22-866-OF	35	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
10/3/22	22-939-OF	47	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
10/29/22	22-949-OF	23	W	M	W				VERBAL		Yes
10/19/22	22-988-OF	23	W	M	W				VERBAL		Yes
8/29/22	22-219-AR	20	B	M		W			VERBAL		Yes
10/26/22	22-1022-OF	11	W	M					ESCORT		Yes
11/3/22	22-279-AR	34	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
11/7/22	22-1058-OF	14	W	F					ESCORT		Yes
11/1/22	22-1040-OF	10	W	M					SECURED LEGS		Yes
11/19/22	22-295-AR	29	W	M				Y	KNEE STRIKE	PM OM	Yes
11/27/22	22-308-AR	39	W	M					TAKE DOWN	PM OM	Yes
12/14/22	22-237-AR	38	W	M	D				ESCORT		Yes
12/12/22	22-1199-OF	47	W	F					ESCORT		Yes

Officer	ID#	Date of hire	Bean Bag	Taser	OC	Baton	Hand control	Firearm	Total Use of force
Chief Haigh	150	2013							
D/C. Gordon	105	1993							
Lt. McCarthy	108	1992					1		
Lt. Dodge	120	1998							
Sgt. Rice	126	1999		1			1		
Sgt. Haskins	139	2007					1		
Sgt. Clark	116	1996					1		
Sgt. C. Greene	118	1998					1		
Sgt. Cloutier	140	2011					3		
Sgt. C. Rowell	121	1999						1	
Ofc. P. West	113	1993					3		
Ofc. Trueswell	115	1995							
Ofc. Paulin	117	1996							
Ofc. L. Gordon	119	1998							
Ofc. Kratz	123	1999					2		
Ofc. Sumner	133	2005					1		
Ofc. McCloud	144	2010					3	2	
Ofc. E. Rowell	149	2012					3		
Det. Purinton	151	2014					1		
Det. Butynski	153	2014					1		
Det. Co Greene	154	2014		1					
Ofc. Lemay	155	2015		1			2		
Ofc. Merrigan	158	2016		1			2	2	
Ofc. Griffin	161	2019		2	614		3	2016	
Ofc. Cooley	162	2020		3			7		
Ofc. Hewitt	163	2020		1			3		
Ofc. Lagoy	164	2020					2		
Ofc. Granger	165	2020		2	1		2	1	
Ofc. Sinigur	166	2020					2		
Ofc. Limoges	167	2021					4		
Ofc. Llewelyn	168	2021					9		
Ofc. Henry	169	2021					9	2	
Ofc. Johansson	170	2021					3	3	
Ofc. Belville	171	2021					3		
Ofc. Smith	172	2022		1			4		
Res. Cobileanschi	617	2021					1		

2022 Vehicle pursuit **Analysis**

Greenfield Police Department initiated a total of two (2) pursuits in 2022.

The first, taking place in January of 2022, began as an attempt by an Officer to stop a motorist for speeding. The vehicle failed to stop, reached speeds of over 50 m.p.h. on the Mohawk Trail and up onto Main St., ultimately ending on Highland Avenue. While pursuing the vehicle a black bag was seen to have been thrown from the vehicle and was later found by Officers. The bag contained firearms (pistols and ammunition). 2 individuals, the driver and a passenger, were located after they fled on foot. They were taken into custody and charged with various motor vehicle infractions as well as numerous firearms related charges.

The second, taking place in December of 2022, began as an attempt by an Officer to stop a motorist for speeding and reckless driving. The vehicle failed to stop and was ultimately located hidden behind a residence in Greenfield. The operator, a 17-year-old male, approached the Officers and admitted to being the driver of the vehicle. The operator was arrested and charged with various motor vehicle infractions.

Mass. State Police advised of several pursuits on Interstate 91 however none actually exited down into Greenfield and no Greenfield Officers joined in.