



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Services and Safety Committee

FROM: Eric Lund, Deputy Chief of Police

CC: Mayor Ekberg

DATE: March 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Police Department Use of Force Review 2021

ISSUE

The Tukwila Police Department conducted a review of all uses of force initiated by officers during 2021.

BACKGROUND

This is the 2nd year that the police department reviewed all use of force incidents together with community representatives. The community representatives were the same in 2020, which consisted of members selected for the Valley Independent Investigative Team related to officer involved shooting incidents. The participants were Sean Goode, Allan Howard, Ross Dworman, and Sharon Myklebust. Also included in the discussions were defensive tactics instructors from the department. The participants from the PD included Sergeant Isaiah Harris, Detective Erik Kunsmann, and Officer Eric Hines.

For 2021 the group met quarterly to review more current incidents. The dates that the group met were:

- Quarter 1 review – May 11th, 2021
- Quarter 2 review – August 10th, 2021
- Quarter 3 review – December 23rd, 2021
- Quarter 4 review – February 8th, 2022

The review process consists of a basic overview of each incident which includes the type of call, type of force used, injuries sustained (to the subject and/or officer), how the force was reviewed, and the disposition of the report. If body-worn camera footage was available, a clip of the force used was shown to the group. After each incident, the community reps were encouraged to ask questions about the incident.

ANALYSIS

In 2021 there were 34 reported use of force incidents. This is a 37% decrease from 2020. The PD responded to 31,317 calls for service (CFS) in 2021. Force was used only in 0.10% of CFS. 755 calls were cleared with an arrest, which is down 29% from 2020. 439 calls were cleared with a code indicating a possible mental health issue. This is down 24% from 2020. In all calls involving an arrest or a possible mental health issue, force was used in 2.8% of the calls, down 0.6% from 2020.

In 2021 arrests were down 29% compared to 2020 even though CFS were up 4% from 2020. The lower number of arrests can be contributed to legislative reform that was enacted in July of 2021. Officers currently are not able to physically detain an individual that is only suspected of committing a crime, therefore, many suspects are simply walking away from officers before probable cause is obtained.

All 34 use of force incidents were reviewed at three levels within the department. After the UOF report is submitted, it is reviewed by a Sergeant, Commander, and the Deputy Chief. The review consists of reading reports and viewing BWC footage. All but one of the 34 use of force incidents were found to be within policy. One of the incidents was found that one of the officers could benefit from mentoring/coaching.

The citizen representatives did not have any issues or concerns with any of the use of force incidents reviewed in 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

2021 UOF Review PowerPoint

2021 UOF AIM report



2021 Use of Force Review

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SAMPLE

2021-UOF-0033 – Case #21-5743

- ▶ 11/7/21 – 6:21PMAM – DV Order Violation – 38XX S. 154th Ln
- ▶ Female called 911 to report that her ex-boyfriend was inside of her apartment in violation of a court order.
- ▶ Officers developed probable cause for the arrest of the male and made contact at the apartment door. The male suspect was in the door when the officers opened it and told him he was under arrest.
- ▶ The suspect did not cooperate with command and was resisting arrest by holding on to the railing
- ▶ Officers discover male is holding a red knife in his hand. One officer delivers a strike to the face of the male, which stuns him and allows officers to take male to the ground and place him in handcuffs.
- ▶ Male was transported to the hospital for medical eval, then booked into King County Jail felony No-Contact Order Violation due to 2 previous convictions.
- ▶ Reviewed by Sergeant, Commander, and Deputy Chief. Found to be within policy.
- ▶ [Video Link](#)

UOF Statistics

Year	#	%
2019	64	--
2020	54	-15%
2021	34	-37%

2016 – 260 uses of force – 86% reduction
2017 - Body Cameras Implemented

Calls for Service vs UOF

- ▶ In 2021, Tukwila PD responded to 31,317 (+4%) calls for service
 - ▶ 34 uses of force
 - ▶ Force used in 0.10% of calls responded to (-0.08% from 2020)
- ▶ Cleared 755 calls with an arrest (-29%)
- ▶ Cleared 439 calls with a code indicating possible mental health issue (-11.6%)
 - ▶ Arrest & Mental Health codes 1194 (-24%)
- ▶ Force used in 2.8% of calls involving an arrest or possible mental health issue (-0.6%)
- ▶ 33 of out 34 UOF Incidents reviewed and determined to be within policy. 1 was found that an officer could benefit from coaching/mentoring.



Tukwila Police Department

2021 Use of Force Action

Date	Incident #	Badge	Subject Armed	Subj. Dispo	Subj. Injury	Action
1/19/2021	2021-UOF-0001	200	Unarmed	Arrested	Complained of head pain and "heart" pain. No injuries visible	Within Policy
		227	Unarmed	Arrested	Complained of head pain and "heart" pain. No injuries visible	Within Policy
		242	Unarmed	Arrested	Complained of head pain and "heart" pain. No injuries visible	Within Policy
1/20/2021	2021-UOF-0002	210	Firearm	Arrested	Superficial small cut to upper left thigh from Taser app from Ofc. Hines	Within Policy
	2021-UOF-0004	95	Firearm	Arrested		Within Policy
1/23/2021	2021-UOF-0003	204				Within Policy
		206				Within Policy
		178				Within Policy
2/6/2021	2021-UOF-0005	241				
		204				
		164				
2/8/2021	2021-UOF-0006	259	Unarmed	Released	Small abrasion to left hand	Within Policy
3/13/2021	2021-UOF-0007	258	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		228	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
3/26/2021	2021-UOF-0008	115	Unarmed	Arrested Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
				257	Unarmed	Arrested Mental Hospitalized
		145	Unarmed	Arrested Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
				216	Unarmed	Arrested Mental Hospitalized
3/28/2021	2021-UOF-0011	157	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		240	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		256	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		236	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
3/31/2021	2021-UOF-0009	206	Unarmed	Released		Within Policy
4/4/2021	2021-UOF-0010	237	Unarmed	Mental		Within Policy
		212	Unarmed	Mental		Within Policy

Date	Incident #	Badge	Subject Armed	Subj. Dispo	Subj. Injury	Action
4/20/2021	2021-UOF-0012	238	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		240	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		256	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		157	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
4/22/2021	2021-UOF-0013	206	Sharp/stabbing instrument Club/Impact Weapon	Arrested Hospitalized		Within Policy
4/30/2021	2021-UOF-0014	145	Unarmed	Hospitalized	scratch on forehead	Within Policy
5/19/2021	2021-UOF-0015	231	Unarmed	Injured Arrested	Small laceration over eye	Within Policy
5/21/2021	2021-UOF-0017	254	Unarmed	Released Mental		Mentoring/Training
5/24/2021	2021-UOF-0016	236	Other	Hospitalized		
6/3/2021	2021-UOF-0018	105				
	2021-UOF-0020	105	Subject Had Access to Weapon if Escaped Officer Control/Presence Unarmed	Arrested Mental		Within Policy
6/8/2021	2021-UOF-0019	236	Sharp/stabbing instrument	Arrested Hospitalized		Within Policy
6/19/2021	2021-UOF-0021	227	Unarmed	Hospitalized		Within Policy
	2021-UOF-0022	252	Unarmed	Released	ANOTHER PERSON INVOLVED STATED THAT SUBJECT WAS PREGNANT BUT SUBJECT NEVER CLAIMED TO BE.	Mentoring/Training
		241	Unarmed	Released	ANOTHER PERSON INVOLVED STATED THAT SUBJECT WAS PREGNANT BUT SUBJECT NEVER CLAIMED TO BE.	Mentoring/Training
6/25/2021	2021-UOF-0023	241	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		239	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		206	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		105	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
8/15/2021	2021-UOF-0024	174	Sharp/stabbing instrument	Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
		228	Sharp/stabbing instrument	Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
8/20/2021	2021-UOF-0025	157	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		242	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
9/14/2021	2021-UOF-0026	260	Unarmed	Arrested Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
9/26/2021	2021-UOF-0027	260	Other	Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
		255	Other	Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
		191	Other	Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy

Date	Incident #	Badge	Subject Armed	Subj. Dispo	Subj. Injury	Action
9/27/2021	2021-UOF-0028	217	Unarmed	Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
		260	Unarmed	Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
		164	Unarmed	Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy
10/21/2021	2021-UOF-0029	257	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		239	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		254	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		251	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		257	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		239	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		254	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		251	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		257	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		239	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		254	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		251	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		257	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		239	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
		254	Unarmed	Other		Within Policy
10/27/2021	2021-UOF-0030	105	Subject Had Immediate Access to Weapon Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		262	Subject Had Immediate Access to Weapon Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
11/2/2021	2021-UOF-0031	231	Other	Arrested		Within Policy
11/4/2021	2021-UOF-0032	228	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		260	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
		156	Unarmed	Arrested		Within Policy
11/7/2021	2021-UOF-0033	236	Sharp/stabbing instrument	Injured Arrested	Facial Injuries	Within Policy
		213	Sharp/stabbing instrument	Injured Arrested	Facial Injuries	Within Policy
		259	Sharp/stabbing instrument	Injured Arrested	Facial Injuries	Within Policy
12/6/2021	2021-UOF-0034	212		Mental Hospitalized		Within Policy

View Records Where:

(incident type In ('Use of Force'))
And (Incident Date - Year In ('2021'))