



WORTHINGTON DIVISION OF POLICE

Memorandum

Integrity, Respect, Commitment, Honesty, Professionalism

To: **Chief Robert Ware, II**

From: **Lt. Michael Holton**

Date: **January 12, 2021**

Subj: **Use of Force – 2020**

Use of Force – 2020

When involved in a Use of Force incident, officers with the Worthington Division of Police are required to complete and submit a Use of Force report. Each report is reviewed by a supervisor to determine if the use of force and the officer's actions were within policy (Use of Force – 300).

Annually, the Chief of Police and/or designee direct a documented review and analysis of the Division's Use of Force incidents to minimally include policy suitability, policy compliance, and training needs.

From January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, officers with the Worthington Division of Police were involved in eight (8) Use of Force incidents. All of the incidents were reviewed and found to be in compliance with the Use of Force policy (300).

Training Recommendations

In 2019, the Worthington Division of Police started to transition to LEXIPOL, LLC policy and procedures, which included Use of Force policy 300. On December 16, 2020, an updated Use of Force policy 300 was issued to all officers online via LEXIPOL'S Knowledge Management System (KMS). As of December 16, 2020, all officers read and electronically acknowledged the new Use of Force policy 300.

In 2020, all officers received Legal Update – Use of Force training instructed by Worthington Law Director Tom Lindsey, Worthington Mayor's Court Prosecutor Karen Sheffer, and Attorney Yosowitz. All officers were also administered and passed a written Use of Force test.

Division standards require that all officers qualify with their duty handguns at least twice a year. During the qualification process, the firearms instructor(s) reviews the division's Use of Force policy with officers.

Review of Policy and Procedure

The Worthington Division of Police rewrote their Policy and Procedures Manuals in 2019-2020 utilizing LEXIPOL, LLC. As such, the previous Use of Force policy was updated on December 16, 2020 to meet the standards of the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification Program and comply with Presidential Executive Order 13929 (the

Executive Order on Safe Policing). Due to this recent update, there are no policy updates recommended at this time.

Use of Force Incidents – 2020

Use of Force Report #	Date & Time	Day	Incident and/or Offense	Number of Officers	Outcome	Within Policy
UF-1-20	02-13-20 at 1928 hrs	Thursday	Disorderly Intoxication & Obstructing Official Business	2 (362 & 370)	Arrest, Balance Displacement, Resistant Handcuffing, Escort Position & FCJ (M/W)	Yes
UF-2-20	03-08-20 at 0122 hrs	Sunday	Theft, Disorderly Intoxication, & Resisting Arrest	3 (351, 354, & 371)	Arrest, Balance Displacement, Assisted to Ground, Resistant Handcuffing, Escort Position & FCJ (M/W)	Yes
UF-3-20	03-23-20 at 2340 hrs	Monday	Unlawful Restraint	2 (358 & 364)	Arrest, Assisted to Ground, Resistant Handcuffing & FCJ (M/B)	Yes
UF-4-20	04-08-20 at 1255 hrs	Wednesday	OVI, Child Endangering & Resisting Arrest	3 (345, 348, & 373)	Arrest, Resistant Handcuffing, Joint Manipulation & FCJ (M/W)	Yes
UF-5-20	05-16-20 at 1712 hrs	Saturday	Criminal Trespass, Assault & Resisting Arrest	3 (347, 367, & 370)	Arrest, Assisted to Ground, Balance Displacement, Resistant Handcuffing, & FCJ (F/B)	Yes
UF-6-20	09-04-20 at 2118 hrs	Friday	Person in Crisis	2 (363 & 370)	TASER (probes) Resistant Handcuffing & Mental Health Evaluation (M/W)	Yes
UF-7-20	09-14-20 at 1127 hrs	Monday	Domestic Violence & Assault	2 (337 & 360)	Arrest, Resistant Handcuffing & FCJ (M/B)	Yes
UF-8-20	12-21-20 at 0216 hrs	Monday	OVI & Resisting Arrest	2 (354 & 374)	Arrest, Assisted to Ground, Resistant Handcuffing, & FCJ (F/B)	Yes

Overview

- Two of the eight use of force incidents occurred during 1st Shift
- Three of the eight use of force incidents occurred during 2nd Shift
- Three of the eight use of force incidents occurred during 3rd Shift
- Four of the eight use of force incidents involved an intoxicated person
- One of the eight use of force incidents involved a person in crisis (mental health)
- Two of the eight use of force incidents involved an assault, domestic violence, and/or criminal trespass

Key of Terms

- FCJ: Franklin County Jail
- Resistant Handcuffing: This occurs when an arrestee refuses to place their hands behind their backs at the request of an officer. In response, the officer may have to assist the arrestee in placing their hand(s) behind their back in order to be handcuffed.
- TASER (probes): Officer used a Conducted Energy Device (CED) on a resistant subject that was attempting to commit suicide. Two probes were deployed on target.
- Assisted to Ground: Officers assisted actively resistant subjects to the ground and laid them prone while prone while handcuffing.
- Joint Manipulation: Officer used joint manipulation of combative arrestee's hand and wrist to gain compliance and control while effecting an arrest.
- Balance Displacement: Officers displaced resistant subjects' balance to the ground to effect arrest and apply handcuffs.
- Escort: Officers held onto the subject's arms while moving them to cruiser for transport.