



VERO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum 23-48-01

TO: Chief David Currey
FROM: Lieutenant Daniel Cook
SUBJECT: 2022 Use of Force Report
DATE: January 3, 2023

In 2022, there were five hundred-seventy (570) arrests made by the Vero Beach Police Department. Eight (8) of those arrests or 1.40% required some level of force. One (1) of those eight (8) arrests required multiple usages of force or two (2) total usages by two (2) separate officers. Level V use of force occurred for the first time in three (3) years, involving a K9 apprehension on a felony fleeing and eluding. Level VI use of force has not occurred over the past three years.

Level of Forced Used:	2022	2021	2020
Level 2: Soft, (Empty Hand)	3	25	9
Level 3: Intermediate Weapons (Chemical/ CEW)	3	4	5
Level 4: Physical Control	2	4	1
Level 5: Impact Weapons/K9	1	0	0
Level 6: Deadly Force	0	0	0
Total use of force by officers:	9	33	15
Use of force rate per month	.75	2.75	1.25



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Analysis of Incidents/ Medical Concerns

<u>Officers:</u>	2022	2021	2020
Minor Injury and/or Treatment Administered	1	4	0
Hospitalization:	0	0	0
Total:	1	4	0

<u>Suspects:</u>	2022	2021	2020
Minor Injury and/or Treatment Administered	1	13	4
Hospitalization:	0	0	0
Death:	0	0	0
Total:	1	13	4

No visible injury / No Treatment (officers)	8	29	15
No visible injury/ No Treatment (suspects)	8	20	11



Analysis Summary:

In 2022, the number of arrests increased from five hundred-six (506) in 2021 to five hundred-seventy (570) or an 11.23% increase.

In 2022, the number of use of force incidents decreased from thirty-three (33) in 2021 to nine (9) in 2022 or a 73% decrease.

Nine (9) officers used force in 2022 during eight (8) separate arrests. Of these eight (8) arrests, one (1) separate arrests involved the use of force by 2 or more officers.

Specifically:

- 8 incidents required the use of force by one officer or 88.89% of the total.
- 1 incident required the use of force by more than one officer (11.11% of the total).
- 1 incident required the officer to utilize Level IV force after a Level III use of force was ineffective.
- 1 incident required a Level V use of force when a suspect was apprehended by a K9

As compared to 2021 where 33 officers used force during 21 separate incidents specifically,

- 11 incidents required the use of force by one officer (54.54% of the total).
- 10 incidents required the use of force by more than one officer (45.54% of the total).

Taser (CEW) Deployments:

- In 2022, there were three (3) CEW deployments for the year. The CEW deployments occurred during a DUI (1) incident, (1) battery domestic violence, and (1) Baker Act.
- In 2021, there were four (4) CEW deployments for the year. The CEW deployments occurred during (2) battery on law enforcement officer incidents and (2) disturbance investigations
- In 2020, there were five (5) CEW deployments for the year. The CEW deployments occurred during encounters with: mental subjects (1), intoxicated subjects (2), warrant arrests (1), and robbery arrests (1).



Analysis

When compared to 2021, the yearly rate in which force was used decreased by 73% in 2022; thirty-three (33) use of force incidents occurred in 2021 and fifteen (15) use of force incidents occurred in 2020.

In 2022, there was a decrease in Level II force (88%); three (3) Level II incidents occurred in 2021.

There was a decrease of Level III force (-25%) as three (3) CEW deployments occurred in 2022; four (4) CEW deployments occurred in 2021.

Level IV use of force incidents (2) decreased by 50%; four (4) Level IV incidents occurred in 2021.

Level V use of force did increase by (100%) due to (1) incident but was not utilized during 2021, or 2020.

Level VI use of force has not been utilized for the past three (3) Years.

Review of the total use of force in the year 2022 showed a substantial decrease. Overall, a review of the past three (3) years showed that the use of force was still very low, is consistent with policy and procedures, and no remedial training is recommended.

Sources:

VBPD Professional Standards Division UOF Records
VBPD Records Management System (RMS)