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## 2025 Use of Force Analysis

The analysis of Use of Force incidents for 2025 identified several key findings regarding officer interactions and enforcement outcomes.

- Officers completed **14 Use of Force reports** for **5 incidents requiring force**, representing a **36.36% decrease compared to 2024**.
- **Resisting arrest** remained the **most common suspect action** leading to an officer's use of force.
- All incident reports identified **resisting arrest and/or officer control efforts** as the **primary actions by suspects that resulted in the use of force**.
- **Most incidents occurred while officers were responding to domestic violence calls**, indicating that these situations continue to present a higher likelihood of physical resistance.
- **Two incidents in 2025 involved emotionally disturbed persons (EDPs)**. In these encounters, suspects often **actively resisted arrest by stiffening their bodies, attempting to flee, or physically attacking officers**.
- In the **majority of incidents**, officers were **dispatched to the scene**, rather than initiating the interaction through proactive enforcement.
- **Three incidents in 2025 resulted in suspect injuries**, an **increase of two compared to 2024**. Reported injuries included **abrasions, lacerations, puncture wounds, pain complaints, and bruising**.
- **Officer injuries decreased**, with **two incidents reported in 2025**, down from **four incidents in 2024**.
- The **most commonly used force techniques** were **empty-hand control methods**, including **the use of arms/hands and take-down techniques**.

These findings indicate an overall **reduction in use-of-force incidents**, while continuing to highlight **resisting arrest often during domestic violence responses as the primary factor contributing to force encounters**.



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