



## PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Beginning this year and in accordance with existing policy, the City of Moab Police Department will produce an annual report documenting use of force incidents for the prior fiscal year. The purpose of the report is to identify use of force trends among members of this department and determine if any training needs should be addressed, as well as whether any equipment deficiencies exist or policy revisions should be considered.

## ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS

The following statistics apply to the 2020 fiscal year of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Arrests	Uses of Force	Percent	Arrestee Age Range	Gender	Ethnicity
300	10	3%	22 - 67	(6) Male (4) Female	(7) Caucasian (3) Native American

All reported uses of force involved only physical restraint with a non-compliant suspect. No lethal, non-lethal or less-lethal weapons were deployed.

Cases involving a use of force to effect an arrest stemmed from incidents involving the following charges:

- Trespassing
- Intoxication
- Drug Offenses
- Theft
- Domestic Violence Assault
- Warrant Arrest(s)



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In addition to the initial incident charges, each use of force against a suspect resulted in additional charges of resisting arrest and/or assault on a peace officer.

In three (3) use of force incidents, the suspect required medical treatment for minor injuries sustained during the use of force.

The department fielded no complaints of excessive force.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Use of Force Trends**

Analysis of the above information indicates that all uses of force were physical and required officers to rely on defensive tactics and physical force to take a suspect into custody. A Department review concluded that officers did not use greater force than was necessary.

#### **Training Needs**

The department Training Coordinator will provide all officers with defensive tactics training in fiscal year 2021 to ensure continued compliance with Utah POST and City of Moab Police Department policies.

The department Training Coordinator will ensure that all officers receive continuing education for other force alternatives and that the certifications required for officers to carry and deploy non- and less-lethal weapons are maintained.

#### **Equipment Needs**

Implementation of enhanced use of force reporting tools within the FATPOT records management system.

#### **Policy Revisions**

At this time there are no recommended policy revisions.



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### NEXT STEPS

Previously the FATPOT records management system, in which all incidents involving City of Moab Police Department personnel are documented, did not provide a mechanism to record individual uses of force. We were able to produce this report only after manually searching every arrest record entered during fiscal year 2020. This required a monumental effort by our administrative staff and though we believe it accurately reflects actual uses of force, it does not include threatened uses of force, i.e. displaying but not using a firearm.

We have since worked with FATPOT to implement a use of force data collection and reporting functionality that will allow us to produce more comprehensive use of force reports.

Future use of force reports will include the following information:

- Type of force used: Physical, Chemical, Impact, Electronic, Firearm
- Type of force displayed (but not used): Firearm, Electronic, Impact
- Officer condition: No injury, minor injury, major injury, death
- Force Recipient Condition: No injury, minor injury, major injury, death
- Officer Destination: Returned to Duty, Local Hospital, Utah Medical Examiner, SLC Hospital, Grand Junction Hospital, Home
- Force Recipient Condition: Local Hospital, Utah Medical Examiner, SLC Hospital, Grand Junction Hospital, Jail (Cleared by EMS), Jail (No medical needed)

Additionally, use of force reports will include the type of crime(s) for which the suspect was charged, suspect age, gender and ethnicity.

Please note that we expect the next report to show an increase in uses of force due to our recently enhanced ability to collect and compile this important data, including displayed uses of force. We strongly believe that by providing this information to the public we can maintain transparency and continue to build trust within our community.