



CSU Channel Islands Police Department Use of Force Analysis January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Overview

At the request of Chief Drake Massey, I conducted an analysis of Use of Force incidents involving Police Officers (Officers) with the CSU Channel Islands Police Department (UPD) between the period of January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. Additionally, I analyzed the UPD Policies and Practices regarding Use of Force.

In 2022, Officers reported five (5) Use of Force incidents. Following careful review of the facts and information surrounding each of the incidents involving the use and application of force, it was determined that the responses to resistance were justified under applicable Department Policy, as well as applicable California State Laws (See Lexipol Policy 300; California Penal Code § 832.5 PC; and California Government Code § 7286). It should be noted that during the same time period, CSUCI Police Officers responded to a total of 33,220 incidents without using force.

Occurrences – Day of Week and Time of Day

Incident #	Case #	Date of Incident	Day of Week	Time of Day
1	22-0008	01/10/2022	Monday	4:45 p.m.
2	22-0164	03/24/2022	Thursday	12:49 a.m.
3	22-0261	05/01/2022	Sunday	5:45 p.m.
4	22-0332	06/13/2022	Monday	10:02 a.m.
5	22-0727	12/18/2022	Sunday	5:13 p.m.

In 2022, there were two uses of force on Sundays and Mondays and one a Thursday. All but one of the instances occurred on the 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. work shift.

Level of Force Used

Incident #	Fist/Hands	Less Lethal Weapon	Lethal Weapon
1	n/a	Taser pointed	Handgun drawn
2	n/n	n/a	Handgun pointed
3	Hands	n/a	n/a
4	n/a	Shotgun pointed	n/a
5	Hands	n/a	n/a

Location Force Used

Incident #	On or Off Campus
1	On Campus / Roadway
2	On Campus / Courtyard
3	On Campus / Parking Lot
4	Off Campus / Roadway
5	Off Campus / Roadway

Injuries

None of the uses of force in 2022 resulted in any injuries to suspects or officers.

Demographic Information on Involved Officers

Incident #	Age	Experience	Gender	Ethnicity	Race
1	27	1 Year	Male	Hispanic	White
2	31	6 Years	Male	Hispanic	White
3	27	1 Year	Male	Hispanic	White
4	27	1 Year	Male	Hispanic	White
5	27	1 Year	Male	Hispanic	White

Demographic Information on Involved Suspects

Incident #	Age	Affiliation*	Gender	Ethnicity	Race
1	45	None	Male	Not Hispanic or Latino	Black
2	19	None	Male	Not Hispanic or Latino	White
3	25	None	Male	Hispanic	White
4	51	None	Female	Hispanic	White
5	12	None	Female	Hispanic	White

*Student, Faculty, Staff or None

Background

Incident #1 – Occurred on 01/10/2022 at 4:45 p.m. Male, Non-Hispanic or Latino, Black, 45 years old, was involved in a vehicle pursuit from officers and fled on foot into his residential garage. Officer with one year experience, pointed a less lethal taser at the Suspect. No visible injury or complaint of pain or injury was reported by Suspect or Officer. A command level review of this incident found that the level of force used by the Officer fell within department guidelines.

Incident #2 – Occurred on 03/24/2022 at 12:49 a.m. Male, Non-Hispanic or Latino, White, 19 years old, was located hiding following a short foot pursuit after stealing a golf cart. Male, Hispanic, White, Officer with six years' experience, pointed a lethal weapon at the Suspect. No visible injury or complaint of pain or injury was reported by Suspect or Officer. A command level review of this incident found that the level of force used by the Officer fell within department guidelines.

Incident #3 – Occurred on 05/01/2022 at 5:45 p.m. Male, Hispanic or Latino, White, 25 years old, with known felony warrants refused to comply with verbal commands to stop and attempted to pull away from officers. Male, Hispanic or Latino, White, Officer with one year's experience, used his hands to apply a control hold of the suspect in attempt to prevent him from leaving the area. No visible injury or complaint of pain or injury was reported by Suspect or Officer. A command level review of this incident found that the level of force used by the Officer fell within department guidelines.

Incident #4 – Occurred on 06/13/2022 at 10:02 a.m. Female, Hispanic or Latino, White, 51 years old, fled on foot from a stolen vehicle and hid in tall bushes. Male, Hispanic or Latino, White, Officer with one year experience, pointed their less lethal bean bag shotgun at the Suspect. No visible injury or complaint of pain or injury was reported by Suspect or Officer. A command level review of this incident found that the level of force used by the Officer fell within department guidelines.

Incident #5 – Occurred on 12/18/2022 at 5:13 p.m. Female, Hispanic or Latino, White, 12 years old, became physically violent with family members and resisted of responding deputies and officers. Male, non-Hispanic or Latino, White, Officer with one year's experience, physically controlled the juvenile for her own safety and the safety and stopping her from physically assaulting her family members. No visible injury or complaint of pain or injury was reported by the juvenile or Officer. A command level review of this incident found that the level of force used by the Officer fell within department guidelines.

Personnel Summary

An analysis of the five incidents where Officers used force indicates that two different Officers were involved. One Officer was involved in one incident with a second Officer being involved in the remaining four. Careful review was given to the background of each incident and in summary, no personnel concerns were identified relative to the distributed application of force by all Officers involved.

Sergeant/Instructor Review

UPD Sergeants and Use of Force Instructors were asked to review the 2022 Use of Force incidents. All agreed that these incidents were justified, and in compliance with all UPD policies/practices and applicable state statutes. The Sergeants and Use of Force Instructors did not have any recommendations to changes to policy, procedure, or training practices.

Impact of Findings on Policy and Practice

Following the recommendations from the UPD Sergeants and Use of Force Instructors during the 2021 analysis the following changes were implemented successfully in 2022:

- We added a “mental illness” box as an influencer.
- We added a space to describe de-escalation tactics attempted if applicable.
- We required an individual form of each use of force on a single incident.

UPD Policy #300 dictates all response options for Use of Force situations up to and including deadly force. It was last updated in November 2022. The purpose of the update was to review the appropriateness of the term "excited delirium" in our policy. After reviewing documents published by the medical community and other thought leaders in the law enforcement industry, we have decided to remove the term from our policies. This year's Use of Force Analysis has shown that UPD Officers are following the department's Policy. None of the facts and circumstances surrounding the Use of Force incidents that occurred in 2022 would lead me to make recommendations for changing the current Policy. Additionally, the practices set up by the policy, including administrative documentation and review of Use of Force incidents/ are extremely effective. All levels of supervision up to and including the Chief of Police are part of the review of each Use of Force/ making it extremely unlikely that an issue would not be addressed. It is clear the department's Use of Force policy is still appropriate, relevant and effective.

Impact of Findings on Training Issues

During the course of my analysis and review of each of the five listed Use of Force incidents, I did not identify any training issues that should be addressed relative to the application of force, specifically, escalation and de-escalation.

Impact of Findings on Equipment

This analysis did not reveal any findings related to equipment.

Administrative Review

Analysis completed by Acting Lieutenant Garrett Brownfield on 02/22/23.

Signature 

Analysis reviewed and accepted by Chief of Police:
Interim Police Chief Drake Massey

Signature 
Date: March 1, 2023