

Terre Haute Police Department

Use of Force Annual Report 2021-2022

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The Employee Use of Force Annual Report covers the period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. This report includes the review of all agency use of force reports.

During the above stated period, the Terre Haute Police Department responded to 45,638 calls for service. There were 728 Use of Force Reports filed for 436 separate incidents of force. It should be noted that there were only 413 (0.9%) calls for service in which force was used, but in several calls for service, force was used on multiple arrestees. This would occur in cases such as when firearms are drawn during a felony traffic stop in which the suspect vehicle was occupied multiple times.

Electro-Muscular Disruption Technology devices (Tasers) were used 138 times. The taser being drawn resulting in compliance was reported 81 times. It was used in drive stun only deployment 21 times. The taser was fired 36 times recording 12 failures. It was fired a second time in five incidents resulting in an effective deployment. Two times it was used in drive stun mode after a failure.

Police K-9s were deployed 18 times in force related incidents resulting in three bites. One of these incidents resulted in serious bodily injury and the arrestee (W/M/31) was admitted to the hospital. Impact weapons were only deployed one time as a leverage tool. No arrestees were struck by batons. Chemical spray (OC) was deployed two times. One of the deployments was ineffective.

Firearms were drawn/pointed 158 times, and fired in one of those incidents (M/W/43) during an ambush attack where the responding officer was fatally shot. The suspect was also struck by return fire and admitted to the hospital due to serious bodily injury. 34 times guns were drawn to conduct felony traffic stops which could be at the conclusion of a vehicle pursuit or other high risk traffic stop such as during the location of a stolen vehicle or wanted person.

Officers utilized force 43 times following a vehicle pursuit with 36 of those instances being felony stop procedures. 74 times force was reported during a foot pursuit in which the arrestee/suspect was fleeing from officers. The taser was utilized 46 times during foot pursuits and the handgun was drawn (never fired) four times.

During this period, 27 arrestees were treated for injuries after a use of force incident. Two separate incidents resulted in two arrestees being admitted to the hospital. One of those incidents was the K9 deployment noted above. The other incident was the officer involved shooting already discussed. 35 use of force incidents resulted from the immediate detention or emergency detention of the arrestee. Seven arrestees were treated at a hospital facility for minor injuries and released.

27 officers received injuries as a result of incidents involving the use of force. This included the line of duty death of Detective Greg Ferency during an ambush attack at a Federal Building in Terre Haute. All other injuries were minor in nature including abrasions, pain, and minor lacerations.

During use of force incidents, 14 suspects were armed with firearms (three were later determined to be toy guns (BB gun)). 12 were armed with knives. Five others had other weapons including a pickaxe, a rock, other tools, a bat, and one arrestee who attempted to use fire.

During this period, 412 (94.5%) use of force incidents occurred during the officer's shift, and 24 (5.5%) use of force incidents occurred when officers were working off duty. Off duty use of force incidents occurred 10 times at hospital facilities, 6 times at schools, 4 times at bars, and 3 times at a juvenile correctional facility.

There was not a correlation or set pattern of any employee that stands out as using or demonstrating excessive force to affect an arrest or using force disproportionately toward one specific demographic over another.

	Number of force reports
<u>Sex</u>	
Male	359 (82%)
Female	77 (18%)
<u>Race</u>	
Caucasian	328 (75%)
Black	100 (23%)
Hispanic	5 (1%)
Other/Unknown (Biracial or undetermined)	3 (<1%)
<u>Shift</u>	
A Shift and Traffic	117 (29%)
B Shift	146 (36%)
C Shift	139 (35%)
<u>Residency Status</u>	
Terre Haute area	381 (88%)
Non Resident	54 (12%)
Unknown/Not recorded	1
<u>Drugs/Alcohol</u>	
Under the influence	128 (29%)
Sober	307 (70%)
Unknown/Not recorded	1

2020/21-2021/22 Comparison

	2021	2022
Calls for service	43,801	45,638
Calls resulting in use of force	316	413
Force Reports filed	603	728
Individuals involved in use of force incidents	337	436
Tasers drawn	80	138
Tasers fired	26	36
Impact weapons used	0	1
Chemical Spray used	1	2
K9 deployed / bites	27/8	18/3
Firearms drawn / fired	103/1	157/1

2021/2022 Use of Force Comparisons by Race

	Number of incidents	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/Unknown
Individuals involved in use of force incidents	436	328	100	5	3
Tasers deployed (drawn)	138	96	38	4	0
Tasers fired	36	24	11	1	0
Drive Stun mode	21	13	8	0	0
Impact weapons used (leverage/strike)	1	1/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Chemical Spray used	2	1	1	0	0
K9 bites	3	3	0	0	0
Firearms drawn / fired	158/1	119/1	37/0	2/0	0/0