

2015 AUDIT

USE OF FORCE

Use of force is a high liability issue that presents a challenge to agencies across the nation. The officer is confronted with when to use force, the type of force to use, when to de-escalate the force, and proper documentation by the officer. The following segment is the Battle Creek Police Department's Use of Force documentation from 2015, along with trends from the past five years.

Use of force, with a slight exception in 2014, continues to decline. In 2014 and 2015 several areas of training were stressed including but not limited to interacting with emotionally disturbed persons, verbal de-escalation, and understanding the optics of a situations.

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS RECEIVED BETWEEN JAN 1, 2015 - DEC 31, 2015 BY DIVISION

No Data Entered	1	3.13%
GSU:	3	9.38%
K-9:	6	18.75%
Patrol:	22	68.75%

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS RECEIVED BETWEEN JAN 1, 2015 - DEC 31, 2015

By Type of force used

Aerosol Agent:	5	10.86%
Compliance Controls:	2	4.34%
No Force Used:	2	4.34%
Physical Controls:	10	21.73%
Deadly Force	2	4.34%
Police K-9:	10	21.73%
Strikes/Kicks:	7	15.21%

Taser: 8 17.39%

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS RECEIVED 2015: BREAK DOWN BY REASON

2015	Assaulting an Officer	2
2015	Assaulting Civilian	1
2015	Combative Subject	4
2015	Prisoner Injury	1
2015	Protective Custody	3
2015	Resisting Arrest	21

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS RECEIVED 2015: BREAKDOWN BY SERVICE BEING RENDERED*

2015	Arrest	27
2015	Assisting Outside Agency	4
2015	Assisting Outside Dept.	1
2015	Call for Service	5
2015	Traffic Stop	3

*One incident may result in two different types of service rendered. Example: A 911 call regarding a reckless driver. The driver is stopped and resists arrest. This is recorded as two services rendered, the traffic stop and the arrest.

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS RECEIVED 2015: BREAK DOWN BY CITIZEN INJURED

2015	No	16
2015	Yes	16

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS RECEIVED 2015: BREAKDOWN BY ASSESSED CITIZEN CONDITION

2015	Alcohol	8
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2015	Alcohol and unknown drugs	5
2015	Mentally unstable	1
2015	None detected	12
2015	Unknown	8
2015	Unknown Drugs	2

2015 No 26

2015 Yes 6

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS RECEIVED 2015: BREAKDOWN BY OFFICER(S) TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

2015	No	31
2015	Yes	1

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS 2014/2015

	2014	2015	Total
January	6	0	6
February	5	3	8
March	6	5	11
April	2	1	3
May	8	4	12
June	4	5	9
July	2	3	5
August	3	2	5
September	2	0	2
October	4	0	4
November	4	6	10
December	3	3	6
Total	49	32	81

USE OF FORCE 2015: INVOLVED CITIZEN DEMOGRAPHICS

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black	3	15	0	18
Hispanic	0	0	0	0
Other	0	1	0	1
White	0	13	0	13
Total	3	28	0	32

USE OF FORCE 2015: INVOLVED OFFICER DEMOGRAPHICS

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black	0	3	0	3
Hispanic	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
White	2	48	0	50
Total	2	51	0	53

USE OF FORCE 2015: OFFICERS BY AGE

	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	> 50	Total
Male	28	14	4	2	48
Female	1	0	1	0	2
Total	29	14	5	2	50

TYPE OF FORCE TALLY:	EFFECTIVE		NOT EFFECTIVE		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Type of force					
Aerosol Agent	5	100%	0	0%	5
Compliance Controls	0	0%	2	100%	2
Deadly Force	2	100%	0	0%	3
No Force Used	1	50%	1	50%	2
Physical Controls	10	100%	0	0%	10
Police K-9	9	90%	1	10%	10
Strikes/Kicks	5	71%	2	29%	7
Taser	5	63%	3	38%	8

CITIZEN RESISTANCE TALLY:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Active Aggression	12	24%
Active Resistance	29	57%
Deadly Force Assault	2	4%
Inactive Resistance	2	4%
Passive Resistance	6	12%
Total	51	

CITIZEN CONDITION TALLY:

Condition or injury	Count	Percent of total
No injuries noted	10	24%
No Visible Injuries	1	2%
None	1	2%

Photos Taken	7	17%
Treatment Provided-BCHS	12	29%
Treatment Provided-EMS	3	7%
Treatment Refused	1	2%
Treatment Requested	1	2%
Visible Injuries	5	12%
Total	41	

CITIZEN ARRESTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH USE-OF-FORCE (# INCIDENTS):

	Count	Percent of total
No	4	12%
Yes	28	88%
Total	32	

TALLY OF CHARGES AGAINST INVOLVED CITIZENS:

Charge	Count	Percent of total
Felony	20	65%
Misdemeanor	11	35%
Total	31	

CITIZEN WAS INJURED IN CONJUNCTION WITH USE-OF-FORCE (# INCIDENTS):

	Count	Percent of total
No	16	50%
Yes	16	50%
Total	32	

CITIZEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH USE-OF-FORCE (# INCIDENTS):

	Count	Percent of total
No	18	56%
Yes	14	44%
Total	32	

OFFICER INJURIES TALLY:

Condition	Count	Percent of total
Minor	8	25%
No injuries noted or visible	24	75%
Total	32	

OFFICER INJURED IN CONJUNCTION WITH USE-OF-FORCE (# INCIDENTS):

	Count	Percent of total
No	26	81%
Yes	6	19%
Total	32	

OFFICER TAKEN TO HOSPITAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH USE-OF-FORCE (# INCIDENTS):

	Count	Percent of total
No	31	97%
Yes	1	3%
Total	32	

REASON FOR USE-OF-FORCE:

Reason	Count	Percent of total
Assaulting an Officer	2	6%
Assaulting Civilian	1	3%
Combative Subject	4	13%
Prisoner Injury	1	13%
Protective Custody	3	9%
Resisting Arrest	21	66%
Total	32	

TYPE OF SERVICE BEING RENDERED AT TIME OF USE-OF-FORCE:

Service type	Count	Percent of Total
Arrest	23	72%
Assisting Outside Agency	4	13%
Assisting Outside Dept.	1	3%
Call for Service	2	6%
Traffic Stop	2	6%
Total	32	

It should be noted that one or more officers may use force within a single incident. An officer may also use more than one type of force within a single incident, i.e. an officer attempts Physical Controls that are not effective so the officer transitions and deploys OC Pepper Spray.