



# MEMORANDUM

## Killeen Police Department



To: Pedro Lopez, Jr., Chief of Police  
From: Richard Bradley, Lieutenant  
Date: January 28, 2025  
Subject: **Annual Use of Force Analysis 2024**

Per General Order #100-011 Administrative Reporting, this memo contains the Annual Use of Force Analysis for 2024. The reported Use of Force incidents for the year 2024 were reviewed as listed in our reporting system, IPro/Blue Teams.

The data indicates that there were 364 instances of force used across 245 incidents. This suggests that in some cases, force was applied multiple times within a single incident or that multiple types of force were used when lower levels proved ineffective.

The number of incidents involving the use of force increased from 84 in 2023 to 245 in 2024, reflecting a 291% rise. While this appears to be a substantial increase, the primary reason for this growth is a change in reporting practices. Previously, the Display of Force—such as the presentation of a firearm or Taser—was not categorized as a use of force. In 2024, of the 245 incidents, 98 involved the Display of Force with a firearm, while 42 involved the Display of Force with a Taser. Of the 173 instances that a firearm was displayed, they were utilized only 4 times, or 2.3% of the time.

Additionally, an increase in supervisory review and reporting through the Blue Teams system contributed to the higher numbers. Over the past two years, improvements in supervisory oversight and policy updates have enhanced the accuracy and comprehensiveness of reporting procedures.

These 245 incidents occurred within a total of 178,027 calls for service in 2024, meaning that force was used in only 0.14% of all service calls.

The display of a firearm was the most frequently reported use of force, occurring 173 times across 98 incidents, accounting for 47.5% of all reported force applications. The discrepancy between the total instances and the number of incidents is attributed to multiple officers displaying firearms during high-risk situations, such as armed subject encounters or stolen vehicle responses.

The baton was once again not utilized as a force option in 2024, consistent with its absence in 2023. Given this trend, it may be beneficial to evaluate whether this option remains necessary, as the time and resources allocated to baton training could potentially be redirected to other areas of greater need.

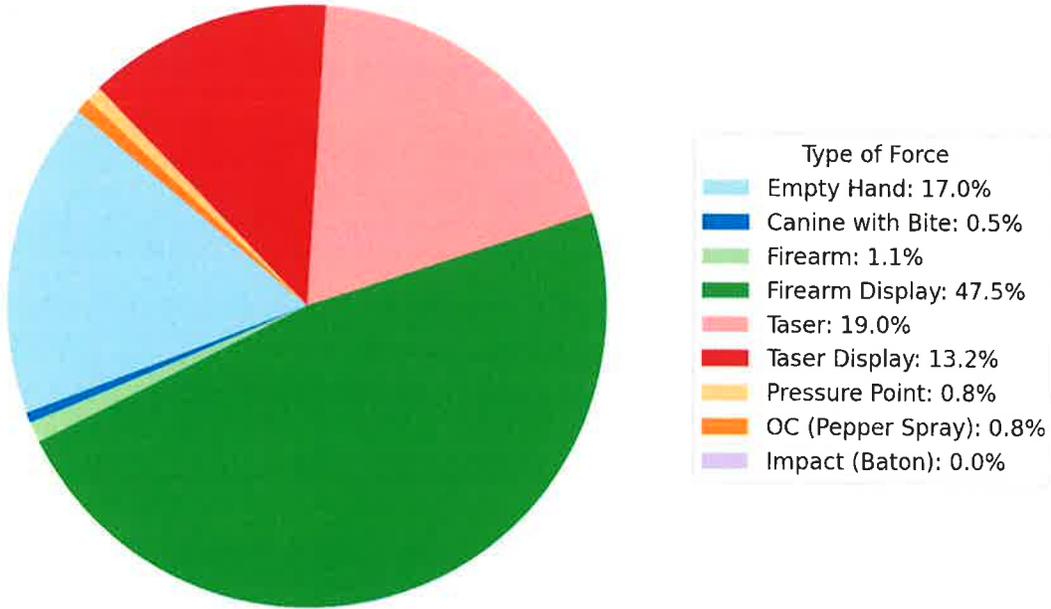
Similarly, the use of pepper spray has declined compared to previous years. However, it remains a valuable tool, particularly in encounters with aggressive animals such as dogs. Deploying

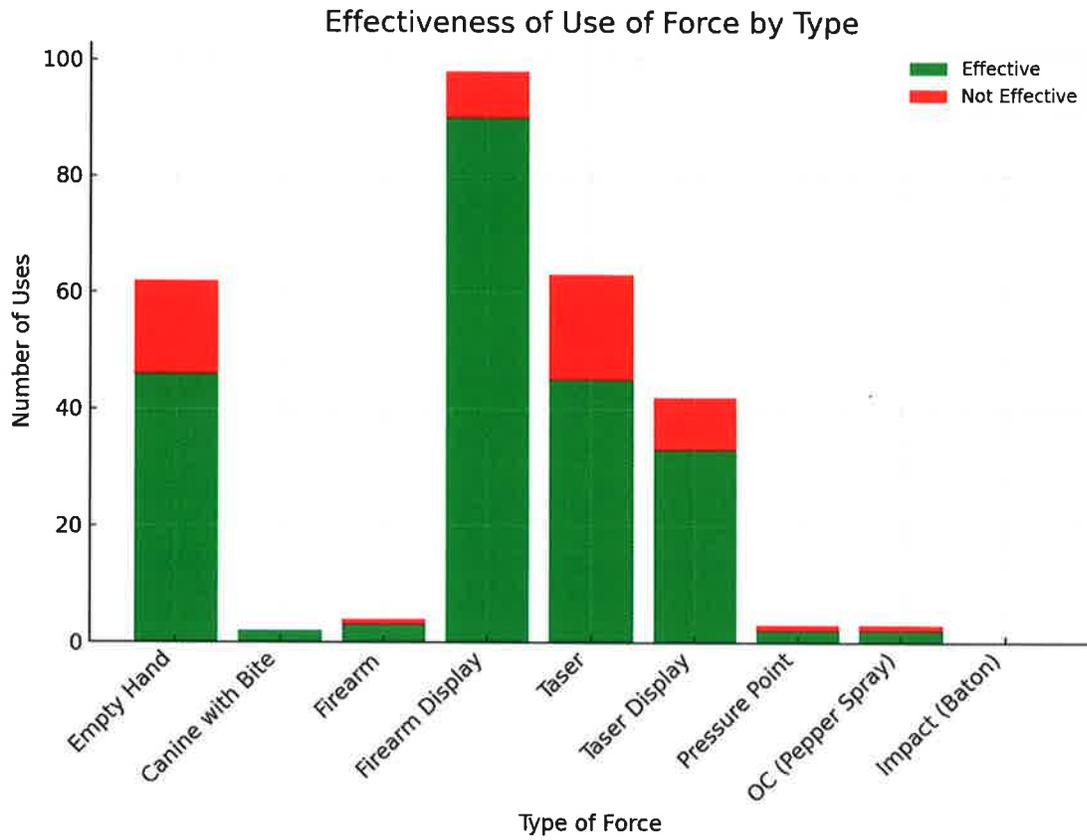
pepper spray in these situations can reduce the likelihood of using a firearm, providing officers with a non-lethal alternative.

The types of force used, and number of times used are:

Type of Force	Number of Incidents	Total Times Used	Effective	Not Effective
Empty Hand	34	62	46	16
Canine with Bite	2	2	2	0
Firearm	4	4	3	1
Firearm Display	98	173	90	8
Taser	61	69	45	18 (+6 limited)
Taser Display	42	48	33	9
Pressure Point	2	3	2	1
OC (Pepper Spray)	2	3	2	1
Impact (Baton)	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>54</b>

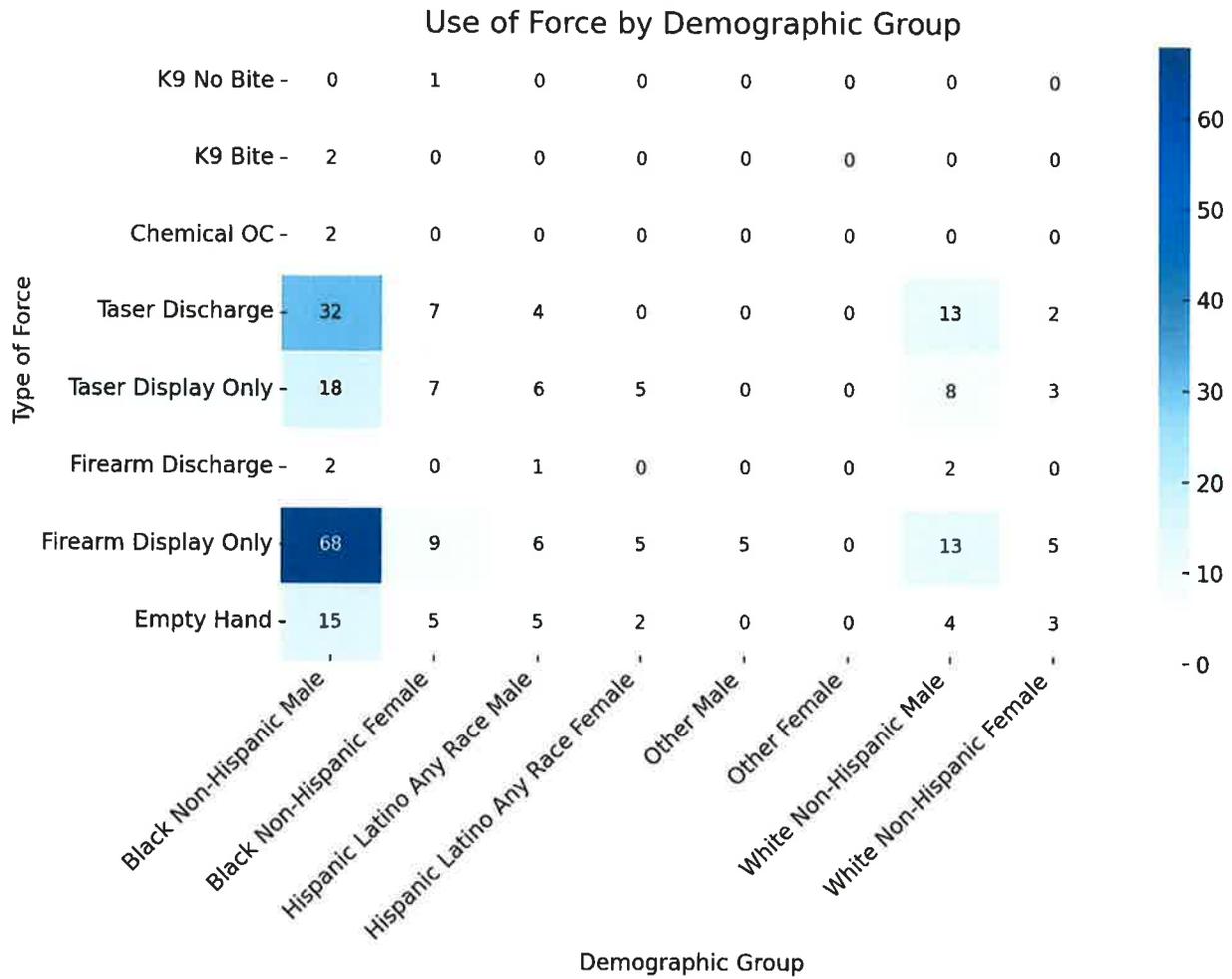
Distribution of Total Times Force Was Used by Type

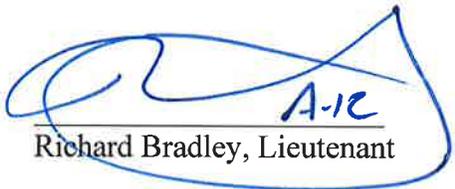




### Use of Force Demographics

Type Of Force	Black Non-Hispanic		Hispanic Latino Any Race		Other		White Non-Hispanic	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
K9 No Bite	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
K9 Bite	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chemical OC	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taser Discharge	32	7	4	0	0	0	13	2
Taser Display Only	18	7	6	5	0	0	8	3
Firearm Discharge	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Firearm Display Only	68	9	6	5	5	0	13	5
Empty Hand	15	5	5	2	0	0	4	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>13</b>



  
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