

Police Auditor 2024 Mid-Year Report

City of Olympia

Olympia City Council

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Overview

Use of Force Data & Trends

**Misconduct Complaint
Investigations**

Recommendations

Jan-June 2024 Use of Force Data

38 Arrests Involved One or More Uses of Force

Types of Force Used	Number
Takedowns (pushes, holds, physical restraint)	33
Controlled holds while hand-cuffing	2
Defensive knee strikes	2
Conductive Energy Weapon (CEW)	1
Lift Subject by arm (act to compel)	1

Use of Force: Subject Demographics

Subject's Race & Gender	Number
White Males	23
White Females	5
Black Males	6
Black Female	1
Asian Male	1
Hispanic Males	1

Subject's Age-Range	Number
14-17	2
18-29	9
30-39	11
40-49	13
50-59	3

Use of Force Review Board (UFRB)

City of Olympia UFRB re August 22, 2022 Critical Use of Force

- Thorough
- Fair
- Met Department Standards

Key Points for Continued Improvement and Accountability

- Expedited Reporting by Police Auditor
- Examine Feasibility of UFRB Recommendations
- Recommendations for Enhanced Verbal De-escalation Training

Key Trends in January-June Data

1. Significant rise in use of force incidents
2. Sharp decrease in incidents involving juveniles
3. 27 (66%) of incidents involved crisis conditions

Ongoing Key Trends

1. Body worn cameras greatly enhance transparency
2. No evidence of racial bias in OPD use of force
3. OPD is consistently cooperative and responsive

Misconduct Complaint Investigations

	Record #/ Date Filed	General Description	Investigative Findings	Corrective Actions	Police Auditor Findings
1	1119 01/10/2024	Dep. Prosecuting Atty complained officer made contradictory statements in testimony.	Sustained Unsatisfactory work performance. Unfounded re false, misleading or malicious statements.	Documented finding that officer's performance as court witness was inadequate due to lack of training and experience. Appropriate training and support was assigned and completed.	Met Department standards.
2	1120 05/13/2024	Community member emails alleged officers should have arrested individual based on their views of edited YouTube video.	Resolved through inquiry.	N/A	Met Department standards.

2024 Mid-Year Recommendations



**ENHANCE DE-ESCALATION
TRAINING**



**TRACK COORDINATION WITH
CRISIS RESPONDERS**