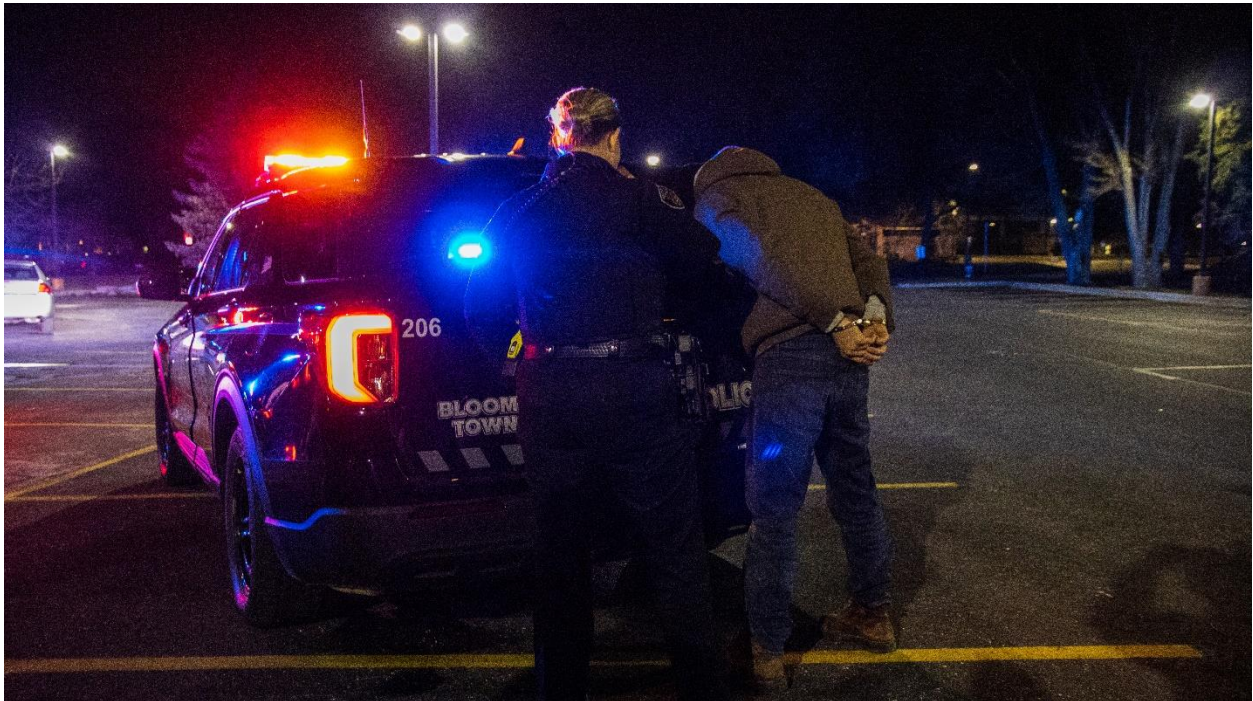


# BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2022 USE OF FORCE

### ANALYSIS AND REVIEW



#### Mission Statement

“To preserve the peace and to protect our community with fairness,  
integrity, pride, and respect”

## Overview

In accordance to The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police standard 3.3.1 Use of Force (I) requires “an annual, documented summary of all force incidents and a written annual analysis of all use of force incidents in the aggregate”. In compliance with this standard, the following document will serve as the 2022 Use of Force Analysis and Review.

Information was gathered using the newly titled, Response to Resistance Reports (formally Use of Force Report), Oakland County CLEMIS Reports, and Computer Aided Dispatch incidents. This analysis provided an overview of Use of Force incidents, training, and policy review.

The primary purpose of force is to gain control and compliance over a person in order to execute a lawful order. The officers of Bloomfield Township Police Department follow the guidelines set forth by the United States Supreme Court rulings in *Graham v. Conner* and *Tennessee v. Gardner*. The Department’s Use of Force training goes beyond addressing force options, level of resistance, and case law. Use of Force training emphasizes gaining compliance through understanding of psychological factor, using effective communication skills, and other techniques designed to de-escalate situations when possible, and minimize the amount of force used.

## Use of Force Policies

The Department divides Use of Force into two separate policies.

Policy 4.01F is titled Deadly Force and states, “*The Bloomfield Township Police Department recognizes and respects the value of each human life. Therefore, it is the policy of this Department that police officers shall use only that force that is objectively reasonable to effectively bring an incident under control while protecting the lives of the officer or another.*”

Policy 4.02F is titled Use of Less Lethal Force and states, “*It is the policy of the Bloomfield Township Police Department to utilize the amount of force that is reasonable*

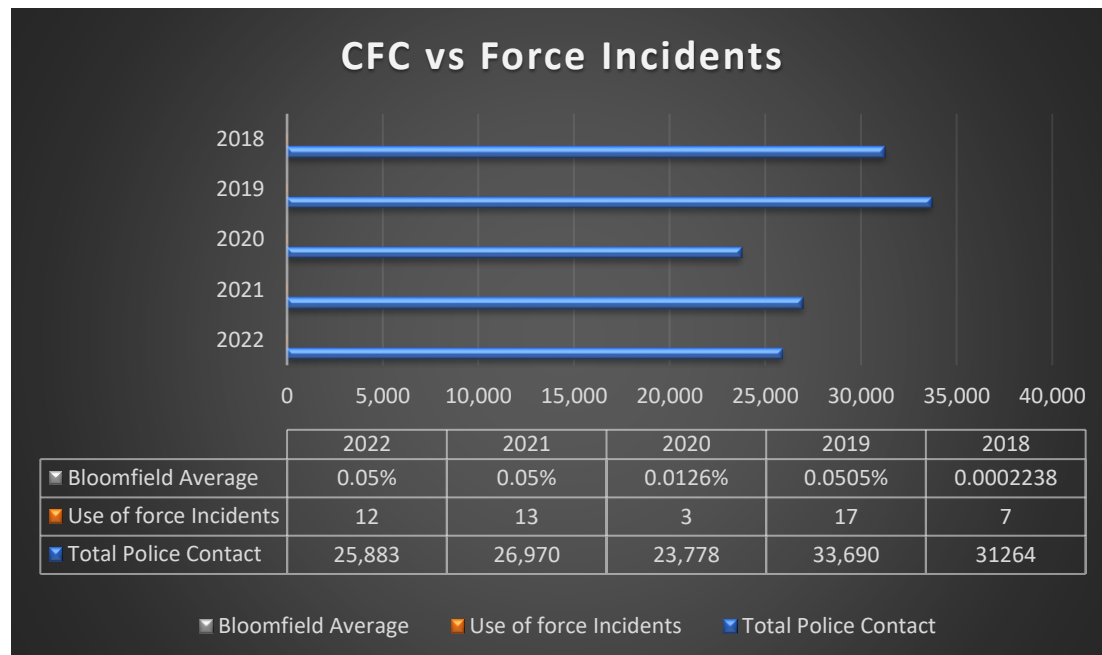
*to effectively bring an incident under control, while protecting the lives of the officer and others. The Use of Force must be objectively reasonable in affecting a lawful arrest and/or in the lawful performance of duty. Police Officers are obligated to protect the rights and ensure the health and well-being of the public, including those accused of committing crimes, and /or those persons taken into protective custody.”*

### Incidents vs Force Incidents

In 2022, calls for service decreased 4.2% from 2021. The department responded to 25,883 calls for service resulting in 12 Use of Force incidents or .0482% incidents involving force. In all twelve (12) incidents, the force used was within Department policy, procedure, and Michigan State Law. Furthermore, out of 25,883 calls for service 947 resulted in arrests. A total of 6,658 traffic stops is included in the calls for service.

Figure A. shows a five (5) year comparison between calls for service and the Use of Force. It shall be noted that per Policy 4.02F Use of Less Lethal Force, officers are required to complete a Response to Resistance Report when pointing their service weapon at an individual(s).

Figure A.



## Use of Force Demographics

Use of Force demographics are presented in Figure B. (Race). and Figure C. (Gender).

The average age of the person who had force used on them was 35.5 years old. The oldest person was 66 years of age and the youngest was 21 years of age.

Figure B.

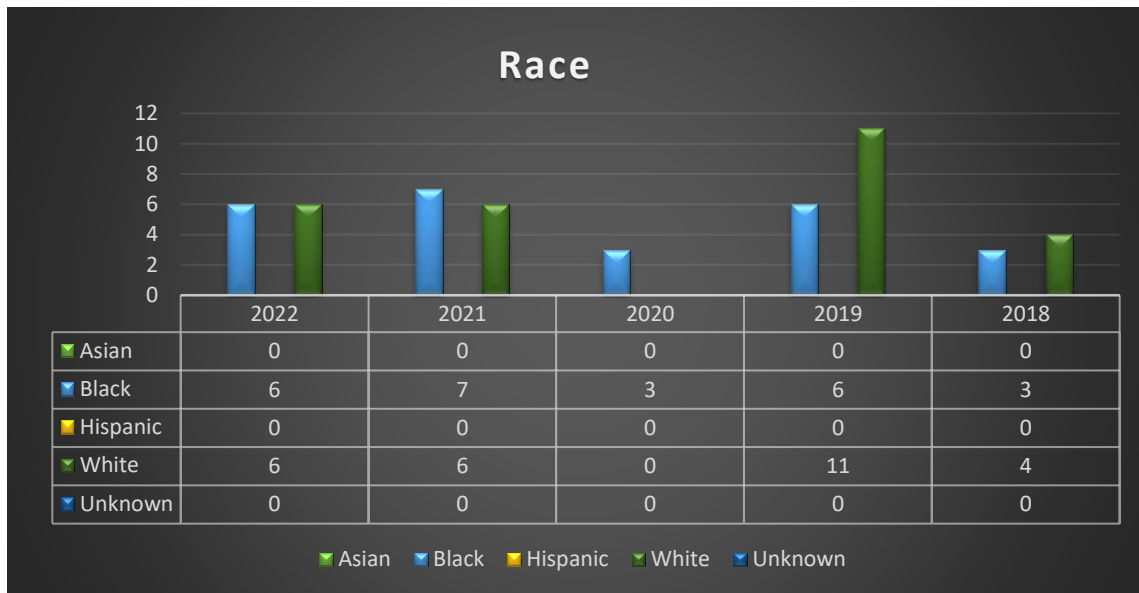
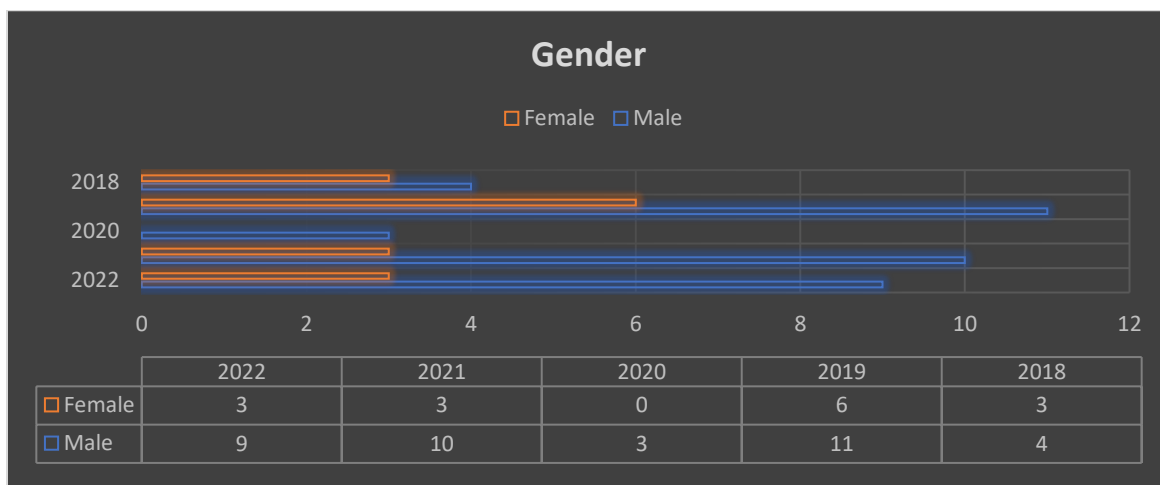


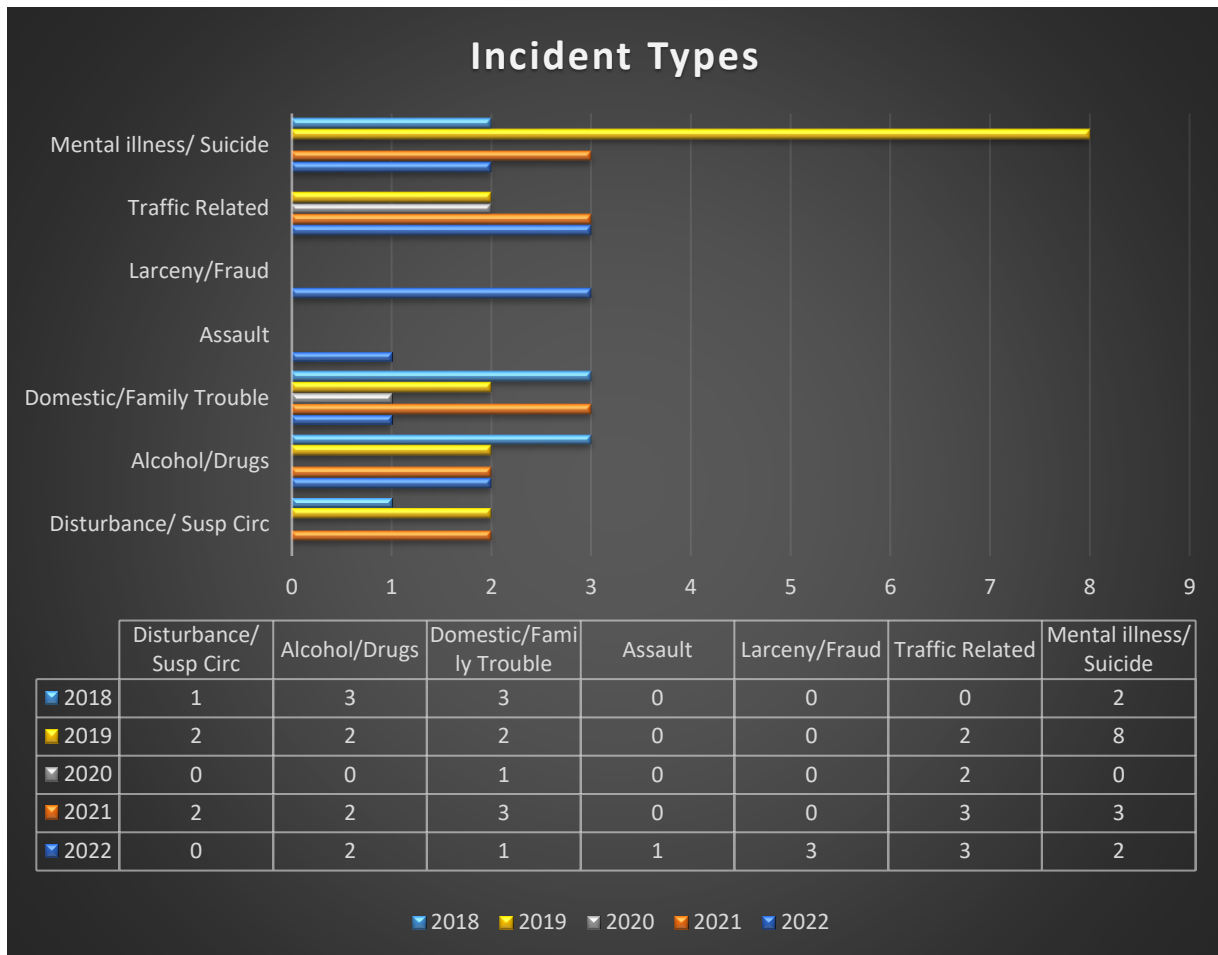
Figure C.



## Use of Force Incident Breakdown

Five (5) Use of Force incidents occurred during day shift (0700-1900) and seven (7) occurred during the night shift (1900-0700). Use of Force incidents types are shown in Figure D.

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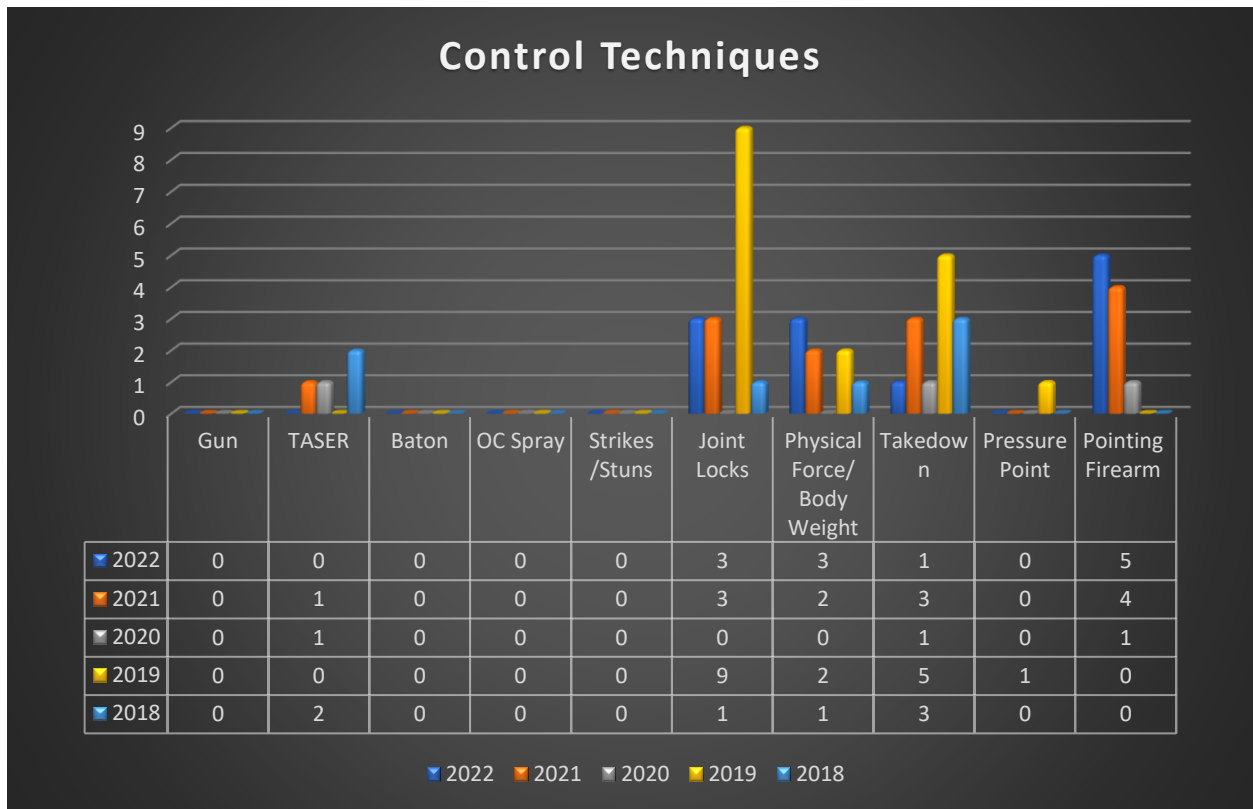
There were no deadly force incidents to report. No subjects were injured during the application of force. There is only one incident where an officer sustained minor (cuts/scratches) injuries during the application of force. This injury was treated at the scene with no further medical follow-up.

Three (3) felony stops were conducted where officers had to draw and point their service weapons at the subjects. There was one (1) incident where an officer had to

point and draw their weapons on a subject fleeing from a crime in progress. There were no TASER deployments.

Figure E. illustrates additional compliance techniques used by officers during incidents where force was used.

Figure E.



## Discipline

There were no excessive Use of Force complaints. All Use of Force incidents were within policy and no discipline was required.

## Training Trends and Suggestions

Beginning April 2022, officers began training subject control tactics on a monthly basis. This change in training is intended to allow officers the ability to increase the technique

retention rate. Prior to this change, officers were limited to training these techniques bi-annually. The control tactics training platform is designed to increase the officer's confidence and increase proper decision making when using force.

Going forward, officers will continue to train monthly with the learned techniques. De-escalation techniques are also discussed during these training sessions.

With regards to firearm training, officers reviewed single and multiple officer room entries along with other tactical decision-making drills to sharpen their skills. This training was conducted at the Township Training Grounds in addition to an outdoor shooting range. Firearms training also includes officer's demonstrating proper Use of Force selection. In other words, when faced with various possible threatening targets, officers must choose the appropriate level of force- i.e. lethal, non-lethal, or no force.

Force on force training this year consisted of Active Shooter Response and Reality Based Training scenarios. To emphasize proper force decision making, officers were exposed to several quick reaction drill scenarios. By exposing officers to these specific scenarios, they gain the confidence needed in proper force selection. This confidence is transferred to daily patrol activities.

This Department will continue to develop our critical thinking skills through on-going training which will include emotional intelligence and leadership skills to include all members of the Department. This yearly Use of Force analysis will serve as an examination of agency specific training, department policy and review in order to promote public transparency to the citizens of Bloomfield Township.

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