

POLICE SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Meeting date: March 18, 2025
Department: Police Services
Report No.: POL-2025-05
Submitted by: Brent Cushman – Deputy Chief
Approved by: Jennifer Pereira, Police Board Secretary
SUBJECT: 2024 Annual Use of Force Report

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: The Board receive POL-2025-05 for information.

BACKGROUND

COMMENTS

Please see the attached statistical data gathered from Use of Force Reports submitted by members of the Strathroy Caradoc Police Service between January 1st 2024 and December 31st 2024.

Twenty One (21) Use of Force reports were submitted between January 1st 2024 and December 31st 2024; 20 submissions were individual officer reports and 1 team report. Of the twenty one (21) Use of Force Reports submitted, 8 were for the destruction of animals which include 7 deer and 1 coyote.

These figures should be compared to the 507 arrests and the 10260 reportable calls for service members responded to during the reported period. Only 12 of those contacts resulted in a Use of Force application, requiring the submission of a use of force report.

By comparison in 2023 there were fifteen (15) Use of Force reports submitted between January 1st 2023 and December 31st 2023, Seven (7) of which were for the destruction of animals.

The 2024 Use of Force report numbers are consistent with previous years.

- Eleven (11) reports were for the use of a CEW (Conducted Energy Weapon)
 - 8 of the reports stated that the CEW was displayed as a force presence only
 - 3 reports indicated that the CEW was deployed and was effective in the arrest of the subject(s) involved, and was utilized to protect officers from being assaulted.

There was one (1) Use of Force Report where the suspect displayed assaultive behavior, resulting in an officer sustaining a cut to their hand during an arrest.

No subjects sustained any injuries because of force being used by officers during an arrest.

A firearm was displayed by officers on two (2) occasions indicated by reports, one (1) of which a handgun with a prohibited magazine with 37 9mm rounds was recovered without incident.

COMMENTS

The full "2024 Use of Force Report" as prepared by Constable Keener is attached for Board Review.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

"Provide professional and effective services to the community in a way that leverages the advantages of a municipally operated and community-based police service and provides the best customer experience possible"

ATTACHMENTS

"Annual 2024 Use of Force Report"