



2024 USE OF FORCE REPORT

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Executive Summary

The Orlando Police Department conducts an annual administrative review and analysis related to use of force. This Use of Force Report allows for transparency and accountability. This analysis assists in the identification of agency strengths and weaknesses associated with use of force. The report includes information on all use of force reports with the purpose of identifying any potential trends, identifying the need for additional training or equipment, and policy development. Below are some highlights of the 2024 Use of Force analysis:

- In 2024, there were 929 actual sworn personnel within the Orlando Police Department.
- The agency dispatched 357,927 calls for service, a 3% increase from the previous year.
- Out of the 357,927 total calls for service, less than 1% involved a Use of Force incident (359).
- In 2024, there were 359 Use of Force (UOF) reports, a 2.8% increase from 2023.
- The total number of UOF tactics was 439, down 23.4% from 2023.
- A total of 15,479 people were taken into custody in 2024, (12,946 adults, 798 juveniles, and 1,735 Baker Acts).
- The average Use of Force as a percentage of the total arrests for the last four years (2021-2024) has fallen within a range of 2.04%-2.10%.
- The three most frequently used UOF tactics were Electronic Control Devices (Taser), Tackles/Takedowns, and Chemical Agents.
- About 6% of officers involved in UOF incidents were injured (42 of 726), with less than 1% (6 officers) hospitalized, showing a decrease from 2023.
- UOF incidents peaked on Sundays (18%) and between 0001–0300 hours (28%).
- The Foxtrot Sector (Central/Downtown Parramore) recorded the most UOF tactics at 95 (22%).

Analysis of Defensive Tactics Used

There were 359 Use of Force reports in 2024. Generated reports are recorded in the IA Pro software database which obtains its information from data entered by officers in the Blue Team software. As such, the number of specific tactics is higher than the number of incidents as some incidents have more than one offender where officers used force. Reports prior to 2021 came from software systems that were incident based, and therefore the report count was lower than the total number of offenders.

The number of 2024 UOF reports recorded in IA Pro increased by 2.8% (from 349 to 359) as compared to 2023 data. The number of total UOF tactics decreased by 23.4% (from 573 to 439). The following table details the number of tactics used by category for 2024 and compared to years 2016-2024. Electronic Control Device, Tackles/Takedowns, & Chemical Agents were the most utilized UOF tactics during 2024.

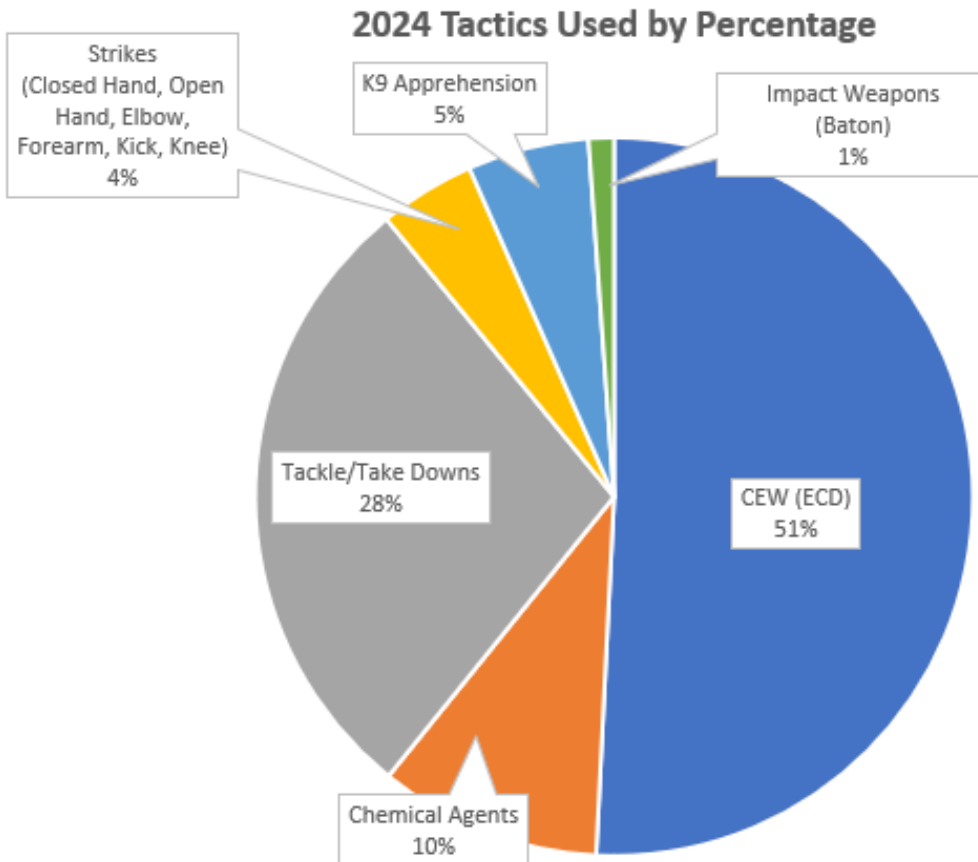
The below chart depicts the yearly use of force tactics used.

Use of Force Tactic Totals Yearly Comparison										
YEAR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Of Reportable Tactics Used in 2024
Total Persons Taken into Custody	14886	13846	13956	14304	12058	13558	13516	15162	15479	
Total UOF Incidents	399	444	382	314	260	343	317	349	359	
CEW (ECD)	168	219	224	198	169	138	188	298	223	51%
Chemical Agents	153	170	137	80	85	104	77	66	44	10%
Tackle/Take Downs	160	126	101	93	116	97	129	85	124	28%
Stop Sticks (Tire Deflation)	10	17	10	9	18	55	17	49	N/A	N/A
Strikes (Closed Hand, Open Hand, Elbow, Forearm, Kick, Knee)	88	74	60	55	45	30	19	51	19	4%
K9 Apprehension	21	27	21	18	15	14	13	19	24	5%
Impact Weapons (Baton)	3	10	9	4	3	0	3	5	5	1%
Total Tactics	603	643	562	457	451	438	446	573	439	100%

2.09% of All 2024 Arrests Involved a Use of Force Incident

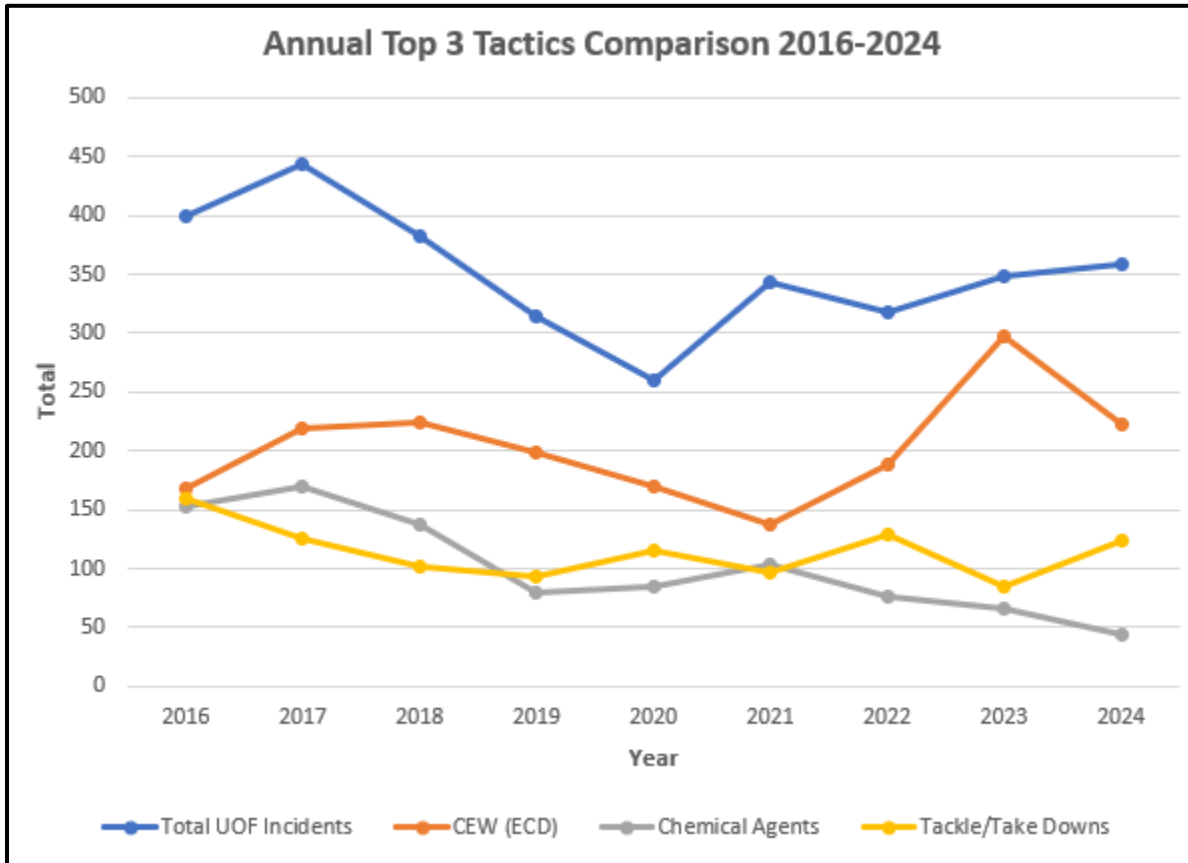
As of the 2024 report, "Stop Sticks-Tire Deflation" will not be included in the Annual Use of Force statistics as a tactic used. The total number of "Stop Stick" deployments will be listed separately in this report. However, "Stop Sticks" are included in the Total Tactic numbers for previous years.

The below chart depicts the 2024 use of force tactics used by percentage.



*2024 UOF tactics reported are based on IA Pro data as of 02/25/2024. Numbers may slightly increase if additional UOF reports are approved and released from Blue Team**

The below graph displays the top three tactics used in 2024, the number of Use of Force Reports generated, and how each have increased or decreased since 2016.



Officer Analysis

Officers Involved in Use of Force Incidents

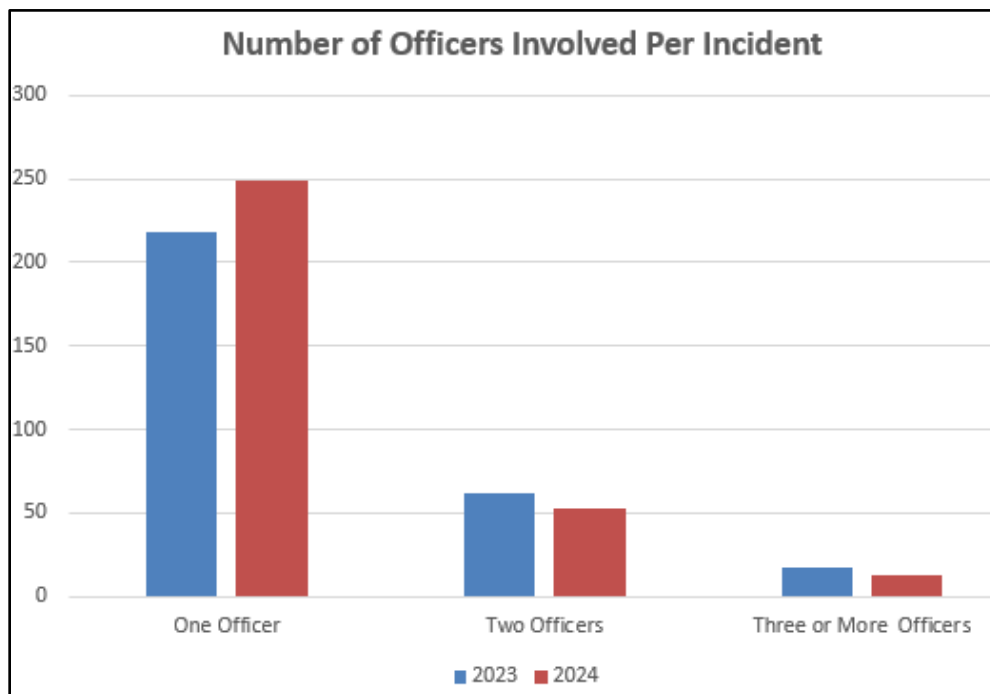
In 2024, there were 691 officers involved as principal officers in the 359 Use of Force reports. There was an overall decrease of 10% of principal officers involved in use of force incidents in 2024 compared to 2023. This correlates with the 23% decrease of total Use of Force tactics used in 2024 compared to 2023.

	2023	2024	% Change 2023-2024
Principal Officers	770	691	-10%
Total Tactics	573	439	-23%

In 2024 there was a decrease in the number of officers present during Use of Force incidents. 79% of the total UOF cases, involved only 1 officer present. However, 94% of the time, UOF incidents involved only one offender.

The below charts depict the number of officers involved per use of force incident.

# Involved	2023		2024		% Change 2023 – 2024
	# Of Incidents	% Of Incidents	# Of Incidents	% Of Incidents	
One	218	74%	249	79%	14%
Two	62	21%	53	17%	-15%
Three or More	17	6%	13	4%	-24%

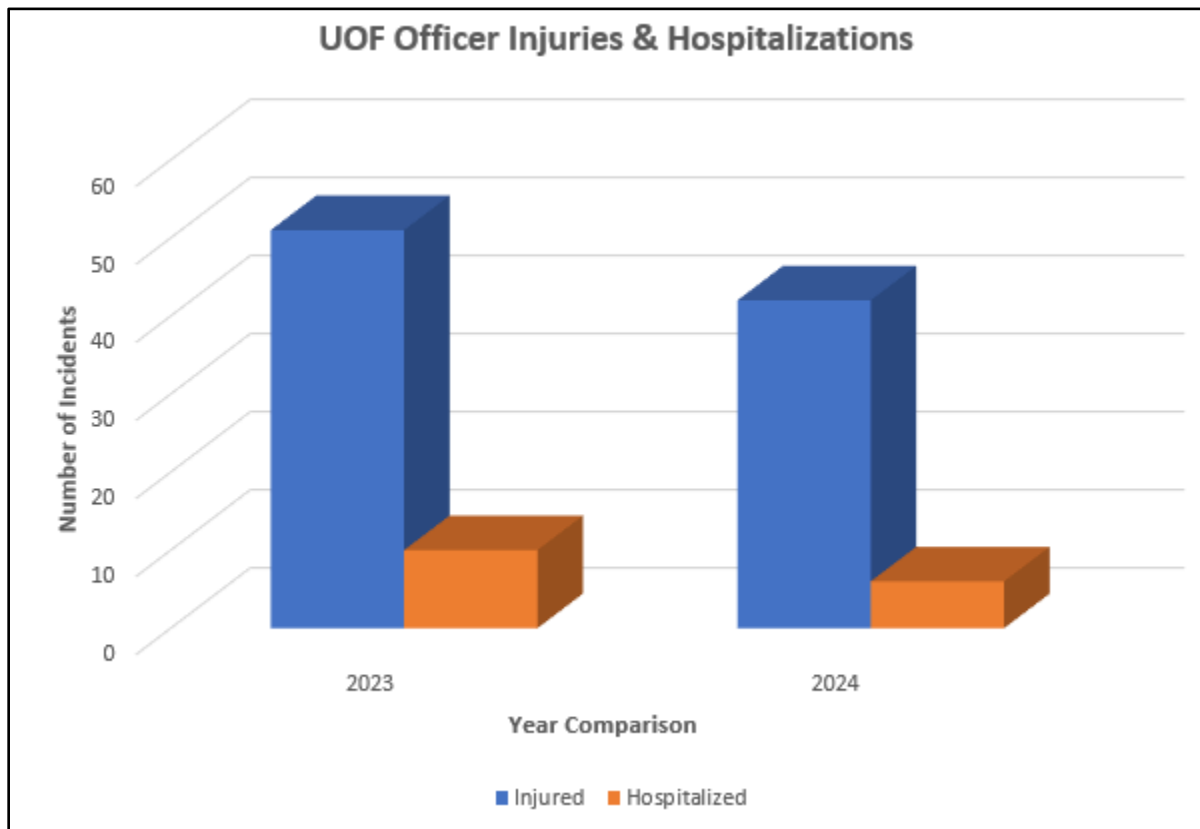


Officers Injured in Use of Force Incidents

During 2024, Approximately 6% percent of officers involved in Use of Force incidents were injured during a UOF incident (42 of 726 officers). Less than 1% of officers involved (6 total employees) were hospitalized with injuries. These percentages are lower than 2023 percentages of officer injuries and hospitalizations.

The below charts depict the number of officers involved per use of force incident and the number injured and the number hospitalized due to their injuries.

Officers	2023		2024		% Change 2023 - 2024 in # of Officers
	Number	% Of Officers	Number	% Of Officers	
Total Officers Involved in UOF	708	-	726	-	2%
Injured	51	7%	42	6%	-18%
Hospitalized	10	1%	6	<1%	-40%

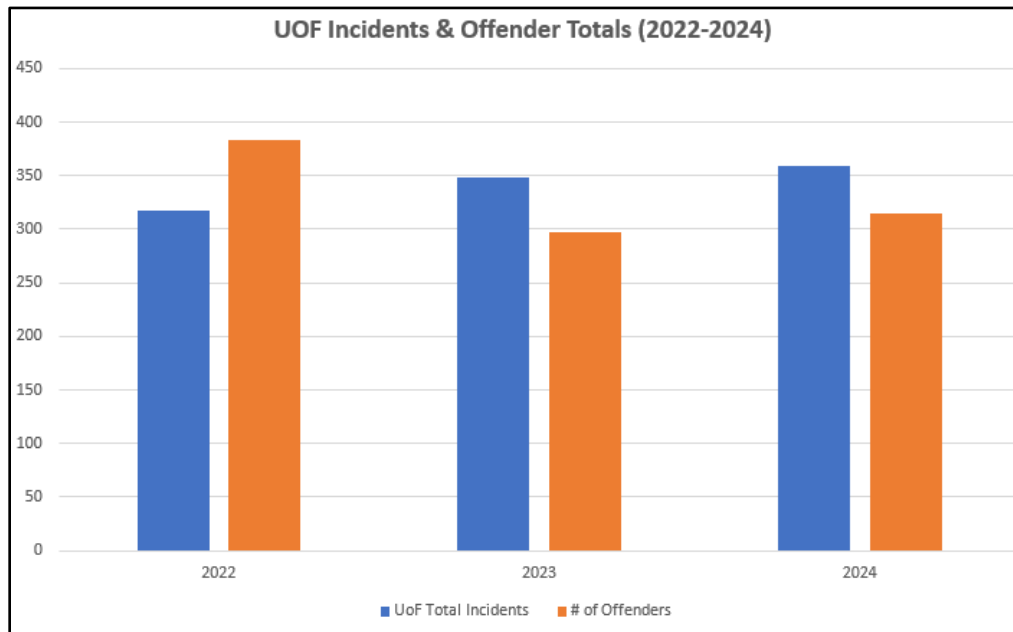


Offender Analysis

Offenders Involved in Use of Force Incidents

In 2024, there were 315 offenders involved in Use of Force incidents. A comparison of the total number of UOF Incidents for each of these last three years and total number of offenders involved in these incidents is described below.

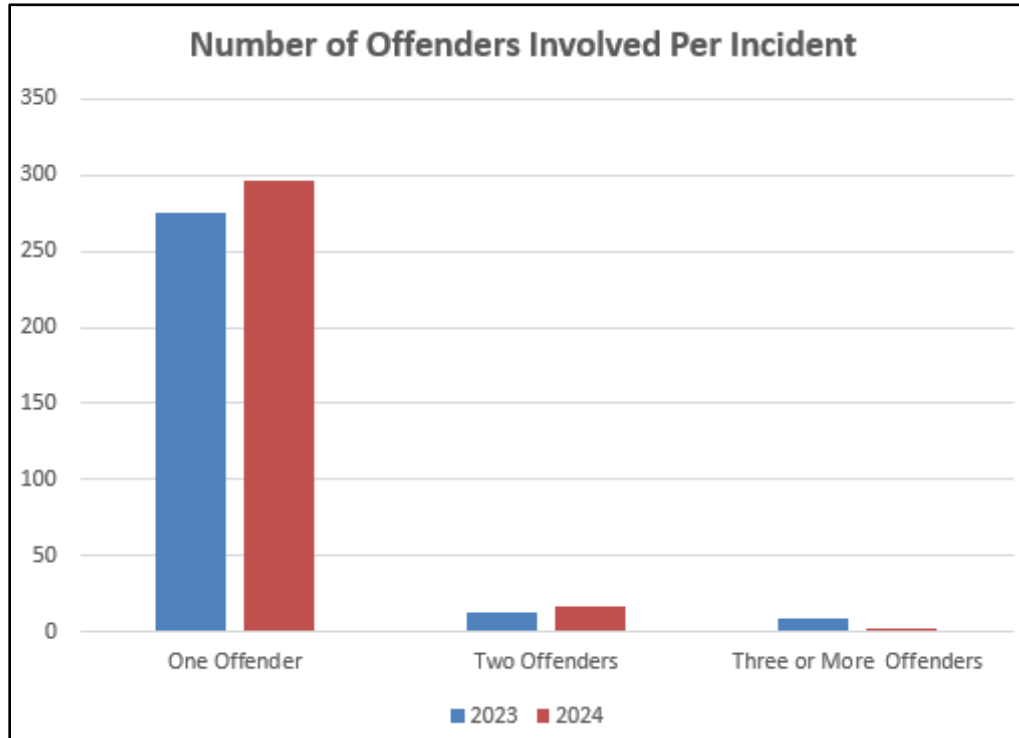
The UOF Incidents totaled **317** (2022), **349** (2023), and **359** (2024). From those incidents, the total number of offenders involved was **383** (2022), **297** (2023), & **315** (2024).



In 2024, 94% of incidents involved only one offender, 5% involved two offenders, and 1% involved three or more offenders.

The below charts depict the number of offenders involved per use of force incident.

# Involved	2023		2024		% Change 2023 - 2024
	# Of Incidents	% Of Incidents	# Of Incidents	% Of Incidents	
One	276	93%	296	94%	7%
Two	12	4%	17	5%	42%
Three or More	9	3%	2	1%	-78%

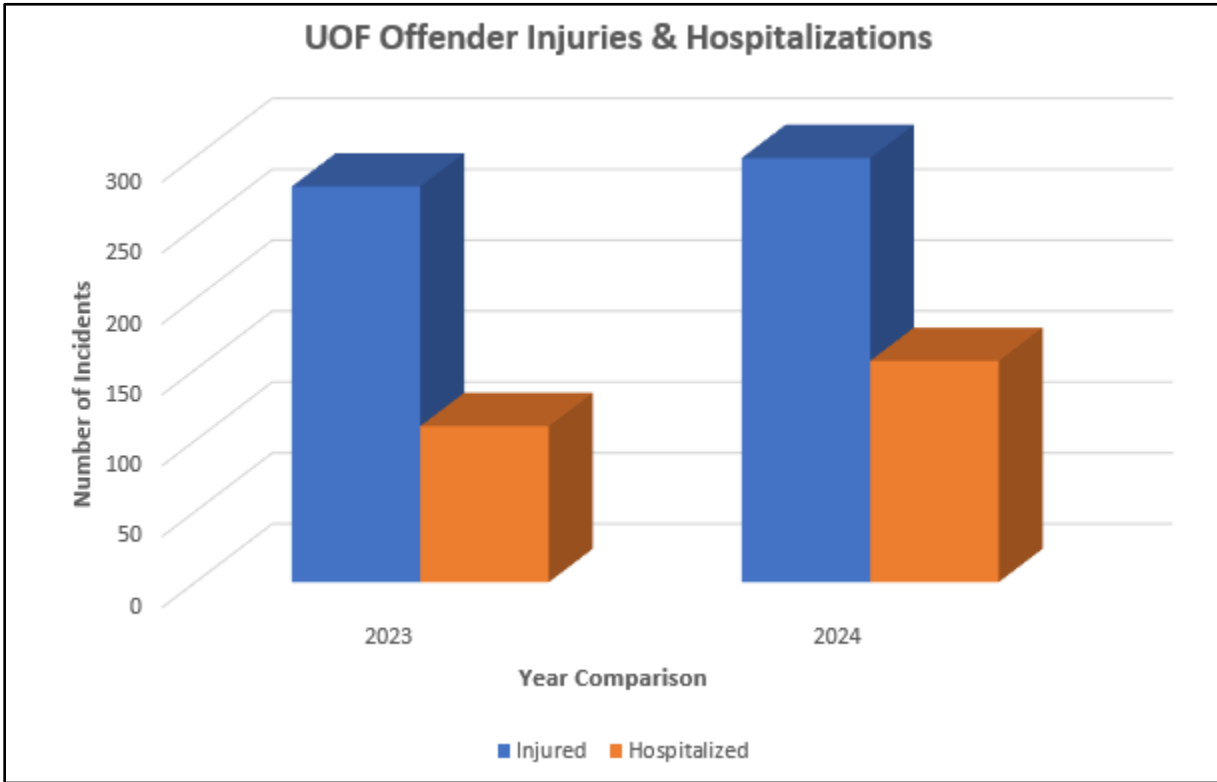


Offenders Injured in Use of Force Incidents

Of the 359 Use of Force incidents in 2024, an offender sustained an injury in 299 of the incidents. Of these, 156 offenders required hospitalization. This is a 7% increase in the number of offenders injured compared to 2023, which generally correlates to the total number of UOF incidents increasing by 2.8% since 2023 (349 to 359).

The below charts depict the number of offenders involved per use of force incident and the number injured and the number hospitalized due to their injuries.

Offenders	2023		2024		% Change in # of Offender Injuries 2023 - 2024
	Number	% Of Offenders	Number	% Of Offenders	
Total UOF Incidents	349	-	359	-	-
Injured	279	80%	299	83%	7%
Hospitalized	110	32%	156	44%	42%



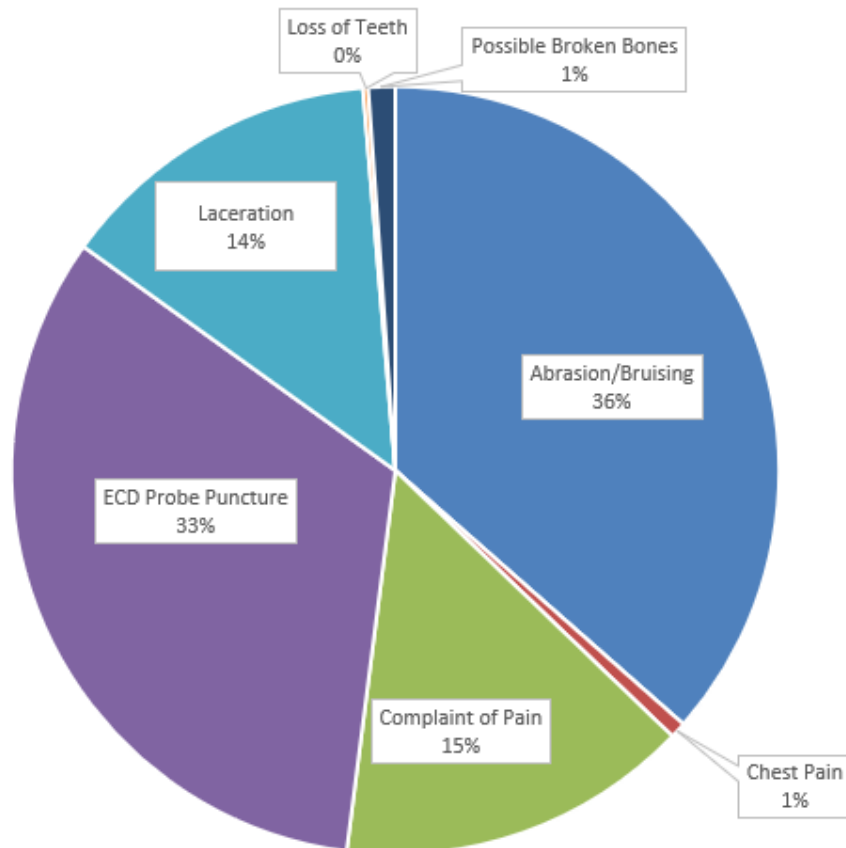
Types of Offender Injuries Sustained During Use of Force Incidents

In 2024, the highest number of injuries sustained by offenders was ECD (taser) probe punctures; 34% of all injuries were a result of the deployment of a taser.

The charts below depict the type of injuries sustained during use of force incidents in 2023 as compared to 2024.

Type	2023		2024		% Change 2023- 2024
	Number	% Of Injuries	Number	% Of Injuries	
Abrasion/Bruising	144	33%	162	36%	13%
Chest Pain	1	0%	3	1%	200%
Complaint of Pain	79	18%	66	15%	-16%
ECD Probe Puncture	148	34%	146	33%	-1%
Laceration	63	14%	61	14%	-3%
Loss of Teeth	1	0%	1	0%	100%
Possible Broken Bones	4	1%	5	1%	25%
Grand Total	440	100%	444	100%	1%

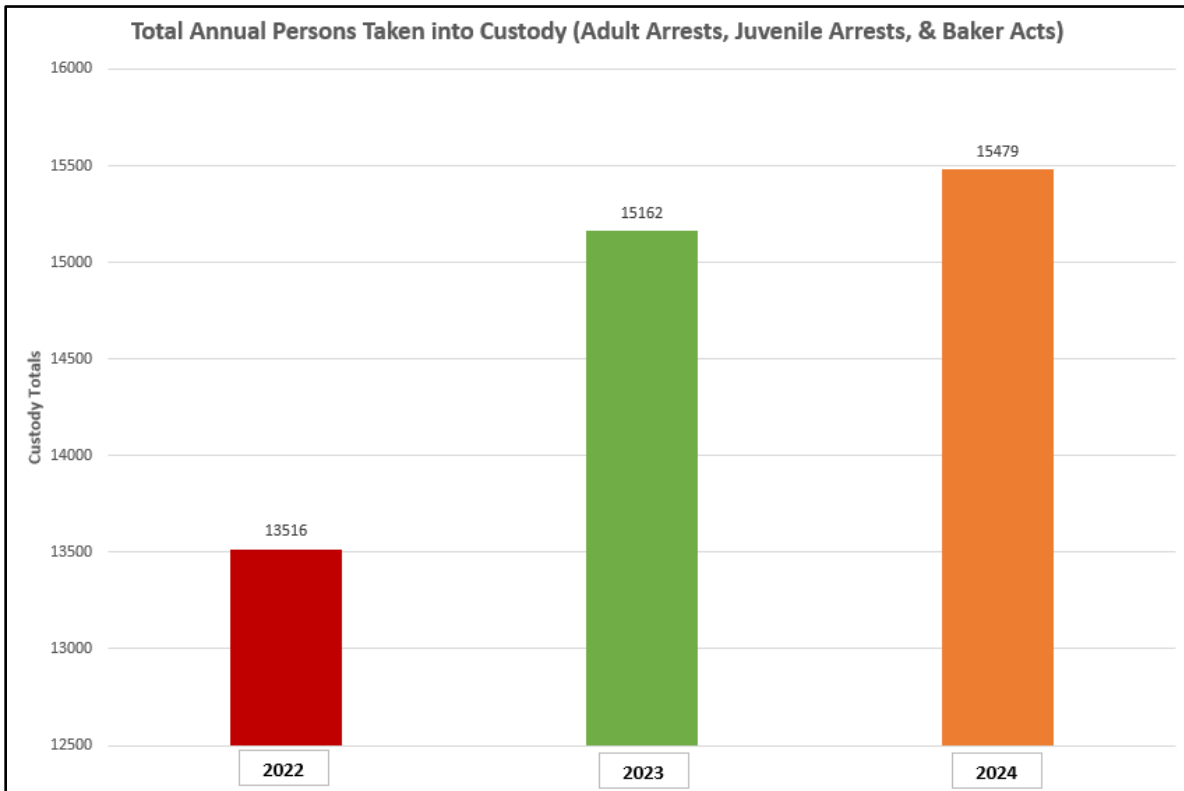
Offender Injuries by Type for 2024



Offenders Taken into Custody

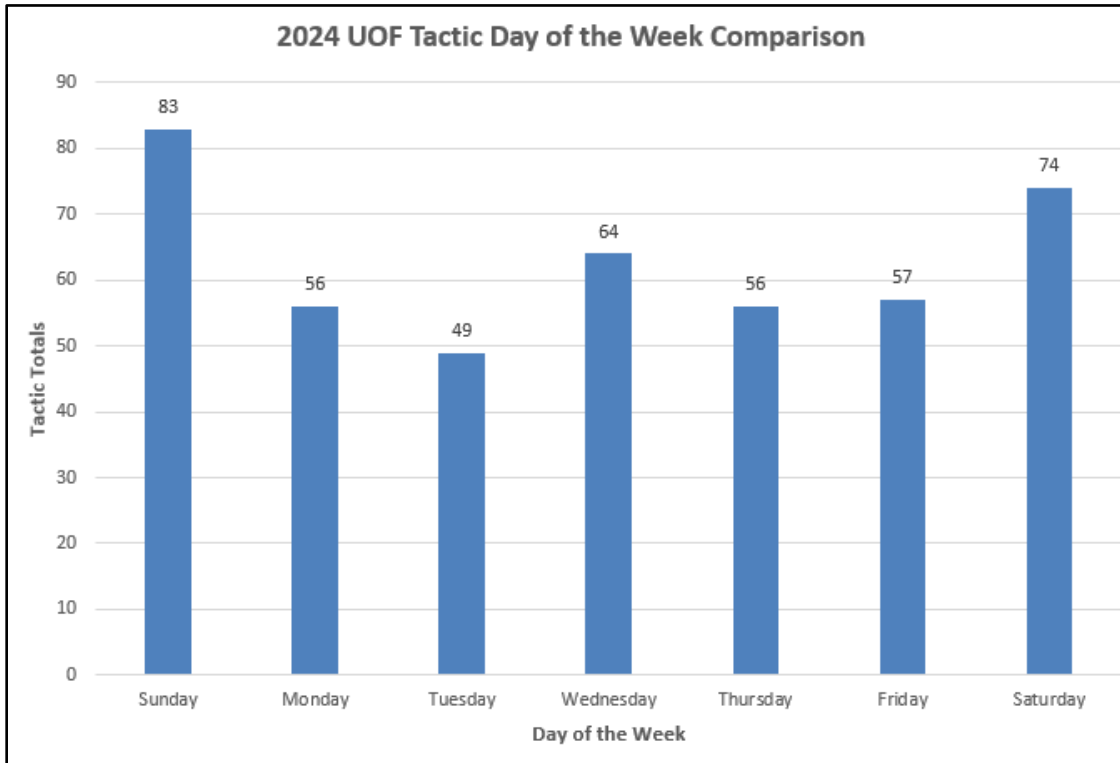
There were 359 UOF incidents involving 439 tactics used by officers in 2024. Total persons taken into custody for 2024 was 15,479 (12,946 adult arrests, 798 juvenile arrests and 1,735 Baker Acts). Comparatively, total persons taken into custody for 2023 and 2022 were 15,162 & 13,516 respectively (These totals also include persons taken into custody for Baker Acts). The average Use of Force as a percentage of the total arrests for the last four years (2021-2024) has fallen within a range of 2.04%-2.10%. The percentage for 2024 is 2.09% (325 arrests were made during 359 UOF incidents).

The following chart compares the total number of persons arrested or taken into custody for a Baker Act each year from 2022-2024.



Analysis by Day of Week, Time, and Geography

The largest volume of Use of Force incidents occurred on Sundays (18%). The largest volume of Use of Force incidents occurred between the hours 0001-0300 hours (28%), as well as other peak periods at 1800-1900 & 2100-2200 hours. The Foxtrot sector (Central/Downtown Parramore) had 95 tactics used (22%), which led all other sectors in the city. The following tables illustrate the number of incidents per day of the week and the sector.



Use of Force Tactics by Sector			
Sector	# Of Tactics	% Of Tactics	Geographical area
B	61	14%	North (Pine Hills, Rosemont, West Colonial)
C	21	5%	North (Baldwin Park, Birdland, Thornton Park, College Park)
D	81	18%	Central/Downtown
E	62	14%	West (Kirkman corridor, I-Drive, Universal)
F	95	22%	Central/Downtown (Parramore)
G	29	7%	West (Richmond Heights, Carver Shores, Washington Shores, OCB)
I	24	5%	East (Englewood, Azalea Park, Curry Ford, Conway, Semoran)
K	25	6%	East (Semoran Corridor, Lake Nona, Vista Lakes)
L	4	1%	East (Innovation, Dowden, 528)
Airport	1	0%	Airport
Out of City	36	8%	Orange County or other county
Total	439		

Conclusion

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The electronic control device, chemical agent, and take downs have remained the leading tactics/techniques since 2016. The number of officers present when encountering a Use of Force incident has shown a decrease compared to incidents in 2023, which is consistent with the decrease in the number of offenders present during individual Use of Force incidents. A single officer responding to a Use of Force incident has increased by 14% (from 218 to 249) and a single offender involved in a Use of Force incident has increased by 7% (from 276 to 296) compared to 2023 statistics.

Training

The department continues to make policy revisions and provide training pertaining to de-escalation. Trainings covered in 2024 are listed below.

BLOCK TRAINING AND OTHER MANDATORY TRAINING INSIDE OPD:

2024 Legal Update (940 attendance)
2024 CQT (Close Quarters Tactics) (343 attended)
2024 Part 10 Defensive Tactics (933 attendance)
2024 Part 04 Firearms Training (798 attendance)
2024 Part 05 Handgun Qualification (938 attendance)
2024 Part 96 Rifle Training (808 attendance)
2024 Part 11 Active Assailant Training (927 attendance)
2024 Rifle Transition Training (Sig-KAC) (36 attended)
2024 PIT training power point (19 users)
2024 Vehicle Extraction (17 attendance)
2024 Dynamic Vehicle Takedown Training (TAC/SWAT/FIU)
2024 Less Lethal Training (6 users) (practical 5 users)
DVRT quarterly training
2024 ERT quarterly training (103 attendance)
2024 CNT quarterly training (32)
2024 ESU quarterly training (55 attendance)
2024 ESU chainsaw training (52 attendance)
2024 Motors Monthly training (33 attendance)
2024 Motors recertification (27 attendance)
2024 Airport Open Range Day (32 attendance)
2024 Command School (5 users)
Foot Pursuits (23 attendance)

ELVIS training-(125 attended) ALPR training-(39 attended)
LINX training-(8 attended)
Crisis Response and Management Training (C.I.T.)
K-9 Training (explosive detection, narcotic detection, building search, perimeters, vehicle extractions)

MANDATORY RECRUIT TRAINING FOR ALL RECRUITS DURING ORIENTATION:

Recruit TASER
Recruit DAVID
Recruit Active Shooter
Defensive Tactics
Driver's Training
Building Searches
Firearms
Rifle
CPR/First Aid
Report Writing
Professional Traffic Stops
Use of Force
Stop Sticks
City Ordinance
BWC Body Worn Camera
Fair and Impartial Policing
Mobile Field Force
De-escalation
Scenario Training
Gas Mask Chemical Exposure
Active Shooter Training
Ethics Manual
Domestic Violence Training
Autism Training
Less Lethal Launcher
(FDLE Mandated Online Training Courses)