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UFPD Use of Force Review for 2007 and 2008

This Presentation Will Provide

- A brief overview of Police Department operations and use of force training.
- Important changes affecting use of force as a result of committee recommendations.
- An overview of use of force incidents for 2007 and 2008.
- A comparison of use of force statistics with local law enforcement agencies.

UFPD

Major Divisions: Criminal Investigations Division
Community Services Division
Training Division
Patrol Division

25 CIT trained officers (Crisis Intervention Team)

12 CIRT trained officers (Critical Incident Response Team)

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	
47,243	43,538	Calls for service
2,897	2,903	Reports generated
889	769	Arrests
78,133	82,561	SNAP Escorts
675	514	RAD (Rape Aggression Defense Training)

Mandated Use of Force Training for ALL UFPD Officers

- Police Academy Training  140 hours
- UFPD Training for New Hires  20 hours
- UFPD Annual In-Service Training  23 hours

Important Changes Affecting UFPD Use of Force

- Improved Pre-Event Planning
- Review/Enhancement of Protocol for Event Management
- Changes in UFPD Use of Force Policy

Pre-Event Planning

Established formal training for:

- UFPD employees
- Event staff
- Sponsoring organizations staff
- Dean's office staff

Emphasis on planning meetings:

- All groups involved must meet prior to events

On-site roll call training:

- Staff assignments
- Building logistics
- Direct communication with facility staff

Review/Enhancement of Protocol for Event Management

UFPD



- Arrest for disruption
- Escort out
- Remind Event leader of opportunities to end event
- Request leave
- Give warning
- Request compliance with event rules

UF Administration

(Office of the Dean of Students,
Moderator)



- Request Law Enforcement intervention
- End presentation
- Give warning
- Request compliance

Ushers/Supervisors

(students, event staff)



- Request compliance with established rules
- Remind/warn of rules

options

Changes in UFPD Use of Force Policy

- Use of force now based on the “totality of the facts and circumstances known to the officer at the time of use.”
- Taser use at UFPD now more restrictive than state guidelines.
- Taser use only authorized when “officer reasonably believes it will be as or more effective than other tools.”
- Taser use against a fleeing subject now more restrictive.

UFPD Taser Incidents Synopsis

METHOD	TOTAL		DATE OF 2008 TASER INCIDENT				TOTAL	TOTAL	
	2001 - 2006	2007	1/20/2008	2/15/2008	4/13/2008	6/13/2008	2008	2001 - 2008	%

UF Students									
Drive Stun	1	4					0	5	62.50%
Darts Fired	2	0		X			1	3	37.50%
FACTORS DOCUMENTED FOR TASER INCIDENT									
Active Resistance	1	4		X			1	6	75.00%
Fighting	0	2		X			1	3	37.50%
Suicidal	2	0					0	2	25.00%
Drugs	0	0					0	0	0.00%
Alcohol	0	3					0	3	37.50%
Weapon	2	1					0	3	37.50%
Exited Delerium	0	0					0	0	0.00%
Injuries	0	0					0	0	0.00%

Non-Students									
Drive Stun	8	1	X		X		2	11	61.11%
Darts Fired	3	3				X	1	7	38.89%
FACTORS DOCUMENTED FOR TASER INCIDENT									
Active Resistance	8	4	X		X	X	3	15	83.33%
Fighting	6	1	X			threat	2	9	50.00%
Suicidal	0	0					0	0	0.00%
Drugs	2	1			X	X	2	5	27.78%
Alcohol	7	0					0	7	38.89%
Weapon	0	0				threat	1	1	5.56%
Exited Delerium	1	0					0	1	5.56%
Injuries	0	0					0	0	0.00%

Comparison of Use of Force Statistics Between Local Law Enforcement Agencies

	2007			2008		
	UFPD	GPD	ACSO	UFPD	GPD	ACSO
CALLS FOR SERVICE	47,243	124,211	121,054	43,538	125,931	105,262
<i>Factor over UFPD</i>		2.6	2.6		2.9	2.4
USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS	8	77	68	5	Not Available	Not Available
<i>Factor over UFPD</i>		9.6	8.5			
Firearm	0	1	1	0		
Taser	8	* 0	45	4		
Baton	0	3	1	0		
OC Spray	0	13	3	0		
Hard Empty Hand	1	40	9	1		
K-9	0	20	9	0		

* GPD did not deploy Tasers until early 2008

For compatibility purposes these figures do not include the drawing of a firearm, use of Hobble restraints, or any use of force against an animal.

GPD and ACSO use of force statistics extrapolated from respective agency 2007 annual use of force reports.

UFPD Use of Force Review

Every use of force incident is thoroughly reviewed to determine if it was:

- In compliance with state law.
- In compliance with UFPD directives.
- Reasonable and necessary.

In 2007 and 2008, these reviews found all UFPD incidents involving the use of force to be in compliance with these requirements.

QUESTIONS?