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HURON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 USE OF FORCE ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Huron Township Public Safety Policy 300.9, three separate use of force board meetings were convened through-out 2022 to review use of force incidents involving our personnel.

The board met on the following dates and had the following participants at each:
10/26/2022 Deputy Mark Neumann, Lt. Leo Girard, Lt. Jon Bettendorf, Sgt Ahmed Kassem, Sgt. Thomas Smith
12/13/2022 Lt. Leo Girard, Lt. Jon Bettendorf, Sgt Ahmed Kassem, Sgt. Thomas Smith

The Board reviewed a total of 41 incidents pertaining to use of force in continual effort to answer or attain the below listed questions and goals.

1. Were any departmental directives or training violated?
2. Is departmental training adequate?
3. The relevant Policies are clearly understandable and effective to cover the Incidents?
4. Identify unique problem assignments, activities, or locations.
5. Is further investigation warranted?

The above listed use of force board members has reviewed the incidents outlined in this report and found that none of the incidents violated Departmental policies.

All involved staff received a memorandum notifying them of the Boards findings and a copy of each memorandum was placed in the Use of force file for each incident. The files are secured in a locked cabinet in the Public Safety Directors office by calendar year.

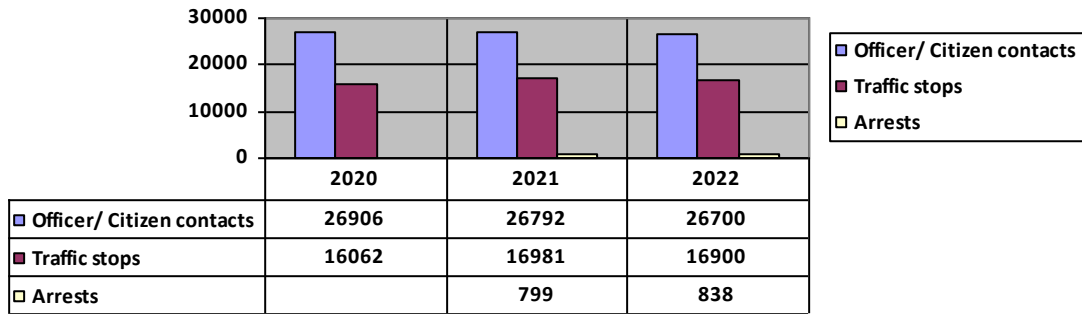
Table 1 illustrates condensed data from each use of force incident from 2022.

Date	Type of Contact	Type of Force
02/13/2022	Domestic Violence	Firearm pointed
02/19/2022	Domestic Violence w/ firearm	Firearm pointed
02/22/2022	School Fight	Muscling
03/12/2022	Out of control Juvenile	Physical restraint
03/16/2022	Mental Health Call	Muscling, Restraining
03/18/2022	Domestic Violence	Muscling, Verbal Direction
03/18/2022	Domestic Violence	Muscling, Verbal Direction
03/20/2022	Reckless Discharge of Firearm	Firearm Pointed / Felony Traffic Stop
03/24/2022	Intoxicated Male / Medical	Straight armbar / muscling
04/09/2022	Breaking and Entering / Domestic Violence	Firearm pointed
04/26/2022	Mental Health Call	Muscling
05/02/2022	Mental Health Call	Muscling, joint locks
05/07/2022	Traffic Stop / Stolen Vehicle	Firearm pointed / felony traffic stop
05/08/2022	Assist other agency / Vehicle Pursuit	Firearm pointed / felony traffic stop
05/17/2022	School lockdown	Muscling / Takedown
05/18/2022	Overdose	Taser Display
05/21/2022	Attempt Breaking and entering	Firearm Display
05/24/2022	Warrant Arrest	Muscling / Strike
05/26/2022	OWI Investigation	Muscling / takedown
06/12/2022	Alarm	Muscling, Taser Display, joint locks
06/13/2022	Traffic Stop	Taser Display / muscling
06/15/2022	Home Invasion	Muscling
06/16/2022	OWI Investigation	Muscling / takedown
07/01/2022	Destruction of property	Muscling / Takedown
07/01/2022	OWI Investigation	Muscling
07/04/2022	Domestic Assault	Taser Display
07/17/2022	OWI Investigation / Vehicle Pursuit	Firearm Pointed, Muscling
07/20/2022	Domestic Violence	Muscling, Wrist Lock
07/20/2022	Domestic Violence	Firearm Pointed
07/30/2022	Domestic Violence	Firearm Pointed, Muscling, pressure points
08/01/2022	Breaking and entering	Firearm Pointed
08/04/2022	Warrant Arrest	Muscling, Pressure points
08/05/2022	Breaking and entering	Firearm Pointed
08/06/2022	Homicide	Firearms Pointed
08/12/2022	Assist other agency	Firearm Pointed
08/29/2023	Mental Health Call / Reckless Discharge of Firearm.	Taser Deployment
09/01/2022	Stolen Vehicle / Traffic Stop	Firearms Pointed
10/12/2022	Assault	Muscling
10/28/2022	Felony Domestic Assault	Muscling, Straight Armbar
10/28/2022	Mental Health Call	Straight Armbar
11/6/2022	OWI Investigation	Muscling / Taser Deployment

ANALYSIS

In 2022, Huron Township Police Officers responded to or proactively generated approximately 9800 runs and conducted approximately 16,900 traffic stops for a total number of Officer / Citizen contacts of approximately 26,700. In addition, Officers made 799 arrests in 2021, compared to 838 arrests in 2020.

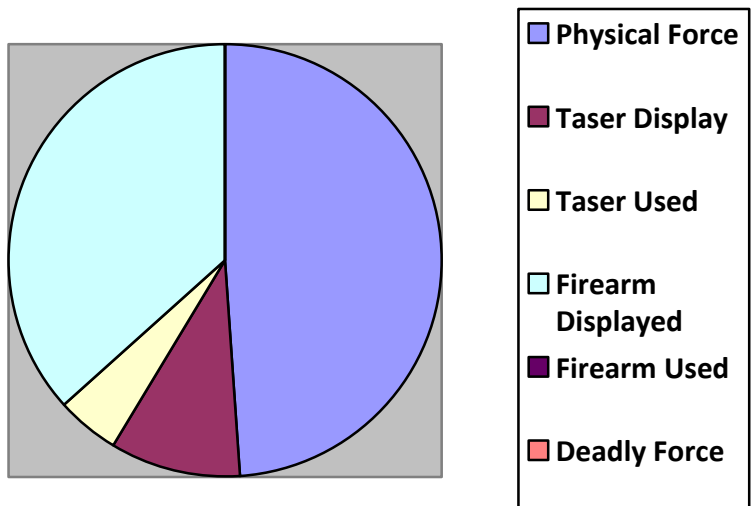
Graph depicts 2020 vs 2021vs 2022 total officer/citizen contacts, Traffic stops , and arrests



Based on a comparison of documented contacts to use of force incidents, a citizen had a 0.00154% chance of being involved in a use of force incident within the Huron Township Police during 2022. None of the use of force incidents resulted in death or serious injury to any of the involved parties. This number does reflect an increase in use of force incident and board review. This is due large in part to the lowering of the use of force standard to include all contacts above compliant handcuffing.

Huron Twp Police Department continues a decades long trend of exceptional zero lethal force incidents, and very low physical, and non-lethal uses of force incidents.

Graph depicts the nature of force used in the incidents reviewed.



Synopsis of incidents.

Below is a synopsis of the cases reviewed by the Use of force review board in 2022.

22-01

- CFS 22-0003123
- 02/13/2022 2:55 AM
- Officers were dispatched to the 27000 block of Versailles for a neighbor reporting hearing glass breaking and arguing. Officers arrived and located the front window of a residence was broken out.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Victim gave Officers permission to search the residence for the male suspect.
- Officers located the suspect hiding in a bedroom inside of the residence.
- Officers pointed their firearms at the suspect until he was taken into custody.
- Suspect had injuries from coming through the broken window of the residence.
- Body camera was observed.

22-02

- CFS 22-0003454
- 02/19/2022 6:41 PM
- Officers were dispatched to the 19000 block of Middlebelt Rd. due to 911 call of a man being assaulted by his cousin with a firearm.
- An Officer arrived on scene and spotted the suspect vehicle located in the caller's driveway.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Officer conducted a felony stop on the vehicle. Officer aimed his firearm at the suspect until he was successfully taken into custody.
- The suspect was arrested for felonious assault and transported to HTPD
- No injuries.
- Body camera was observed.

22-03

- CFS 22-0003694
- 02/22/2022 7:21 pm
- Officers were dispatched to Summit High School to assist a Huron Twp PD School Resource Officer with a juvenile fight.
- Suspect attempted to exit the school building during the investigation.
- Suspect was a black female. (Juvenile)
- Officers used hands to grab on to the female and keep her from leaving the building.
- No injuries.
- Body camera was observed.

22-04

- CFS 22-0004884
- 03/12/2022 08:40 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 35000 block of Huron River Dr. on report of an out-of-control juvenile displaying aggressive behavior.
- Juvenile was a white male.
- Upon arrival officers observed the juvenile mother trying to hold him down as he kicked at tried to attack her.
- Officers took over holding the juvenile down using their body wight until He was handcuffed until he could be transported for a mental health evaluation.
- No injuries
- Body camera was observed.

22-05

- CFS 21-0005103
- 03/16/2022 8:06AM
- Officers were dispatched to the 28000 block of Sibley Road for a juvenile mental health evaluation.
- Juvenile was a black female.
- Female was held down and handcuffed to prevent her from harming herself or attempting to do so.
- Female was petitioned for a mental health evaluation.
- No injuries
- Body camera was observed.

22-06

- CFS 22-0005267
- 03/18/2022 9:21 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 22000 block of Pillette PL reference a domestic violence complaint.
- Offender needed to be restrained from hurting himself in the HTPD cells. He needed to be petitioned for medical / mental health treatment and was transported to the hospital where he needed to be restrained for being combative with hospital staff as well.
- Suspect was a black male.
- No injuries reported.
- Body Camera was observed.

22-07

- CFS 22-0005267
- 03/18/2022 9:21 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 22000 block of Pillette PL reference a domestic violence complaint.
- Offender needed to be restrained from hurting himself in the HTPD cells. He needed to be petitioned for medical / mental health treatment and was transported to the hospital where he needed to be restrained for being combative with hospital staff as well.
- Suspect was a black male.
- No injuries reported.
- Body Camera was observed.

22-08

- CFS 22-0005319
- 03/20/2022 12:45 am
- Officers were dispatched to the 21000 block of Dickenson Road reference a male firing a firearm outside of a residence.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Suspect was stopped by a Officer when leaving the residence.
- A felony stop was conducted due to the nature of the complaint.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-09

- CFS 22-0005506
- 03/24/2022 5:57 am
- Officers were dispatched to a mental health call in the 28000 block of Apple Blossom Drive.
- The subject was a white male.
- Subject needed to be petitioned for mental and physical medical attention.
- Subject resisted being placed into ambulance and was taken to the ground and handcuffed.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera observed.

22-010

- CFS 22-0006473
- 04/9/2022 12:43 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 22000 block of Marquee Road reference a B&E forced entry into a residence, along with a felony domestic assault.
- Officer located the suspect walking on Inkster Road.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Officer drew his firearm to gain compliance from the felony suspect.
- Suspect was taken into custody.
- No injuries
- Body camera was observed.

22-011

- CFS 22-0007734
- 04/26/2022 8:25 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 35000 block of Huron River Drive reference a mental health call where a juvenile male was out of control damaging the residence.
- Parents of male wanted him petitioned, which he did not comply with officers. Officers used muscling and handcuffing to restrain the male.
- Subject was a white male.
- No injuries
- Body camera was observed.

22-012

- CFS 22-0008149
- 05/2/2022 3:36 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 37000 block of Dianne Lane for a mental health evaluation.
- Subject was a black female.
- Husband of female wanted her petitioned for an evaluation.
- Female did not comply and was restrained with force and had to be taken to the ground and secured for a medical transport.
- No injuries.
- Body camera was viewed.

22-013

- CFS 22-0008553
- 05/7/2022 2:41 pm
- Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and determined that the vehicle was stolen.
- Suspect was a black female.
- Officers conducted a felony stop on the vehicle to effect arrest of the suspect.
- Firearms were displayed during the stop and she was taken into custody without incident.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-014

- CFS 22-0008590
- 05/8/2022 3:09 am
- Officers were dispatched to assist the Flat Rock Police Department with a vehicle that was fleeing.
- Officers pursued the vehicle, and it came to a stop.
- Officers conducted a felony stop and displayed their firearms to gain compliance and aid in the arrest.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-015

- CFS 22-0009331
- 05/17/2022 9:24 am
- Officers were dispatched to Summit High School for a lockdown due to drugs and a fake pistol being located on school grounds.
- Officers arrived and located a male and female suspect.
- Officers had to take the male suspect to the ground to affect the arrest.
- Suspect was a black male
- Officers had to take the female to the ground to affect arrest and recover her cell phone to be used as evidence in the investigation.
- No injuries were reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-016

- CFS 22-0009393
- 05/18/2022 3:10 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 28000 block of Beechwood for a possible overdose.
- Subject was a white male.
- Subject had a felony warrant out of the Southfield Police Department.
- Subject resisted Officers placing him into handcuffs.
- Muscling and a Taser display were used to gain compliance.
- Subject started having medical symptoms and became suicidal.
- Subject was transported to the hospital.
- No Injuries.
- Body camera reviewed.

22-017

- CFS 22-0009853
- 05/21/2022, 10:58 AM
- Officers were dispatched to the 28000 block of Beechwood for a possible breaking and entering.
- A white male suspect was located near the residence matching the description given by the caller.
- Male fled upon seeing officers.
- Officers pursued the male on foot, and he was taken into custody at gunpoint.
- No injuries.
- Body camera observed.

22-018

- CFS 22-0009786
- 05/24/2022, 3:30PM
- Officers were dispatched to the 28000 block of Beechwood for a unwanted male at the residence.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Suspect had a felony warrant.
- Officers arrested the male and had to use physical muscling to secure him into their patrol vehicle.
- Male was petitioned to the hospital.
- No injuries.
- Body camera observed.

22-019

- CFS 22-0009860
- 05/26/2022, 1:44AM
- Officer stopped a suspect for an OWI investigation.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Suspect refused to exit his vehicle and physically resisted arrest for the violation.
- Officers had to physically remove the male from the vehicle and take him to the ground.
- Officers had to use muscling techniques to get the male's hands cuffed behind his back.
- No injuries.
- Body camera observed.

22-020

- CFS 22-0011123
- 06/12/2022, 10:23 PM
- Officers were dispatched to the 21000 block of Middlebelt Road for a reported commercial alarm.
- The responding Officer located a male suspect going through a garbage can by the rear door.
- Officer attempted to contact the male to identify him. Male resisted the officer after being told to remove his hands from his pockets.
- Officer had to use muscling techniques and a Taser display to gain control of the male and effect the arrest.
- No injuries.
- Body camera observed.

22-021

- CFS 22-0011196
- 06/13/2022, 3:18PM
- Officer conducted a traffic stop for a stop sign violation near Castelle and Bordeau Drive.
- Male refused to provide the officer with his documents required by state law.
- Officer used muscling and pressure points in attempt to remove the male from the vehicle to effect an arrest.
- Officer used a Taser display, which also failed to gain compliance.
- Muscling was used to force the male from the vehicle when other officers arrived on scene.
- The male was arrested.
- No injuries.
- Body camera observed.

22-022

- CFS 22-0011315
- 06/15/2022, 6:41 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 28000 block of West Road reference a trespassing complaint. Further investigation led to a male offender being arrested for domestic violence, B&E, and possession of drugs.
- Offender was a white male.
- Male fled the scene and was later located.
- Officers had to use muscling techniques to take the male into custody when they were met with physical resistance.
- No injuries.
- Body camera observed.

22-023

- CFS 22-0011376
- 06/16/2022, 8:32PM
- Officer conducted a traffic stop and arrested the female driver for OWI – Alcohol.
- Officer attempted to arrest the female passenger who was suspected of having open alcohol in the vehicle.
- Both females were black females.
- Female passenger refused to identify herself for the crime she was committing and was arrested.
- Officers were met with resistance from the female suspect.
- Officers used muscling techniques and took the female to the ground and arrested her.
- No injuries.
- Body camera observed.

22-024

- CFS 22-012571
- 7/1/2022 9:19 pm
- Officers were dispatched to Chapps Landing truck stop for a report of a malicious destruction of property.
- Witnesses provided officers with a description of the suspect.
- Suspect was a white male.
- An officer located the suspect and conducted a traffic stop.
- Upon approaching the vehicle, the suspect reversed and struck the officer's patrol vehicle.
- Officers removed the male from the vehicle and took him to the ground using a straight armbar takedown.
- Suspect was taken into custody.
- No injuries.
- Body camera was observed.

22-025

- CFS 22-0012576
- 7/01/2022 10:52 pm
- An officer was dispatched to Henry Ford Brownstown to assist another HTPD officer with a female that was arrested for OWI and was now making suicidal statements at the hospital.
- While attempting to place the female into the patrol vehicle to be transported to Beaumont Taylor to be petitioned, she pulled away and officers had to muscle her into the back seat of the patrol vehicle to be safely transported to the hospital.
- Suspect was a white female.
- No injuries were observed, but female made claims of hitting her head. Images were taken before female was petitioned at the hospital.
- Body camera was observed.

22-026

- CFS 22-0012775
- 7/4/2022 7:36 am
- Officers were dispatched to the 21000 block of Lafons Ln. on report of multiple 911 calls stating that a physical altercation took place involving a knife.
- Officers arrived and located the suspect and advised her she was being detained for the investigation.
- Suspect was a white female.
- The suspect fled on foot and was pursued by responding officers.
- A responding officer gave verbal commands and pointed his Taser at her to gain compliance.
- She was petitioned to the hospital for a mental health evaluation based on circumstances surrounding the incident.
- No injuries were reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-027

- CFS 22-0013632
- 7-17-22 1:30 am
- Officer observed a vehicle run a red light and attempted to stop the vehicle for the red-light violation.
- Officer pursued the vehicle for several miles before it came to a stop in the city of Romulus.
- Once backup arrived on scene, Officers conducted a felony stop on the vehicle.
- The suspect was a black female.
- The suspect refused to exit her vehicle and Officers had to break her window and remove her from the vehicle.
- The female resisted and was taken down with a straight armbar takedown.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-028

- CFS 22-0013817
- 7-20-22 5:04 am
- Officers were dispatched to the 27000 block of Versailles Ln for a reported domestic violence.
- Suspect was a white female.
- Officer attempted to effect an arrest on the female suspect and was met with resistance.
- Officer had to use muscling and a wrist lock to effect an arrest on the suspect.
- No injuries were reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-029

- CFS 22-0013817
- 7-20-22 5:04 am
- Officers were dispatched to the 27000 block of Versailles Ln for a reported domestic violence.
- Suspect was a white male with a felony warrant with Huron Twp PD.
- Officers located the male suspect hiding inside of the residence.
- Officers drew their weapons and effected an arrest of the male without incident.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-030

- CFS 22-0014515
- 7-30-22 7:38 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 29000 block of Hazelwood for a reported domestic violence.
- The victim who resided at the residence gave officers permission to enter and look for the suspect.
- Suspect was a black male.
- Suspect gave resistance during the arrest and conveyance to the jail.
- Officers used firearm display, Taser display, pressure points, and muscling to gain compliance and effect the arrest.
- No injuries were reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-031

- CFS 22-0014612
- 8-1-22 10:40 am
- Officers were dispatched to the 22000 block of Verdun reference a possible breaking and entering at the residence.
- The caller gave information that there was an unknown male and female inside of a home that was sold and was supposed to be vacant.
- The suspects were a black male and a black female.
- Officers entered the residence and cleared it with their firearms drawn.
- Officers aimed their weapons to gain compliance and complete the investigation.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-032

- CFS 22-0014883
- 8-4-22 12:26 pm
- Officer picked up a female on a warrant at the Monroe County Sheriffs Office.
- Offender was a white female.
- Officers attempted to place the female offender into a cell and were met with physical resistance from the female.
- Officers used muscling and pressure points to gain compliance and get the female offender secured into a cell to await arraignment.
- No injuries were reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-033

- CFS 22-0014990
- 8-5-22 2:15 pm
- Officers were dispatched to the 23000 block of Somerset Road reference a possible breaking and entering complaint.
- A neighbor advised that they witnessed a female climbing into a window at the residence.
- Suspect was a black female.
- Officers announced their presence and were greeted at the door by the suspect.
- Firearm display was used until the scene was secure due to the nature of the offense.
- No injuries were reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-034

- CFS 22-0015031
- 8-6-22 3:05 am
- Officers were dispatched to the 20000 block of Wahrman Road reference a shooting that resulted in the death of a male at the location.
- Multiple suspects were at the location as it was a large party.
- Firearm display was used by all responding officers to secure the scene and gain compliance based on the nature of the incident. Firearm display was also used when the residence was cleared and secured as a crime scene.
- No injuries were reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-035

- CFS 22-0015367
- 8-12-22 2:30 am
- Officers were dispatched to a rollover crash at NB I-275 near Huron River Drive.
- The suspect fled the scene and was banging on the door of a nearby residence.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Suspect fled when officers were spotted.
- Suspect was located and firearm display was used to gain compliance. Muscling was also used during the arrest.

22-036

- CFS 22-0016739
- 8-29-22 2:49 am
- Officers were dispatched to the 29000 block of Grix Road reference a suicidal female that was firing a firearm in the backyard of the residence.
- Suspect was a white female.
- Officers located the female in the back yard and gave her verbal commands to comply.
- The female failed to listen to officer direction and was tased. (Note the status of the weapon in question was unknown)
- Female was petitioned for a psychiatric evaluation at a local hospital.
- No injuries other than probe wounds from the Taser.
- Body camera was observed.

22-037

- CFS 22-0017150
- 9-1-22 10:27 pm
- Officer conducted a traffic stop on a possible stolen vehicle.
- Officers conducted a felony stop on the vehicle and used firearm display to gain compliance.
- Suspects were a white male and a white female.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-038

- CFS 22-0020232
- 10-12-22 7:15 pm
- Officer was investigating a domestic assault at Beaumont Trenton Hospital.
- Officer witnessed a male swing on a male nurse, almost striking him.
- Officer used muscling techniques to gain control of the suspect.
- Suspect was a white male.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-039

- CFS 22-0021583
- Officers were dispatched to the 19000 block of Savage Road reference a domestic assault investigation.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Suspect walked towards a rifle sitting near the area.
- Officer used verbal commands, muscling, and a hip toss to gain compliance and keep the male from possibly accessing the firearm.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera was observed.

22-040

- CFS 22-0021585
- Officers were dispatched to the 29000 block of Pine for a suicidal female that had cut herself.
- Suspect was a female.
- Female resisted officers attempting to gain control of her for a mental health evaluation.
- Officers used a straight armbar takedown to gain compliance.
- No injuries reported.
- Body camera observed.

22-041

- CFS 22-0022202
- 11-6-22 8:00 am
- Officers were dispatched to the BP Gas Station located at Middlebelt and Sibley Road for a male passed out behind the wheel at the gas pump.
- Officers responded and attempted to conduct an OWI investigation.
- Suspect was a white male.
- Suspect refused to comply and told officers he was not going to allow them to arrest him.
- Officers attempted to use muscling and a straight armbar takedown to gain compliance to no avail. Officer deployed Taser probes which were successful in gaining compliance of the suspect.
- Suspect was taken into custody.
- No injuries besides the probe wounds.
- Body camera was observed.

Review of 2021 recommendations:

Based on review and analysis of the 2021 Use of force review, the following recommendations were made:

- ***Continue to challenge our Firearms and taser instructors to provide scenarios based on real world events to assist in developing critical decision making by sworn staff.***

In 2022 we blended our Firearms and taser training together to allow for multiple scenario-based training in the switching from lethal to non-lethal force while under stress.

- ***Implementation of an in house PPCT training regimen to give officers tools to control physically uncooperative suspects.***

We completed the training of two Officers in PPCT (Threat pattern recognition) and Krav Maga and held training of all the Huron Township Police officers in threat recognition, weapon retention, and Pressure point tactics, and handcuffing.

CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION

The ratio of officer / citizen contacts resulting in a use of force is exceptionally low at 0.00154%.

Huron Township Police continue to use sound hiring practices, thorough pre-employment background investigations, and supplying excellent officer training and state of the art equipment. Huron Township Police Department retains a Continue thigh level of professionalism, and accountability.

Based on the 2022 use of force review, the following recommendations are being made.

- Continue to challenge our Firearms and taser instructors to provide scenarios based on real world events to assist in developing critical decision making by sworn staff.
- Continue the movement towards State accreditation through MLEAC.
- Continue to seek relevant training that trains to replicate Real-Life Scenarios
- Continue to ensure that all staff receive De-Escalation and Implicit Bias training
- Continue the use of body worn cameras along with in-car video and conduct random reviews of footage to ensure professionalism by patrol staff.
- Continue to review and discuss real-world police use of force events both regionally and nationally with staff as a way to learn and reflect.
- Continue to build community partnerships through transparency and trust which will ultimately decrease use of force incidents.