

An Analysis of Force Within the Louisville Metro Police Department

Dear Louisville Metro Police Department,

Although the district assignment of individual officers is not known and this could have the effect of selectively altering my findings, with the data provided to me I have constructed a brief, but thorough, analysis of the department's use-of-force incidents and altercations. To distinguish the severity of some of the UOF tactics, a subset list of 'violent' interactions was also determined to be any UOF listed as "take down", "hobble", "ecw cartridge deployed", "knee strike(s)", "12 ga. sock round", "take-down", "impact weapon", "kick", and "deadly force used".

Of the services rendered that ended up in any use of force, the top three included **501** instances where it stemmed from a 'call for a service', **177** instances where it stemmed from 'effecting an arrest', and **85** instances where it was 'self initiated'. The services rendered that led to the top three amounts of 'violent' interactions included **119** instances of a 'call for a service', **32** instances of 'effecting an arrest', and **19** instances of being 'self initiated'. The top citizen influences that led to the use of any force include **260** instances where they were 'excited' and **165** instances where they were 'emotionally disturbed'. Inexplicably force was also used on **2** citizens that were cooperative and **102** citizens that were normal. The use of violence as the first method of force also surprisingly was only successful/effective **79.9%** of the time. Many times officers had to result to a second, third, or even forth means of force to be effective.

Delving deeper into which officers were the most prone to using force and subsequent 'violent' force, officers *Christopher Maybody*, *Daniel Day*, *Jeffrey Emerich*, and *Joshua Weyer* all topped the list of having **9** interactions with citizens that ended up in force. Officer *Dontae Booker* topped the list of violent interactions at **4**. Certain officers were also more prone to using violence as a first means of force. A name of note is officer *Demetrius Latham* who had **3** use of force interactions and *all three* of them ended up in a use of force that was deemed as 'violent'. Other officers of note that were prone to using violence as their first means of force include officer *Brian Hamblen* who had a **75%** rate of using violence as a first means of force and officers *James Calhoun* and *John Chenault* who both had a **67%** of using violence as a first means of force.

Looking at violent uses of force when considering racial prejudice, of the top ten number of times violent force was used, **8** of those times it was against black individuals. *Beau Gadegaard*, *Brian Evanoff*, and *Dontae Booker* all ranked as the top three officers that used violent force the most against African American individuals. Interestingly for officers *Beau Gadegaard* and *Brain Evanoff*, all of the **4** times they used violent forces of action it was exclusively on African American individuals. **539** times force was used on African, Asian, Hispanic, and Other individuals and **449** times it was used on white individuals. Through my analysis I have come to see a certain trend in violent force used disproportionately on African American men and an overall quickness in violence as a first measure of force by the police department