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Subject: 2023 Use of Force Report

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Date	Incident Type	Force Type	Details	Within Policy	Demographics	Injury
1/12/2023	Suicidal Person	Soft Hands	Officers responded to a person who had reported a suicide attempt. Officers were able to talk the subject into hospital transport by ambulance. Inside the ambulance the subject began biting, striking & spitting at medics and officers. One officer used a soft hands technique to prevent the subject from injuring themselves or others.	Yes	1 White Female	None
1/31/2023	High Risk Traffic Stop	Firearm Display	SAPD Officers assisted adjoining jurisdiction with high risk felony traffic stop of vehicle occupants that fled from other agency.	Yes	1 White Female	None
2/18/2023	High Risk Traffic Stop	Firearm Display	SAPD Officers assisted Ramsey Co Sheriff's Office with high risk felony traffic stop of vehicle possibly connected to homicide in St. Paul.	Yes	1 Black Male	None
2/19/2023	Weapons Violations	Firearm Display / Taser Display	Officers investigating suspicious activity in a residential area detained one adult male who then fled on foot and was later located and arrested. A handgun illegally modified to fire fully automatic with extended magazine was recovered.	Yes	1 Black Male	None
2/21/2023	Stolen Vehicle / Residential Burglary	Firearm Display / Less Lethal Display	Officers located a stolen vehicle. The suspect fled on foot from the vehicle and was later tracked to a residence where he had entered the garage and hid in the rafters. Officers resolved the incident through verbal commands and arrested one male suspect.	Yes	1 White Male	None



2/22/2023	Assault	Soft Hands, Hard Hands, Taser	Officers responded to a 911 call of a domestic assault at a business. Suspect became combative and fought Officers attempting to make an arrest. Several other involved subjects then began to interfere with the arrest, also became combative and began fighting with Officers. Additional back up was called. Officers pointed a Taser at one of the male subjects who advanced aggressively while Officers were on the ground. Two Officers were injured after being punched in the face and suffering lacerations to the neck, mouth, hands and wrists.	Yes	1 Black Male 3 Black Females	2 Officers
3/10/2023	High Risk Traffic Stop	Firearm Display	Officers conducted a high risk traffic stop procedure on a vehicle in which the owner had a felony Department of Corrections violation warrant.	Yes	1 Black Female	None
3/21/2023	Theft	Firearm Display	Officers responded to a theft in which multiple suspects fled from a business. Multiple suspects arrested on theft offense and outstanding warrants.	Yes	1 Black Male	None
3/30/2023	High Risk Traffic Stop	Firearm Display / Soft Hands	Officers assisted Ramsey County with a high-risk traffic stop technique involving a vehicle linked to a drive-by shooting.	Yes	1 Black Male 1 Black Female	None
4/1/2023	Weapons Violations	Firearm Display	During a DWI arrest, in which the vehicle was speeding and attempted to evade police, Officers recovered a loaded 9mm pistol with a scratched off serial number.	Yes	1 Asian Male	None
4/18/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers called upon to prevent self-harm by subject running into traffic, facilitate transport to hospital.	Yes	1 White Female	None
5/1/2023	High Risk Traffic Stop	Firearm Display	Arrest of a driver with an outstanding warrant who attempted to evade officers in a motor vehicle and failed to comply verbal commands.	Yes	1 White Male	None
5/4/2023	Violate Domestic Abuse Order	Soft Hands	Arrest of a subject violating a domestic abuse no- contact order, refused to exit vehicle or comply with multiple verbal commands after being told he was under arrest.	Yes	1 Black Male	None



5/7/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers responded to stop subject from acts of self harm, and hitting, kicking, spitting and attempting to bite personnel on scene before transport to hospital for care.	Yes	1 White Female	None
5/9/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers assisted medics with subject attempting to injure themselves and spit on responders.	Yes	1 White Female	None
5/11/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers summoned to prevent subject from self harm, running into traffic.	Yes	1 Black Female	None
5/11/2023	Flee Police in Motor Vehicle	Firearm Display / Soft Hands	Officers located a vehicle that had fled from them earlier. Suspect refused to comply with commands upon being told he was under arrest, refused to exit vehicle, struggled with Officers once removed from car, continued to fight with Officers on the ground.	Yes	1 White Male	1 Suspect
5/13/2023	Obstructing Legal Process	Soft Hands	Suspect arrested on a warrant, refused to comply with Officer commands, tried to prevent Officer from handcuffing/effecting lawful arrest.	Yes	1 White Male	None
5/16/2023	Trespass	Firearm Display	Officers were called to a reported burglary, located one suspect on scene who was determined to be trespassing.	Yes	1 White Male	None
5/19/2023	Assault With a Dangerous Weapon	Firearm Display	Officers responded to the scene of an altercation to find a small group of people actively fighting, two victims were assaulted. One victim was stabbed with a knife as the first Officer arrived. One suspect was arrested and the knife recovered.	Yes	1 Black Female	None
5/23/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officer restrained suicidal subject from causing self harm, walking into traffic.	Yes	1 White Female	None
5/29/2023	Tamper With Vehicle / Warrant Arrest / Obstructing Legal Process	Hard Hands / Soft Hands	Suspect ignored Officers' commands upon being told he was under arrest, refused and physically resisted Officer attempts to handcuff forcing Officers to resort to control techniques to effect the arrest.	Yes	1 White Male	None
5/29/2023	High Risk Traffic Stop	Firearm Display	Officer located and arrested a suspect wanted for domestic assault involving a butcher knife.	Yes	1 White Male	None



6/4/2023	Disorderly Conduct	Soft Hands	Subject called to trespass an intoxicated male challenging people to fight him. Subject refused to comply with Officer verbal commands, became physically aggressive and challenging to Officer trying to remove handcuffs.	Yes	1 White Male	None
6/5/2023	Suicidal Person	Soft Hands	Officers assisted other agency who was dealing with a suicidal male walking into traffic on the highway. Intoxicated subject refused to comply with Officer requests stay out of traffic lanes and attempted to push past Officers.	Yes	1 Black Male	None
6/12/2023	Suicidal Person	Soft Hands	Officers called to intervene in threatened suicide, brought uncooperative subject to ambulance for immediate care.	Yes	1 White Female	None
6/14/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers called to person in mental health crisis who brandished a knife, threatening family members. Officers attempted to negotiate with subject to peacefully go to hospital via ambulance. After extensive period, Officers attempted to escort the subject, who struggled with police and medics, kicking one Officer in the groin.	Yes	1 White Male	None
6/19/2023	Assault With a Dangerous Weapon	Firearm Display	Officers assisted other agency with high-risk traffic stop technique of two persons suspected of assault involving a firearm.	Yes	2 Black Males	None
6/20/2023	Overdose / Interfere With EMS	Soft Hands	Officers assisted other agency on an opioid overdose of a juvenile runaway. Third party subject interfered with Officer attempts to provide livesaving medical care, knocking off Officer's bodyworn camera.	Yes	1 Black Male	None
6/21/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Suicidal person with a razor blade refusing to allow Officers to speak with him, attempted to flee in public area.	Yes	1 White Male	None
6/24/2023	Person In Crisis / Domestic	Soft Hands	911 call with sounds of a struggle and male calling for help. Officers encountered parties on scene who reported being assaulted. Subject attempted to flee, then punch Officer before being restrained.	Yes	1 Asian Male	None



6/28/2023	Suspicious Act	Soft Hands	Police responded to a party sitting on the roof of a closed business with his feet "dangling over the edge". Subject refused to identify himself or comply with Officer commands to sit in patrol car.	Yes	1 White Male	None
7/1/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers responded to a suicidal person who had cut themselves with broken glass. Party fled on foot and was unwilling to respond to Officer requests to go to a hospital. Party made suicidal comments and tried to continue to flee until restrained to be transported by ambulance to a hospital.	Yes	1 White Female	None
7/9/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers responded to a suicidal person holding a knife and gallon of bleach, threatened to commit suicide after first killing police. Party refused to comply with verbal commands, fought with Officers trying to restrain party from continued self harm before transport to hospital via ambulance.	Yes	1 White Female	None
7/10/2023	Runaway	Soft Hands	Party that had eloped from a group home was found walking in the middle of roadway, refused to get into patrol car and out of roadway. Officers deescalated and followed subject to ensure his safety as he walked home.	Yes	1 White Male	None
7/20/2023	Weapons Violations / Warrant Arrest	Firearm Display	Police were called to investigate a suspicious vehicle, finding two unconscious parties inside, with a handgun visible and within occupant reach. Upon waking and removing the occupants, Officers discovered and secured the weapon. Firearm pointed until suspects / weapons secured. One occupant was found to be prohibited from possessing the firearm, second occupant wanted on a felony warrant for burglary.	Yes	1 White Female 1 Black Male	None
7/21/2003	Robbery	Firearm Display	Aggravated robbery of a business, suspect threatened to shoot employees. Suspect fled on foot, located hiding in wooded area. Firearm pointed until suspect surrendered.	Yes	1 Black Male	None



7/22/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Subject with escalating behavior, actively harming herself (striking her head repeatedly on pavement). Attempted to hit, grab, kick, and spit on Officers trying to get her to an ambulance. Continued to fight inside ambulance.	Yes	1 White Female	None
7/23/2023	Warrant Arrest	Soft Hands	Officers called to remove intoxicated disorderly person from a business. Subject arrested on two active warrants. Once at the PD, subject resisted being brought out to patrol car for transport by bracing foot against wall, forcing Officers to pull leg off wall, then refused to sit in patrol car.	Yes	1 White Male	None
7/26/2023	Theft	Firearm Display	Police called to a theft in progress at business, multiple suspects involved. Suspects located in a vehicle, one suspect fled on foot, but located. Second suspect arrested on a felony warrant.	Yes	1 Native American Female	None
7/26/2023	Suspicious Activity	Taser Display	Police called to check a suspicious vehicle with a firearm inside in plain view. Officers found the vehicle occupied. Occupant did not respond to multiple commands to exit vehicle, taser pointed until compliance achieved.	Yes	1 White Male	None
8/12/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers responded to a child reporting her intoxicated mother acting erratically and exhibiting paranoia, believing she may have been poisoned while at a bar and that there was a conspiracy to kill her. Subject became non-compliant, attempted to leave before ambulance arrived. Officers forced to hold onto subject to prevent harm and be transported to a hospital by ambulance.	Yes	1 White Female	None
8/13/2023	Assist Other Agency	Firearm Display	Officers assisted adjoining jurisdiction in arrest of a male wanted for felony domestic assault, theft and criminal damage to property. Suspect was armed with a taser, refusing to surrender. Officer pointed a firearm toward the subject covering other Officers attempting to negotiate a peaceful outcome. Situation peacefully resolved, suspect taken into custody without incident.	Yes	1 White Male	None



8/14/2024	Disorderly	Taser	Officers responded to a call of a male attempting to	Yes	1 White Male	None
	Conduct	Display	jump onto vehicles at an intersection. Also tried to			
			get onto a passing motorcycle. Male located			
			walking on Hwy 280. Subject confronted officers,			
			refused to comply with verbal commands. Officer			
			displayed a Taser to prevent a physical altercation.			
			Subject peacefully taken into custody for transport			
			to a hospital via ambulance.			
8/18/2023	High Risk Traffic	Firearm	Traffic stop of a vehicle listed to a male with several	Yes	1 Black Male	None
	Stop	Display	felony warrants, including robbery, fleeing police in			
			motor vehicle and receiving stolen property. High			
			risk traffic stop technique employed to safely bring			
			driver into custody.			
8/21/2023	Assist Other	Firearm	Officers assisted several other agencies who had	Yes	1 Black Male	None
	Agency	Display	pursued 2 vehicles fleeing from police. Upon			
			stopping, a male reported to be armed with a gun			
			fled into a swampy area. After the suspect was			
			located by a K-9, Officers briefly displayed firearms			
			until the suspect was safely taken into custody.			
8/23/2023	Assist Other	Soft Hands /	Suspect crashed his vehicle while fleeing from	Yes	1 Black Male	1 Suspect
	Agency	Firearms	police from nearby agencies. Officers immediately			
		Display	checked the welfare of the suspect, who then			
			refused to comply with commands to exit the			
			vehicle. Officers briefly displayed firearms before			
			pulling the suspect from the crashed vehicle. The			
			suspect attempted to prevent officers from			
			handcuffing him. Officers pulled his hands into			
			position for handcuffing.			



9/7/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers were approached by a male displaying volatile and manic behavior, smashing chunks of concrete on the sidewalk. Believing he was in mental health crisis, Officers spent over an hour attempting to convince him to go to the hospital via ambulance. Upon entry into the ambulance, medics requested he sit to receive care and transport. The subject refused several requests and did not respond to continuous de-escalation efforts. Officers noticed the subject looking at items on their belts, that the subject took an aggressive stance, held a clenched fist as if intending to throw	Yes	1 White Male	None
9/8/2023	High Risk Traffic Stop / Flee in Motor Vehicle	Firearm Display	a punch. Officers held onto the subject and assisted medics in restraining him to the stretcher for transport to the hospital. Officers conducted a high risk traffic stop of a subject wanted on a felony Dept of Corrections release violation warrant. A safety alert was attached to the suspect's file for "weapons -firearm, fleeing police, disorderly conduct, obstruct legal process". Firearms were briefly pointed at the uncooperative subject who refused to exit his vehicle, then fled from the traffic stop in the vehicle. SAPD did not pursue the suspect. The suspect was later pursued by another agency, involved in a	Yes	1 White Male	None
9/15/2023	DWI	Taser Display / Firearm Display	crash and was arrested by a nearby agency. Officers employed a high risk traffic stop technique of a vehicle that had previously fled from police. Driver initially did not comply with commands. Officers briefly pointed a taser and a firearm at subject until she complied with commands and was safely taken into custody.	Yes	1 White Female	None



9/20/2023	High Risk Traffic Stop	Firearm Display	High risk traffic stop procedure conducted on a vehicle with alerts on file for the owner for numerous violent offenses, including: domestic assault, 2nd degree assault, 4th degree assault, 5th degree assault, possession of weapons, violating an order for protection, possession of ammo/firearm, and 2nd degree drugs. Officers displayed firearms until occupants were safely taken into custody without incident.	Yes	1 Black Male 1 Black Female	None
10/1/2023	Theft	Soft Hands	Theft suspect located walking away from scene. Suspect refused to cooperate with investigation, attempted to walk away and told officer he "was not going to jail". Suspect then "squared off" with the officer. Officer informed suspect that he was going to pat him down and refused request to place hands behind his back. Officers attempted to place suspect's hands behind his back while he resisted, escort hold briefly used until handcuffs applied, officers de-escalated, subject became compliant.	Yes	1 White Male	None
10/4/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Officers responded to an intoxicated female who made suicidal threats to her husband and juvenile daughter. Subject placed on an emergency mental health hold, but refused to go with ambulance. Subject would not respond to pleas for cooperation or de-escalation tactics. Officers escorted subject by the arms to the ambulance for transport to the hospital.	Yes	1 White Female	None
10/7/2023	Flee Police in Motor Vehicle	Firearm Display	Suspect vehicle fled from officer attempting a traffic stop. Squad did not pursue. Vehicle located a short time later in the area, and stopped for police. High-risk traffic stop procedure conducted. Firearm displayed until suspect safely brought into custody. Suspect determined to be driving while impaired.	Yes	1 White Male	None



10/8/2023	Intoxicated Person	Soft Hands	Police called to a business for an intoxicated male. Suspect pushed officer immediately upon arrival. Suspect placed in an escort hold, handcuffed and escorted outside to patrol car. Upon calming, suspect was released to the care of a third party.	Yes	1 White Male	None
10/16/2023	Assist Other Agency	Soft Hands	Officers responded to assist another agency with an uncooperative female obstructing their attempts to impound a vehicle. Suspect refused to comply with multiple requests to comply with commands and informed she was obstructing their duties. Officers forced to use an escort hold to gain compliance for handcuffing and arrest.	Yes	1 White Female	None
10/18/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Police responded to assist another agency in locating and checking the welfare of an autistic male in mental health crisis. When located, officers attempted to establish communication with him, however he made several attempts to flee. Officers held onto the subject to prevent him from running away before being transported home.	Yes	1 Black Male	None
11/10/2023	Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Fire Department requested police assistance with a suicidal person in crisis. Subject was attempting to kick, punch, and bite medics who were treating her. Officers assisted fire personnel holding the subject in a seated position to prevent injury to medics or subject until ambulance arrived for transport to a hospital.	Yes	1 White Female	None
11/15/2023	Burglary	Firearm Display	Multiple callers reported observing several unknown males armed with guns in hand enter a home. Officers displayed firearms to hold coverage while subjects exited from the home. Parties were initially uncooperative. Home owner was contacted and responded to the scene. Incident resolved peacefully.	Yes	2 Black Males	None



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11/16/2023	Domestic / Person In Crisis	Soft Hands	Parent requested help from police following a physical altercation with her son. Officers determined the son was experiencing a mental health crisis. Parent insisted son be transported to a hospital. After exhaustive attempts to negotiate with the male to cooperate with medics, male made attempts to flee the home. Officers held onto son to prevent flight. Male became physically combative with medics. Officers assisted with restraining and securing the male in the ambulance for transport to hospital.	Yes	1 White Male	None
11/17/2023	Assist Other Agency	Firearm Display	Officers responded to assist adjoining jurisdiction searching for suspects who fled another metro police agency in a vehicle during night time hours. Two suspects fled from the abandoned suspect vehicle and were found in the backyard of a residence hiding in a child's playhouse. Firearms briefly pointed at suspects until their surrender without further incident.	Yes	1 White Male 1 Black Male	None
11/18/2023	Flee Police on Foot	Firearm Display / Taser Display / Soft Hands	Suspect ran from a vehicle during a traffic stop, refused to obey commands to stop. Later found hiding under a semi-trailer, refused to show hands. Officer covered suspect with his firearm, then immediately transitioned to a Taser upon approaching. Suspect refused to surrender to arrest, resisted attempts to handcuff. Officer delivered one "drive stun" to suspect who buried hands underneath him to prevent handcuffing. Officers de-escalated, grabbed suspect's hands to pull arms arm from under him, cuffed suspect without further force or escalation necessary. Medics called for suspect evaluation. Suspect refused treatment from medics. Suspect arrested on felony warrants for prohibited possession of a firearm and domestic assault.	Yes	1 Black Male	1 Suspect



11/25/2023	High Risk Traffc Stop	Firearm Display	High risk traffic stop procedure of a vehicle with an alert attached for fleeing from St. Paul police. Officers covered vehicle briefly with firearms until occupants exited and complied with verbal commands. Resolved without incident.	Yes	2 Black Females	None
11/27/2023	Domestic	Soft Hands	Officers responded to a domestic during which male subject repeatedly confronted a female Officer, refused requests to maintain distance. Officer used soft hand techniques to maintain safe distancing and guide subject to an exit. Subject allowed to leave without further escalation	Yes	1 Black Male	None
12/9/2023	Fight	Soft Hands	Officers were called to a restaurant/bar for several people fighting. Officers located a suspect being held down by another male as a female attempted to assault one of them. Subjects refused to comply with Officer commands to disengage each other. Officers had to intervene and restrained uncooperative parties briefly until calm was restored.	Yes	1 White Male 1 White Female	None



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SUMMARY

Total Incidents	Total Reviewed by Supervisors	Total Within Policy	Total Number of Injuries to Subjects	Total Number of Injuries to Officers
65	65	65	3	2

SUBJECT DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

WHITE MALE	24
WHITE FEMALE	14
BLACK MALE	22
BLACK FEMALE	10
ASIAN MALE	2
ASIAN FEMALE	0

NATIVE AMERICAN MALE	0
NATIVE AMERICAN FEMALE	1
UNKNOWN	0
TOTAL	73

PERCENTAGE OF PUBLIC CONTACT THAT RESULTED IN FORCE

Approximate Number of Public Contacts	Number of Contacts Resulting in Use of Force	Percentage of Public Contacts that Resulted in Use of Force
8497	65	.76%

This report was prepared according to St. Anthony PD Policy #300.13 – Use of Force Analysis. Per policy I have researched and found no evidence for the following:

- a. The identification of any trends in the use of force by members. No trends have been identified.
- b. Training needs recommendations. I have not identified any need for additional training beyond the current department training curriculum.
- c. Equipment needs recommendations. No specific equipment needs have been identified.
- d. Policy revision recommendations. No policy revision recommendations.