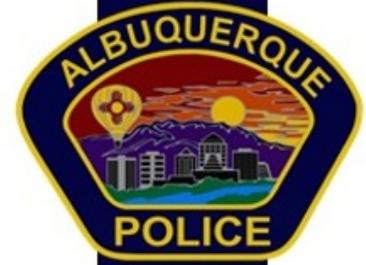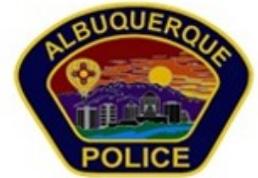# Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Use of Force Report

January 2024

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Total Use of Force Events - January 2024

This report provides a monthly overview of use of force events involving Albuquerque Police Department (APD) personnel. APD is committed to using force to achieve lawful objectives in instances where use of force is objectively reasonable, necessary, minimal, and proportional given the totality of circumstances (see SOP 2-52: Use of Force – General). When force is not consistent with these standards of conduct (SOP 2-52: Use of Force-General), APD takes corrective actions which may include discipline.

APD's jurisdiction includes the City of Albuquerque which is divided into six Area Commands. In the map below, Southeast Area Command is split into "SE University" and "Southeast". University Area Command is a Pilot Area Command and their force cases are combined with Southeast Area Command in this report.

Force is categorized into three levels based on APD policy. For more information on APD's Standard Operating Procedures, see: https://public.powerdms.com/COA

Total Use of Force Cases by Area Command and Level of Force

|	Force Level			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Grand Total
Foothills	2	3	1	6
Northeast	2	7	1	10
Northwest	1	3	0	4
Southeast	6	16	1	23
Southwest	3	6	1	10
Valley	2	2	2	6
Out of Area				
Grand Total	16	36	6	58

Locations of Use of Force Cases
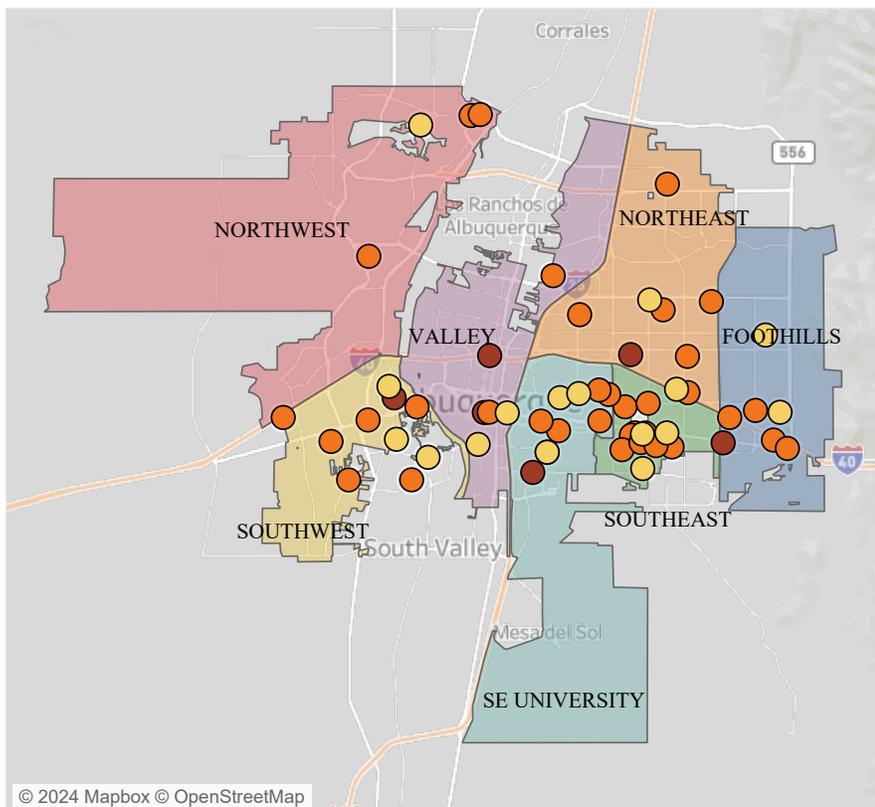

Force Level
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3

Note: Most force investigations in this report are open investigations since it reflects the previous month of data. As such, figures in this report are preliminary and subject to change as use of force investigations progress.
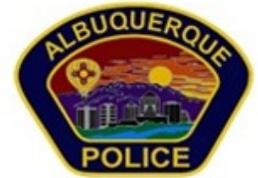
Use of Force Totals by Month - Past 12 Months

APD tracks use of force data over time to examine trends in use of force. For annual trends, see APD's Annual Use of Force Reports. This page reports monthly totals of all use of force for APD.

Total Uses of Force by Month and Level of Force
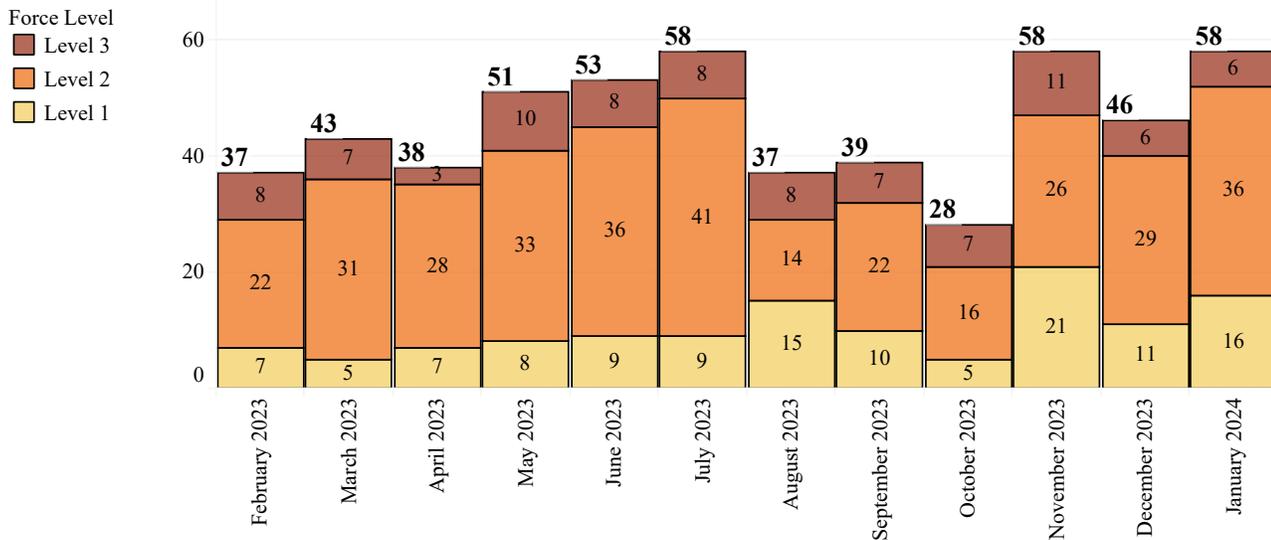
Total Uses of Force by Month and Area Command

		February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	Grand Total
Foothills	Level 1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	17
	Level 2	4	2	2	4	3	2	0	6	1	4	2	3	33
	Level 3	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
Northeast	Level 1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	8	2	2	26
	Level 2	6	5	6	5	10	10	2	2	2	3	5	7	63
	Level 3	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Northwest	Level 1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	7
	Level 2	0	0	2	3	4	7	2	1	1	0	0	3	23
	Level 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	6
Southeast	Level 1	1	1	0	2	2	3	6	3	1	4	2	6	31
	Level 2	10	11	9	11	12	8	4	5	7	12	13	16	118
	Level 3	1	4	1	5	2	4	3	1	1	3	2	1	28
Southwest	Level 1	1	1	3	2	3	0	3	1	1	1	4	3	23
	Level 2	0	7	6	4	3	4	1	2	2	2	2	6	39
	Level 3	3	1	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	14
Valley	Level 1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	4	1	2	19
	Level 2	3	6	4	5	4	10	5	6	3	5	7	2	60
	Level 3	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	4	1	3	2	2	22
Out of Area	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Level 2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Total		37	43	38	51	53	58	37	39	28	58	46	58	546
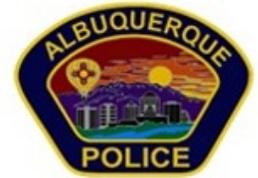
Use of Force Benchmarked Against Calls
For Service and Arrests - January 2024

Officers are required to only use force when necessary to achieve a lawful objective. When officers have more contacts with individuals, it is likely that there will be more uses of force. To control for factors that may contribute to higher or lower uses of force in a given month, this page shows the number of uses of force relative to the number of calls for service and the number of arrests made. For a detailed discussion of the method used on this page, see APD's 2022 Annual Use of Force Report.

Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service for Area Commands
Excludes calls for service where contact with an individual was unlikely, see Annual Use of Force report for full methodology

CAD Calls by Area Command, January 2024

Area Command	Total Force Cases	Total CAD Calls	Force per 1,000 Calls
Foothills	6	4,862	1.2
Northeast	10	5,907	1.7
Northwest	4	4,870	0.8
Southeast	23	8,483	2.7
Southwest	10	4,743	2.1
Valley	6	7,206	0.8

**Force Rate per 1,000 Calls For Service**
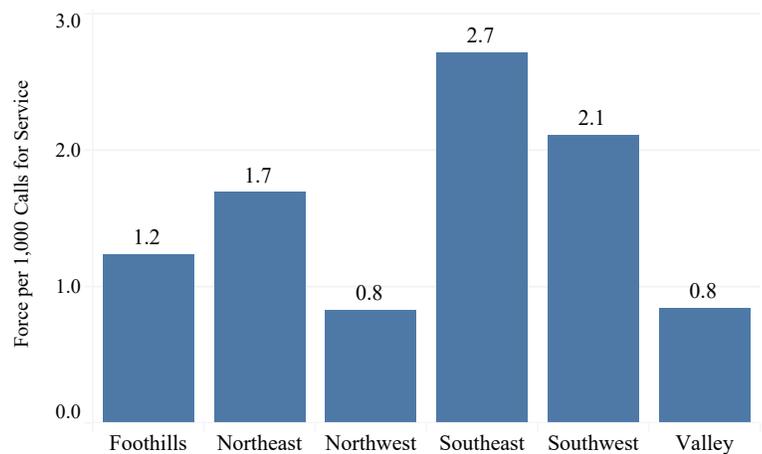
Arrests

Total Arrests for Area Commands
Arrests include custodial arrests and summonses.

Force per Arrest by Area Command, January 2024

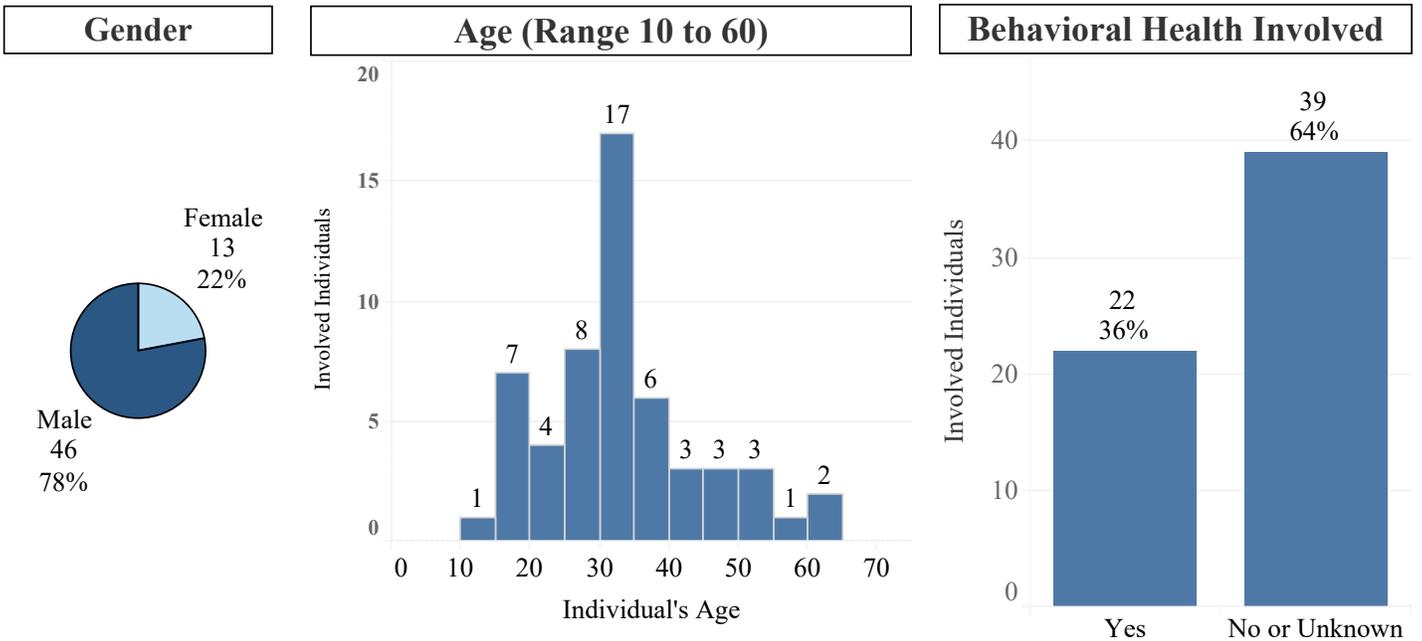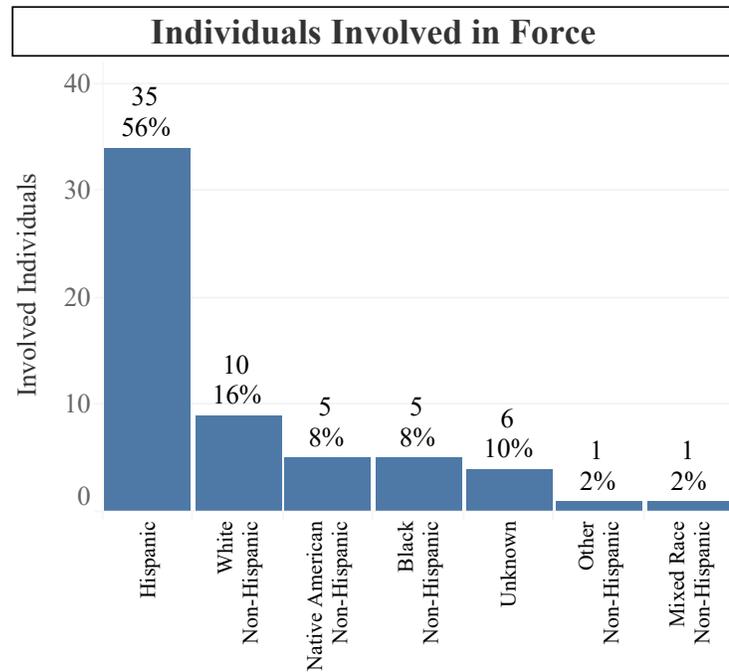| Area Command	Total Force	Total Arrests	Force Per 100 Arrests
Foothills	6	230	2.6
Northeast	10	324	3.1
Northwest	4	175	2.3
Southeast	23	525	4.4
Southwest	10	156	6.4
Valley	6	371	1.6
Out of Area	0	20	0.0

Force Rate per 100 Arrests
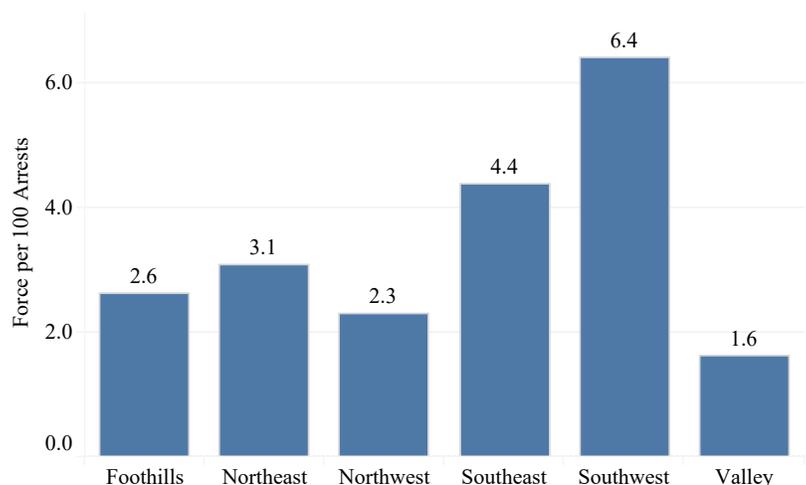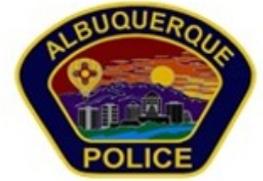
Demographics of Individuals Involved in Force - January 2024

APD records information about individuals involved in use of force incidents. Citizen information is based on what the individual reported or, if not reported by the individual, on the investigators observations on scene and through review of body-worn camera video. Information may change as investigations progress.

Note: Totals on different characteristics may differ due to missing values being excluded.

Gender

Female 13 22%

Male 46 78%

Age (Range 10 to 60)

Behavioral Health Involved

Race and Ethnicity

Individuals Involved in Force
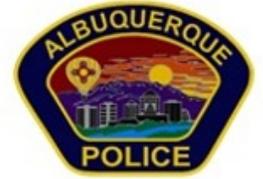

Force Rate per 100 Arrests, January 2024

Race/Ethnicity	Total Force	Total Arrests	Force Rate per 100 Arrests
Hispanic	35	730	4.8
White Non-Hispanic	10	642	1.6
Black Non-Hispanic	5	167	3.0
Native American Non-Hispanic	5	180	2.8
Asian Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	0	9	0.0
Unknown	8	119	6.7

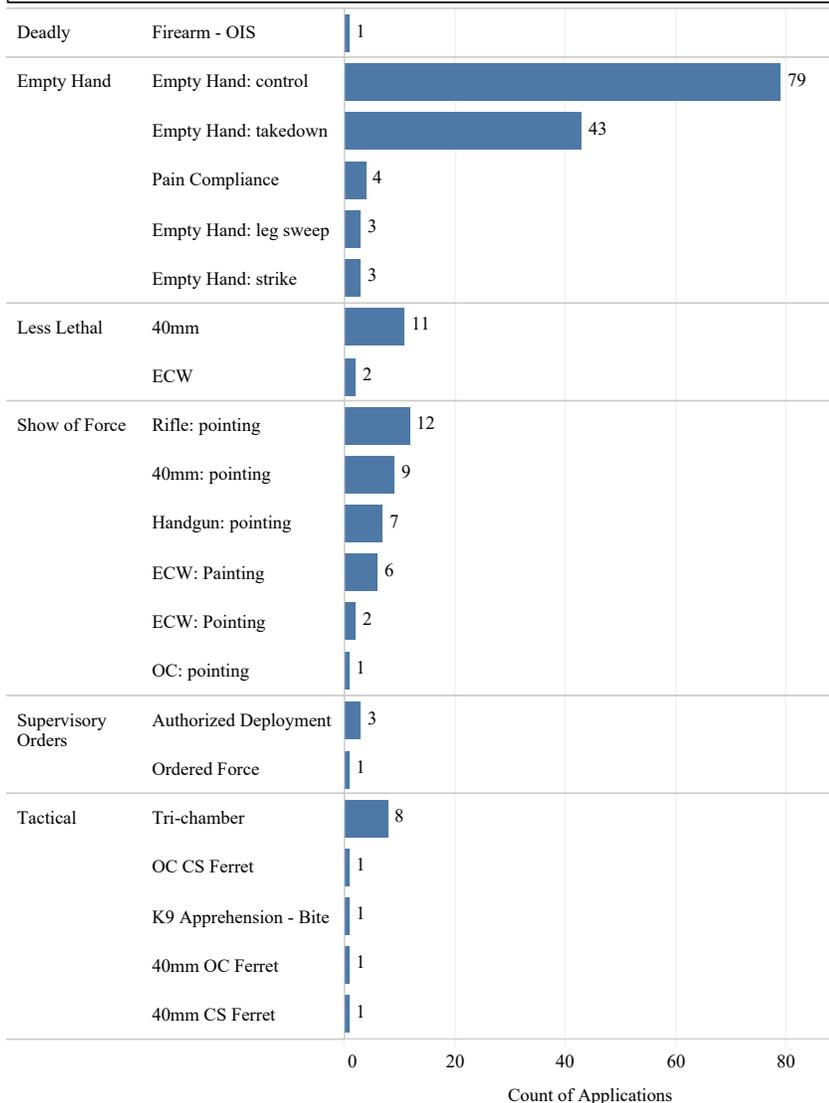# Final Call Types and Types of Force Used - January 2024

Officers are dispatched to calls for service and the original and final type of call for service are tracked. The table on the right shows the final call types for all calls involving force during the month.

Below, the total number of force applications for each type of force is shown. In any single force case, multiple officers are usually involved and each time a force technique is used, it is counted. For instance, if three officers were involved in a takedown technique with one person, that would be counted as three applications of an "Empty Hand: takedown".

Total Force Applications for Each Type of Force Used

Category	Type	Count
Deadly	Firearm - OIS	1
Empty Hand	Empty Hand: control	79
	Empty Hand: takedown	43
	Pain Compliance	4
	Empty Hand: leg sweep	3
	Empty Hand: strike	3
Less Lethal	40mm	11
	ECW	2
Show of Force	Rifle: pointing	12
	40mm: pointing	9
	Handgun: pointing	7
	ECW: Painting	6
	ECW: Pointing	2
	OC: pointing	1
Supervisory Orders	Authorized Deployment	3
	Ordered Force	1
Tactical	Tri-chamber	8
	OC CS Ferret	1
	K9 Apprehension - Bite	1
	40mm OC Ferret	1
	40mm CS Ferret	1

Count of Applications

Final Call Types Associated with Force Events

Final Call Type	Count
Aggravated Assault/Battery	7
Auto Theft	1
Auto/Car Jacking	1
Behavioral Health	1
Burglary Comm	1
Burglary Res	1
Disturbance	4
Drunk driver	2
Family dispute	6
Fight inprogress	1
Onsite Suspicious Person/Vehicle	9
SWAT	4
Stabbing	1
Stolen Vehicle Found	1
Suicide	2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Unknown/Error linking to CAD	1
Vandalism	1
Wanted person	7
Welfare check	1
Grand Total	58

During **January 2024**, there were 58 Force Cases with a total of 199 Force Applications.
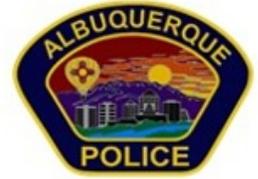
Completed Force Investigations - January 2024

APD has two processes for force investigations based on the level of force. Level 1 force is investigated by the Level 1 force investigation unit. The Level 1 unit is required to complete investigations within 24 days (if all extensions are requested and approved).

Level 2 and Level 3 force are investigated by the Internal Affairs Force Division (IAFD). IAFD also investigated any Level 1 force where a Lieutenant or above was involved or Level 1 force if another person at the same event had a higher level of force used. These investigations must be completed within 90-days.

All force investigations are investigated to determine whether the actions of the officer(s) involved were consistent with department policy. As administrative investigations, the findings are based on a preponderance of evidence standard.
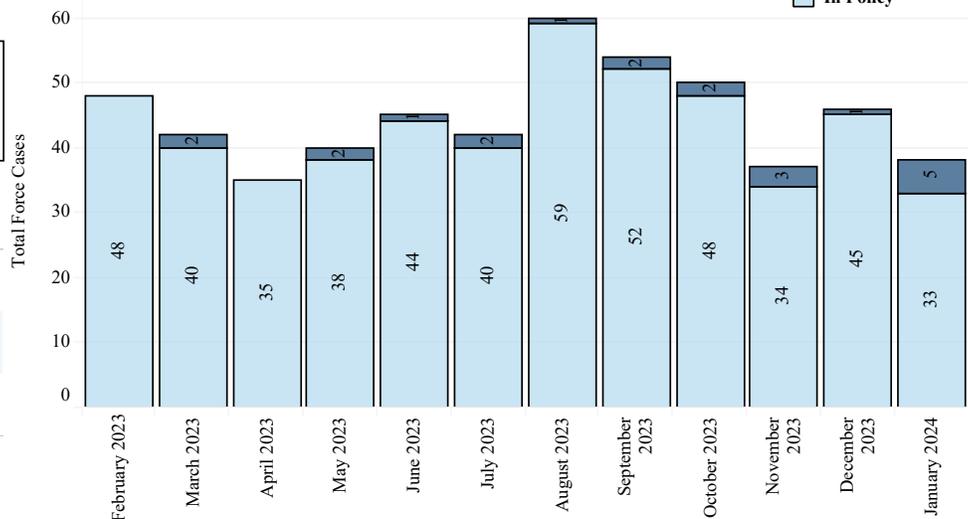
Level 1 Unit

Total Completed Investigations
13

Average Days to Completion
9.5

Minimum Days to Completion	Maximum Days to Completion
6	17

IAFD (Level 2 and Level 3)

Total Completed Investigations
25

Average Days to Completion
87.4

Minimum Days to Completion	Maximum Days to Completion
79	90

All Force Cases

APD strives to only use force that is objectively reasonable, necessary to achieve lawful objectives, and proportional to the resistance from the individual involved, and minimal based on the totality of the circumstances. APD uses a preponderance of evidence standard to determine whether the force met policy requirements. After investigation, force is deemed in policy when every force technique is used correctly and was found to be reasonable, necessary, proportional, and minimal as defined in SOP 2-52: Use of Force - General. If any officer's force techniques used were determined to be out of policy, the entire force case or interaction is considered to be out of policy.

Dispositions of Force Investigations Completed in January 2024

Case Disposition	Total Force Cases
In Policy	33 87%
Out of Policy	5 13%
Grand Total	38 100%

Policy Outcomes Prior 12 Months

Case Disposition
- Out of Policy
- In Policy

Month	In Policy	Out of Policy
February 2023	48	
March 2023	40	2
April 2023	35	
May 2023	38	2
June 2023	44	
July 2023	40	2
August 2023	59	
September 2023	52	2
October 2023	48	2
November 2023	34	3
December 2023	45	
January 2024	33	5