

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Use of Force Report September 2026



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Note: This report presents preliminary information from departmental data. All figures in this report are subject to change as additional information becomes available.



Total Use of Force Events - September 2026

This report provides a monthly overview of use of force events involving Albuquerque Police Department (APD) personnel. APD is committed to using "the minimum amount of force necessary that is objectively reasonable and based on the totality of the circumstances confronting them to bring about a lawful objective" (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 seven Area Commands.

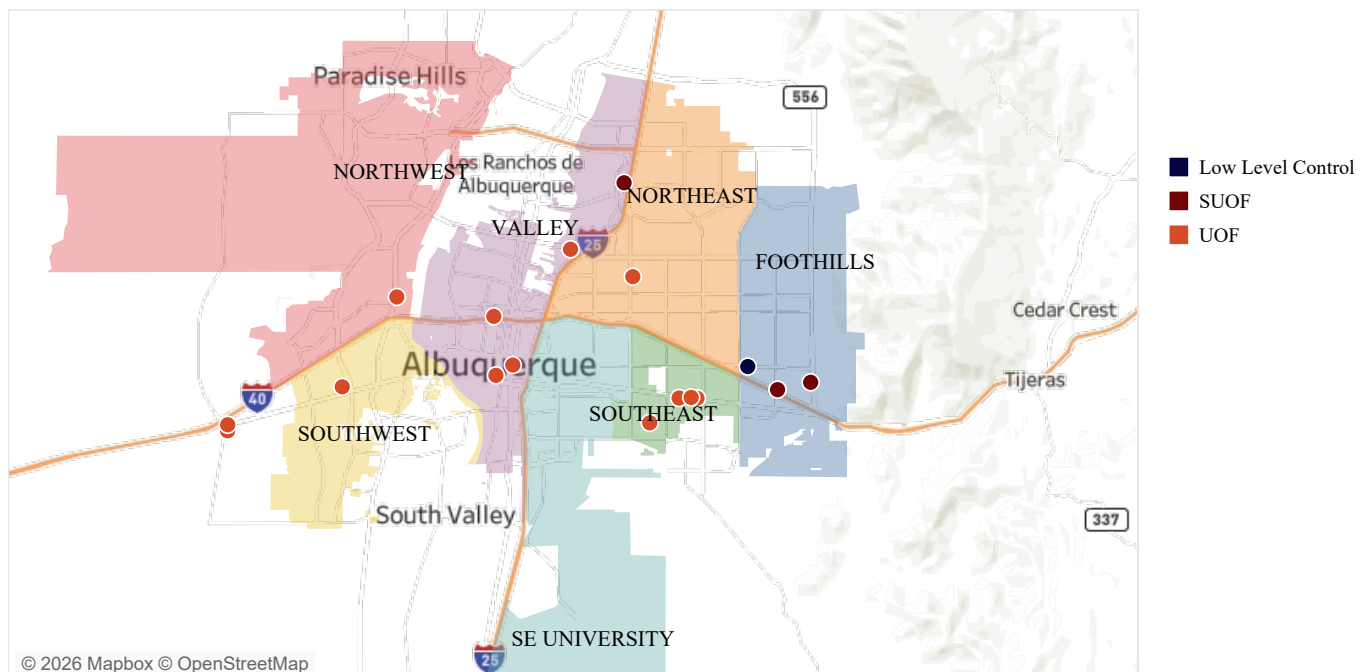
Force is categorized into two levels based on APD policy: Use of Force and Serious Use of Force. For more information on APD's Standard Operating Procedures, see: <https://public.powerdms.com/COA>.

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

	UOF	SUOF	Low Level Control	Total
Foothills	0	2	1	3
Northeast	1	0	0	1
Northwest	2	0	0	2
Southeast	4	0	0	4
Southwest	1	0	0	1
University	0	0	0	0
Valley	4	1	0	5
Out of Area	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	13	3	1	17

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.

Locations of Use of Force Cases

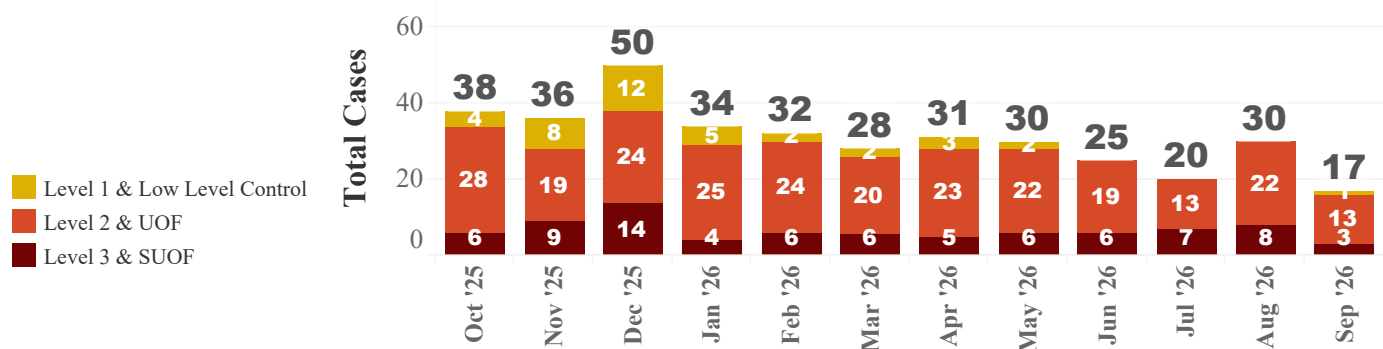




Use of Force Totals by Month - Past 12 Months

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



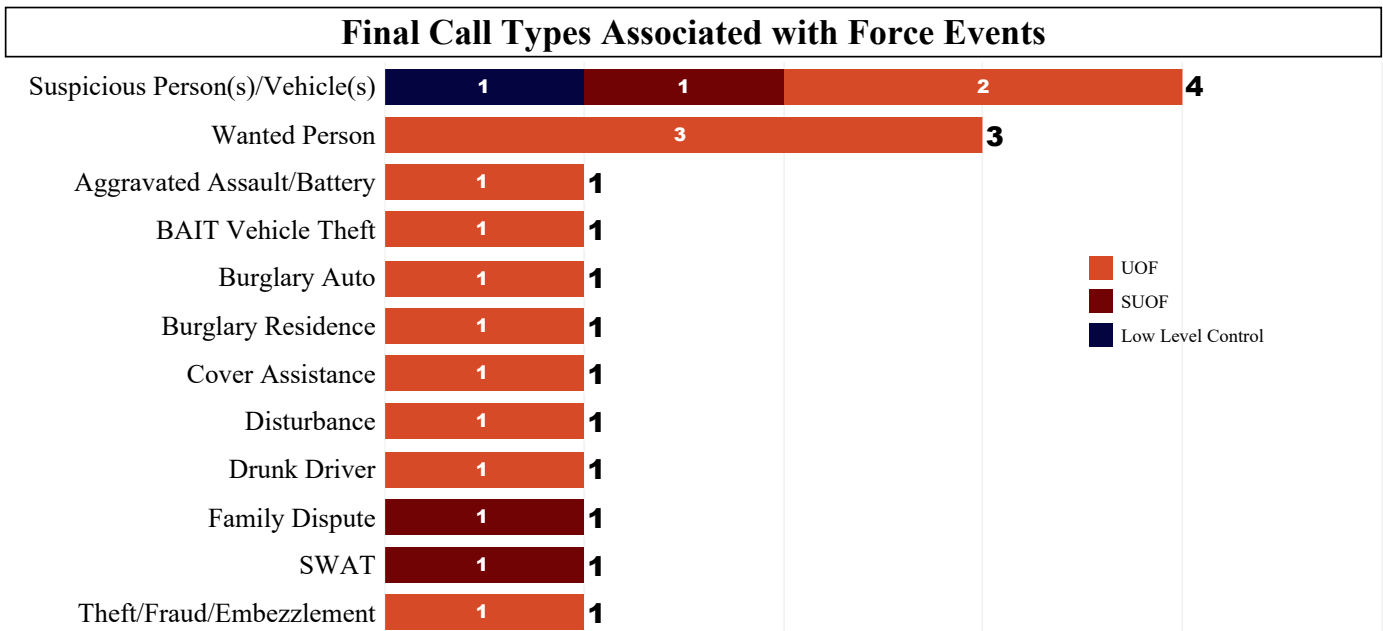
Total Uses of Force by Month and Area Command

		Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Sep '26	
Foothills	Level 1 & Low Level Control			2					1				1	4
	Level 2 & UOF	1	4	4	2	3	1		4	3		1		23
	Level 3 & SUOF		1	1	2			2	1	2	1	1	2	13
Northeast	Level 1 & Low Level Control		4	2					1					7
	Level 2 & UOF	3	1	1	6	3	1	2	3	1	4	3	1	29
	Level 3 & SUOF	1		3	1	2	2			1		1		11
Northwest	Level 1 & Low Level Control		1	2				1						4
	Level 2 & UOF	2	1	1	3	2				1		2	2	14
	Level 3 & SUOF		1			1	1				1	1		5
Southeast	Level 1 & Low Level Control	3		1	4	1								9
	Level 2 & UOF	12	2	9	7	8	5	10	5	7	5	6	4	80
	Level 3 & SUOF	1		4		1	1	1		2	3	3		16
Southwest	Level 1 & Low Level Control		1			1	2							4
	Level 2 & UOF	2	5	2	3		2	1	4	2			1	22
	Level 3 & SUOF	2	4	1		1	1		1					10
University	Level 1 & Low Level Control		1	1										2
	Level 2 & UOF	3		4	2	1	5	4		2				21
	Level 3 & SUOF		1						3			2		6
Valley	Level 1 & Low Level Control	1	1	4	1			2						9
	Level 2 & UOF	3	6	3	3	7	6	5	6	3	4	9	4	59
	Level 3 & SUOF	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	15
Out of Area	Level 2 & UOF	2					1	1				1	1	6
	Level 3 & SUOF	1	1	1				1						4
		38	36	50	34	32	28	31	30	25	20	30	17	371

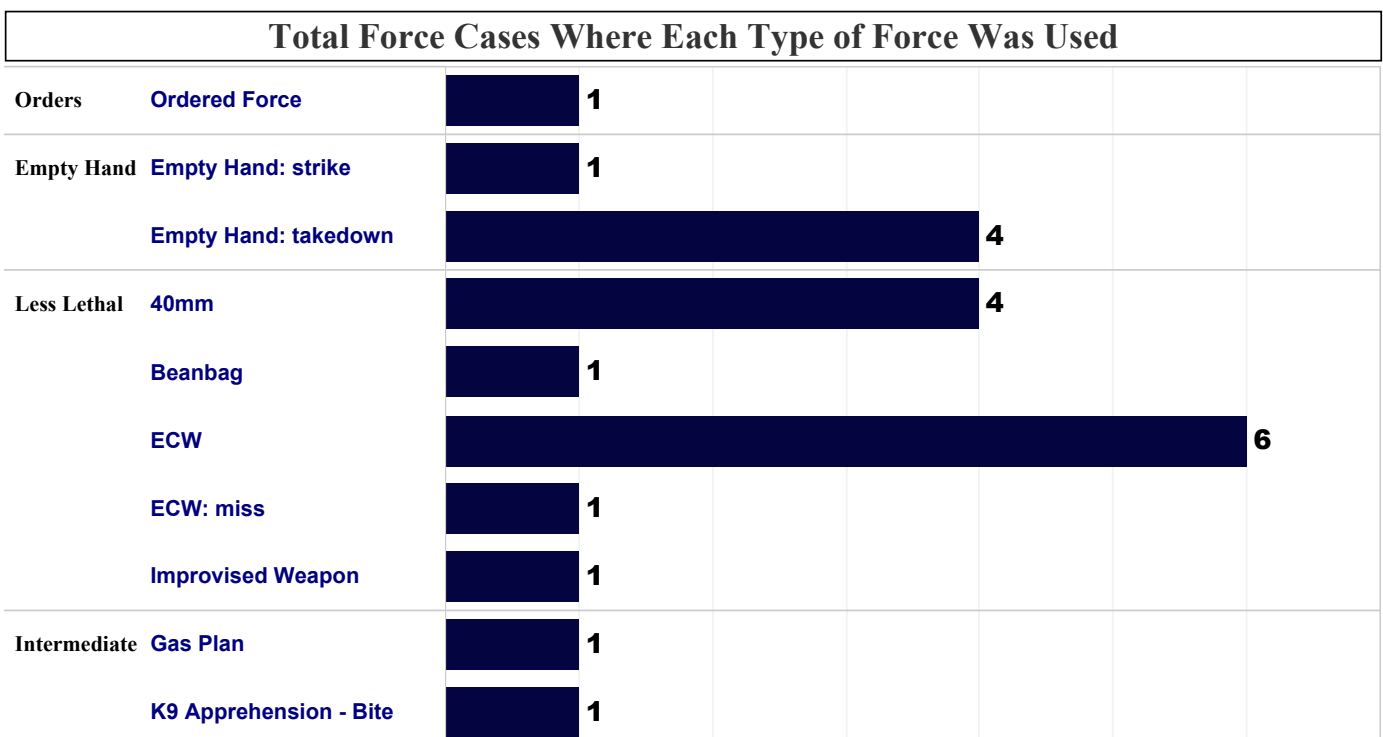


Final Call Types and Types of Force Used - September 2026

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



Below, the total number of cases is shown that included the type of force. In any single force case, multiple officers are usually involved and multiple types of force can be used. The bars on the graph will sum to a number greater than the total force cases due to multiple types of force being used in one case and the case being represented in multiple bars.





Show of Force and Low Level Control Tactics - September 2026

Cases Where Shows of Force Are The Only Method Applied by Month

As of September 20, 2025, APD amended its use of force SOPs to specify that shows of force (i.e. pointing a firearm, ECW, or 40mm launcher) at a person are no longer uses of force according to APD policy. Shows of force are tracked as part of uniform incident reports and supervisors review the incidents to ensure each was reasonable, necessary, and minimal in the circumstances. Due to this subset of cases no longer being counted in force totals, cases where there is a show of force only are included below to for improved comparison of force cases over time.

	Oct '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Mar '26	Feb '26	Nov '25	May '26	Apr '26	Sep '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Jun '26
SOF OC Spray		1	1							2		1
SOF ECW	3	6	4	1	4	8	6	8	6	7	8	7
SOF 40mm Impact Launcher		1	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	7
SOF Beanbag							1					
SOF Firearm	6	11	9	1	9	12	7	10	12	10	10	13
Other SOF	1		2	4	1	3	4	2	3	4	2	4
Grand Total	10	17	15	7	14	25	18	22	20	26	23	28

Low-Level Control Tactics

Per APD SOP 2-53-3-DD, "a Low-Level Control Tactic is a physical technique used to move, guide, restrain an individual, or stop an individual's resistance, that results in temporary pain or superficial wounds. Superficial wounds include minor bleeding, scrapes, bruises, cuts, or abrasions." Under SOP, "a low-level control tactic is not a use of force". The use of low-level control tactics are reported as part of the uniform incident report, and so are reviewed by an officer's supervisor and generally not by IAFD.

	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Sep '26
LLCT only	229	231	229	279	237	253	233	212	127	120	106	111
Other Force Used	34	32	48	31	29	27	27	25	21	14	22	14
Grand Total	263	263	277	310	266	280	260	237	148	134	128	125



Use of Force Benchmarked Against Calls For Service and Arrests - September 2026

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 2024 Annual Use of Force Report. **Total force counts on this page may be higher than the previous page if a case involves more than one use of force in different Area Commands.** Out of area cases are excluded.

Calls for Service

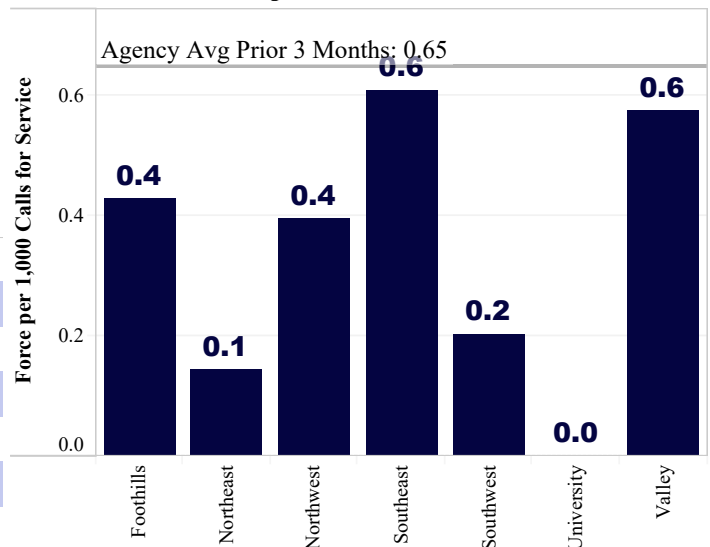
Total Calls for Service for Area Commands

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, September 2026

Area Command	Total Force Cases	Total CAD Calls	Force per 1,000 Calls
Foothills	2	4,676	0.4
Northeast	1	6,909	0.1
Northwest	2	5,063	0.4
Southeast	4	6,565	0.6
Southwest	1	4,958	0.2
University	0	3,452	0.0
Valley	5	8,691	0.6

Force Rate per 1,000 Calls For Service



Custodial Arrests

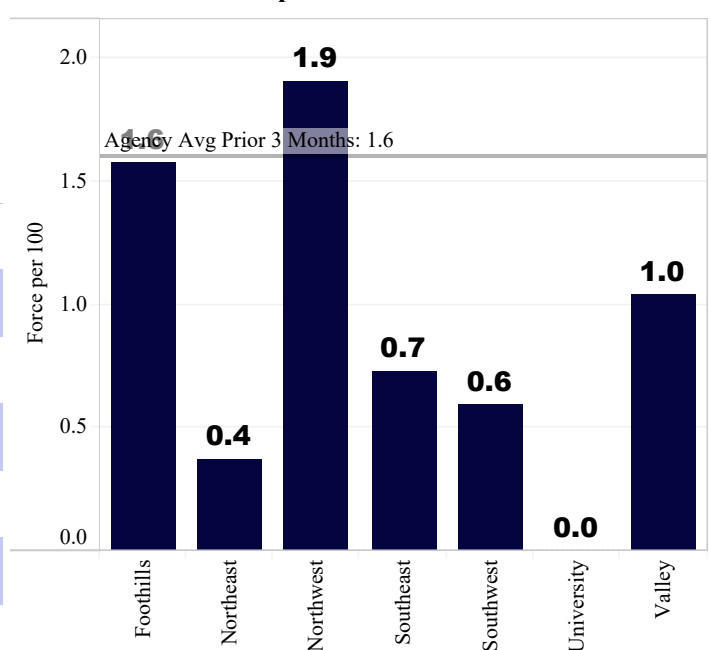
Total Custodial Arrests for Area Commands

Arrests include custodial arrests only and exclude summonses and citations.

Force per Arrest by Area Command, September 2026

Area Command	Total Force Cases	Total Arrests	Force per 100 Arrests
Foothills	2	127	1.6
Northeast	1	269	0.4
Northwest	2	105	1.9
Southeast	4	549	0.7
Southwest	1	169	0.6
University	0	398	0.0
Valley	5	481	1.0

Force Rate per 100 Custodial Arrests

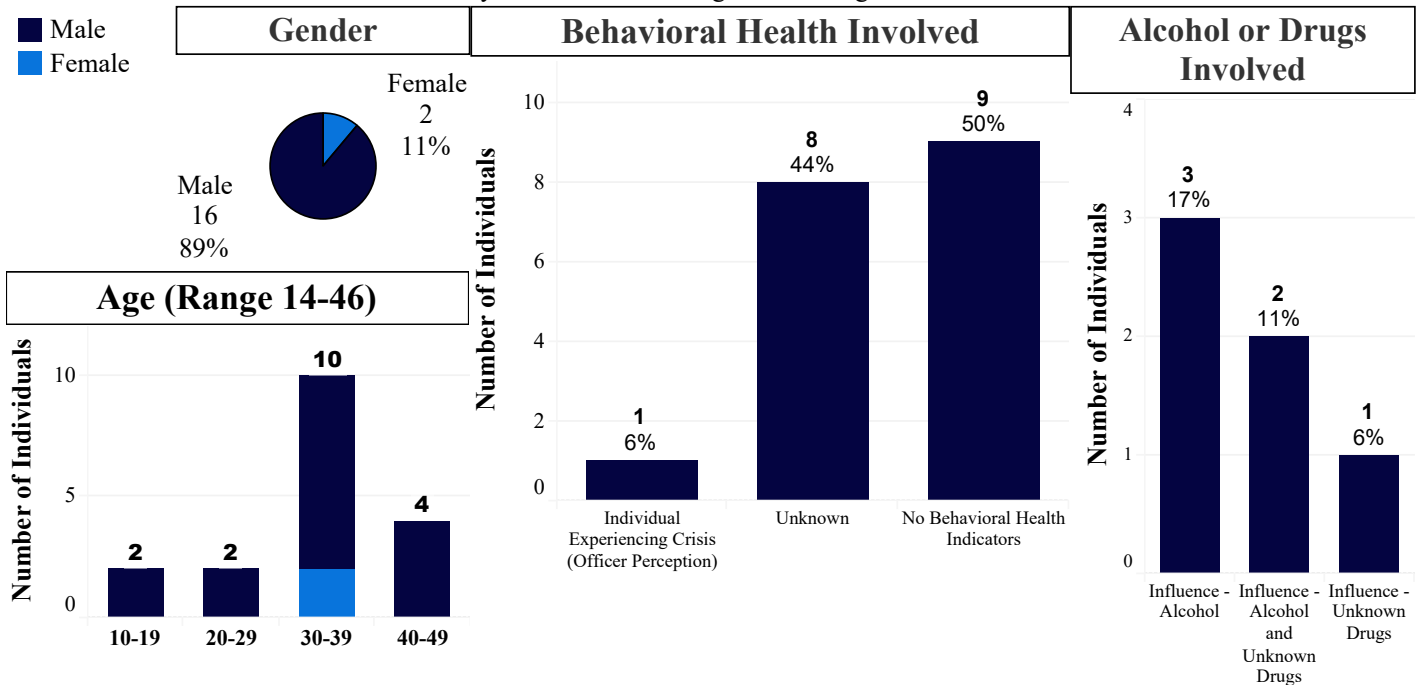




Demographics of Individuals Involved in Force - September 2026

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.



Race and Ethnicity

Individuals Involved in Force		Force Rate per 100 Custodial Arrests, September 2026		
Race/Ethnicity	Number of Individuals	Total Force	Total Arrests	Force Rate per 100 Arrests
Hispanic	10	10	916	1.1
White Non-Hispanic	3	3	501	0.6
Native American	2	2	223	0.9
Black Non-Hispanic	1	1	138	0.7
Unknown	1	1	11	9.1
Asian Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	1	1	89	1.1

Note: Table shows the number of people involved in force interactions. One person may be counted more than once if they are involved in multiple uses of force.



Completed Force Investigations - September 2026

IAFD Force Investigations

UOF and SUOF force cases are investigated by the Internal Affairs Force Division (IAFD). These investigations must be completed within 90-days. All force cases are investigated to determine whether the actions of the officer(s) involved were consistent with department policy. Two UOF cases and four SUOF cases had approved extensions.

APD strives to only use force that is objectively reasonable, necessary to achieve lawful objectives, 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, 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.

Total Completed Investigations

24

Average Days to Completion

81

Minimum Days to Completion

2

Maximum Days to Completion

117

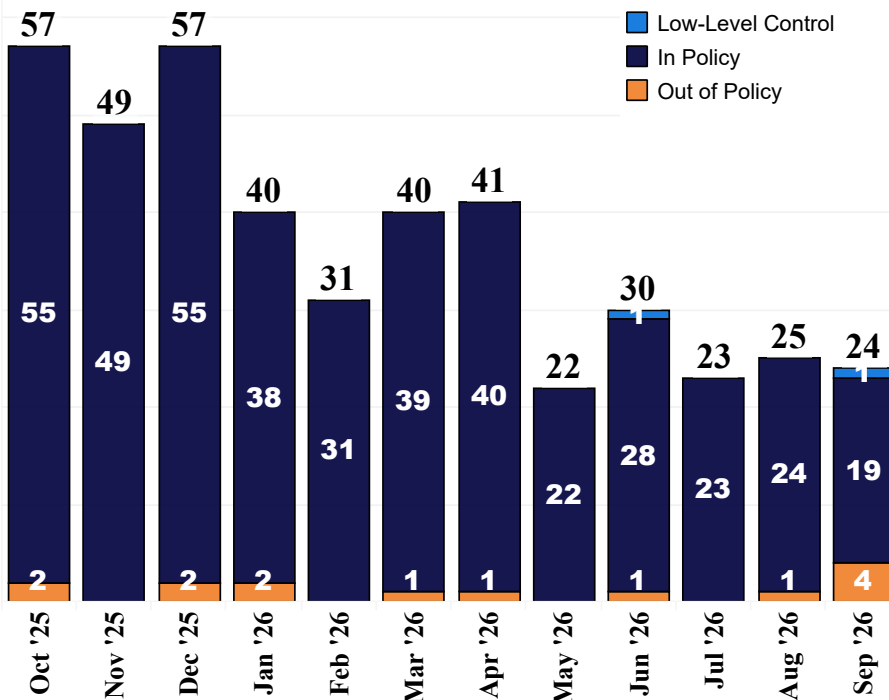
Dispositions of Force Investigations Completed in September 2026

In Policy	19
Out of Policy	4
Low-Level Control	1
Grand Total	24

Policy Outcomes by Area Command

Foothills	0 (0.0% of Out of Policy cases, 0.0% of total cases for AC)
Northeast	1 (25.0% of Out of Policy cases, 50.0% of total cases for AC)
Northwest	0 (0.0% of Out of Policy cases, 0.0% of total cases for AC)
Southeast	3 (75.0% of Out of Policy cases, 37.5% of total cases for AC)
Southwest	0 (0.0% of Out of Policy cases, 0.0% of total cases for AC)
University	0 (0.0% of Out of Policy cases, 0.0% of total cases for AC)
Valley	0 (0.0% of Out of Policy cases, 0.0% of total cases for AC)
Out of Area	0 (0.0% of Out of Policy cases, 0.0% of total cases for AC)
Grand Total	4 (100.0% of Out of Policy cases, 16.7% of total cases for AC)

Policy Outcomes Prior 12 Months



The definition of "Low-Level Control" changed in April 2026. Since then, some force investigations reveal that hands on techniques that occurred during a case are instead Low-Level Control Techniques under current definitions.

IAFD also audits a random selection of more than 30% of cases where Low-Level Control was used.