



# **2023 Use of Force Annual Review**

## **State Reportable Uses of Force**

**Groton Town Police Department**



# 2023 Reportable Uses of Force

## **Connecticut General Statute 7-282e requires each law enforcement unit to report a record of any use of force incident that meets the following criteria**

1. When a police officer witnesses another police officer use what the witnessing officer objectively knows to be unreasonable, excessive, or illegal use of force or is otherwise aware of such force by another police officer.
2. When a police officer uses physical force that is likely to cause serious physical injury, as defined in C.G.S. 53a-3, to another person or the death of another person, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Striking another person with an open or closed hand, elbow, knee, club, or baton
  - b. Kicking another person
  - c. Using pepper spray, or an electronic defense weapon, as defined in C.G.S. 53a-3, or less lethal projectile on another person
  - d. Using a chokehold or other method of restraint applied to the neck area or that otherwise impedes the ability to breathe or restricts blood circulation to the brain of another person
  - e. Discharges a firearm, except during a training exercise or in the course of dispatching an animal

## **Connecticut General Statute 54-1t requires each law enforcement unit to report a record of any incident involving the use of an electronic defense weapon.**

The Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) use of force model policy define a reportable use of force as:

1. Striking another person with an open or closed hand, elbow, knee, club or baton, kicking another person
2. Using OC spray\*, CEW\*\*, or less lethal projectile
3. Using a chokehold or neck restraint
4. Pointing a firearm, less lethal launcher, or CEW laser sight at a person
5. The discharge of a firearm, for other than training, testing or to dispatch an animal
6. Any action that results in, or is alleged to have resulted in, injury\*\*\* or death of another person

\* OC Spray: Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (aka Pepper spray)

\*\* CEW: Conducted Electrical Weapon (aka Taser)

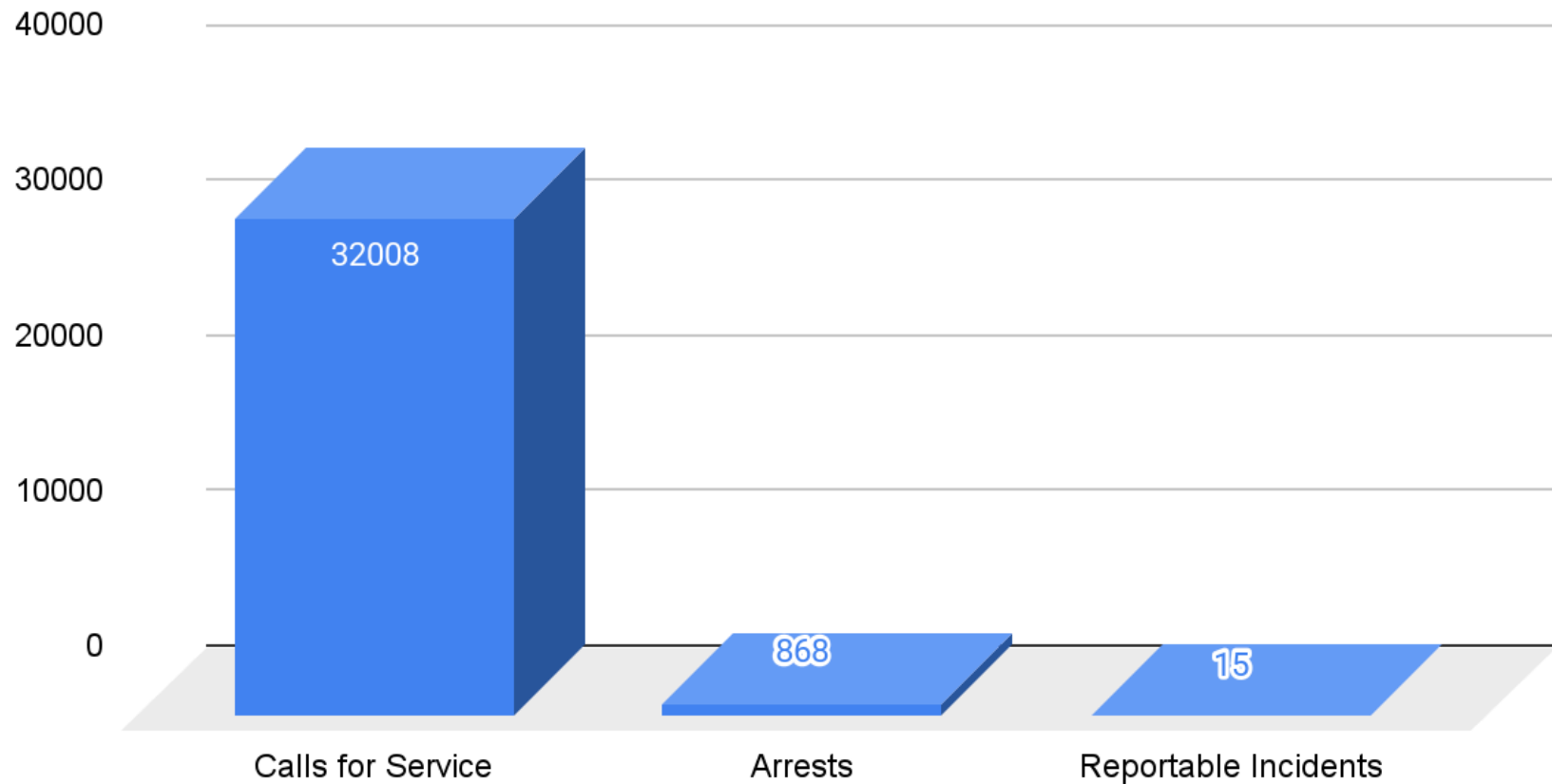
\*\*\* CGS 7-282e - physical force that is likely to cause serious physical injury, as defined in C.G.S. 53a-3



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**0.047% of the total calls for service resulted in a state reportable use of force**

**1.73% of the total arrests resulted in a state reportable use of force**

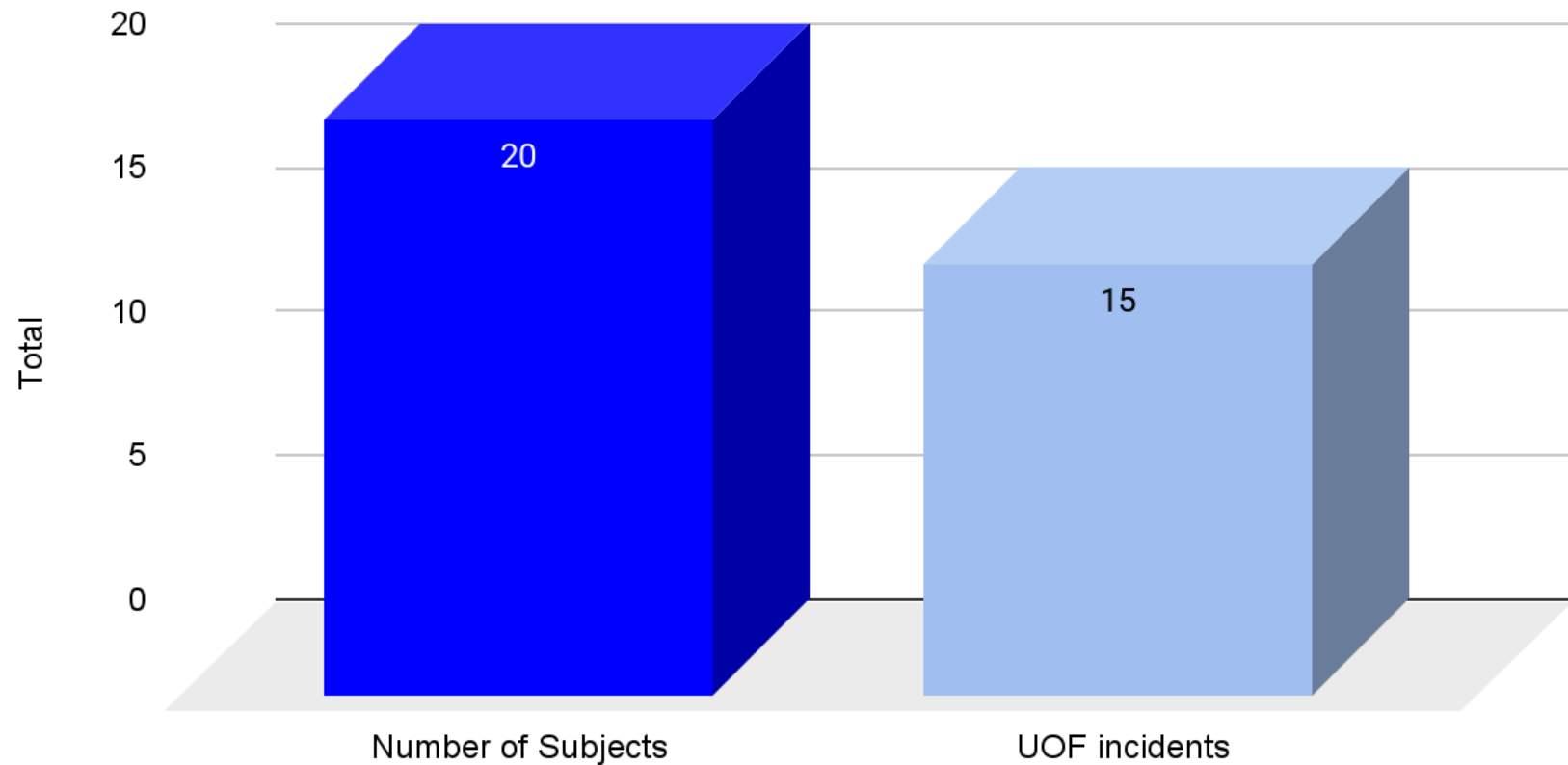




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## UOF by incidents and individuals

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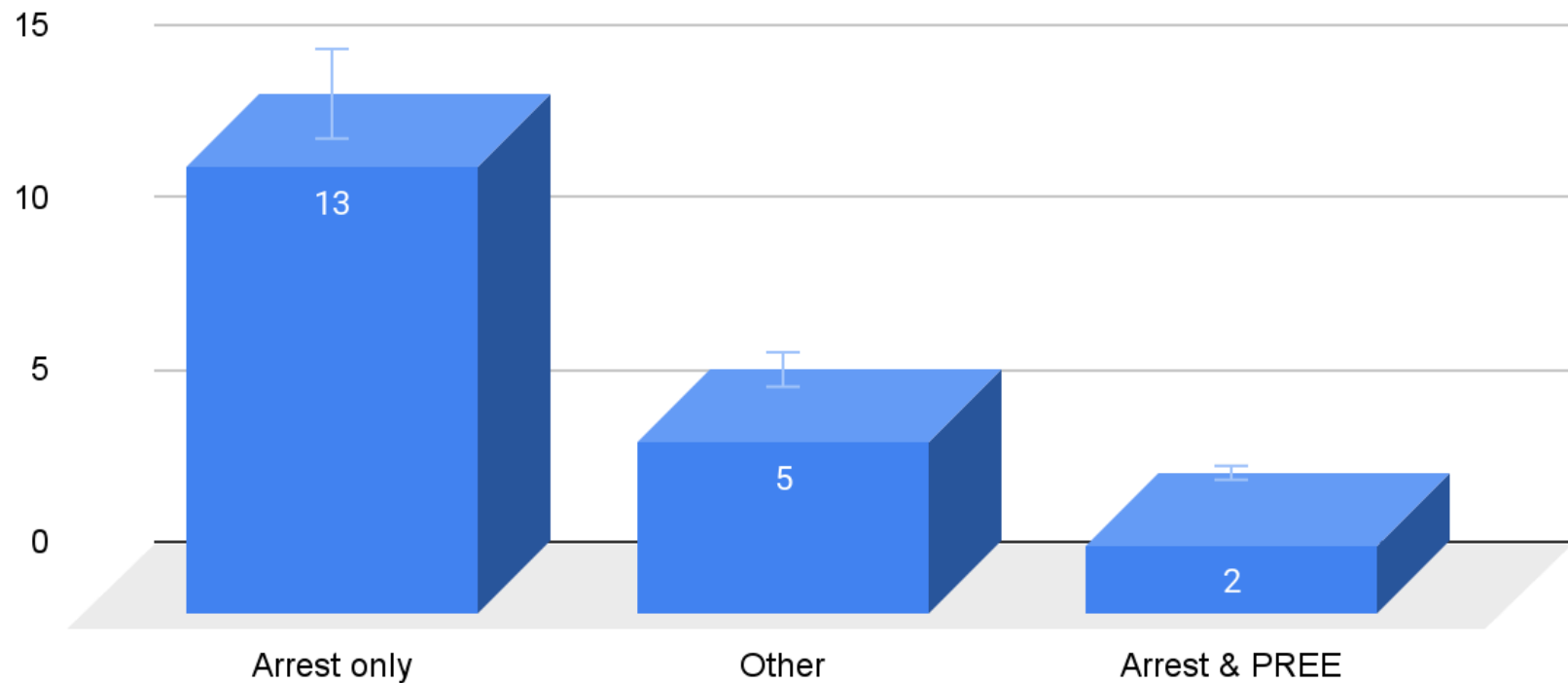




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## UOF by Type of Custody

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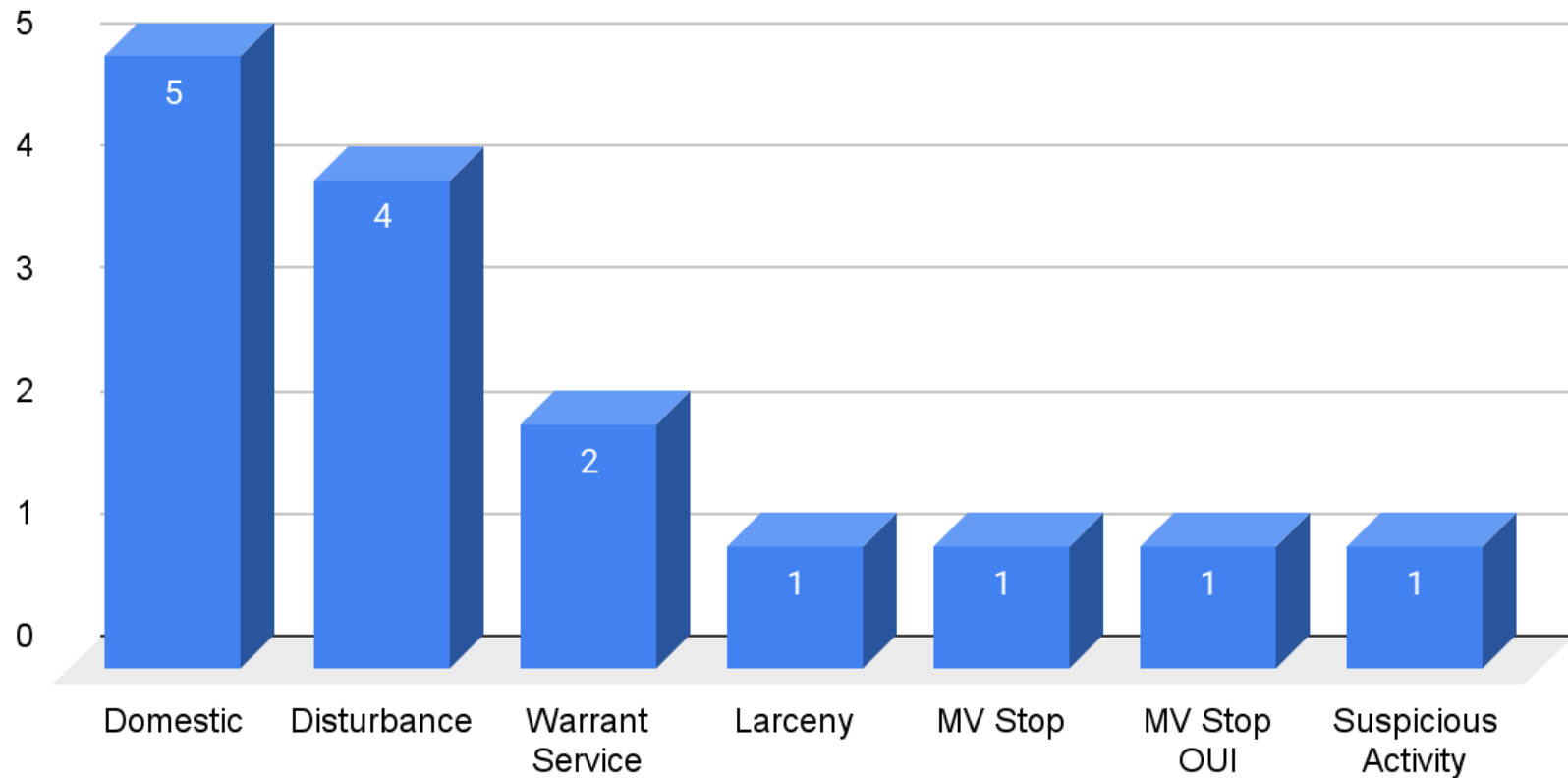
PREE: Police Emergency Examination Request / Other: no arrest or physical custody



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## UOF by incident type

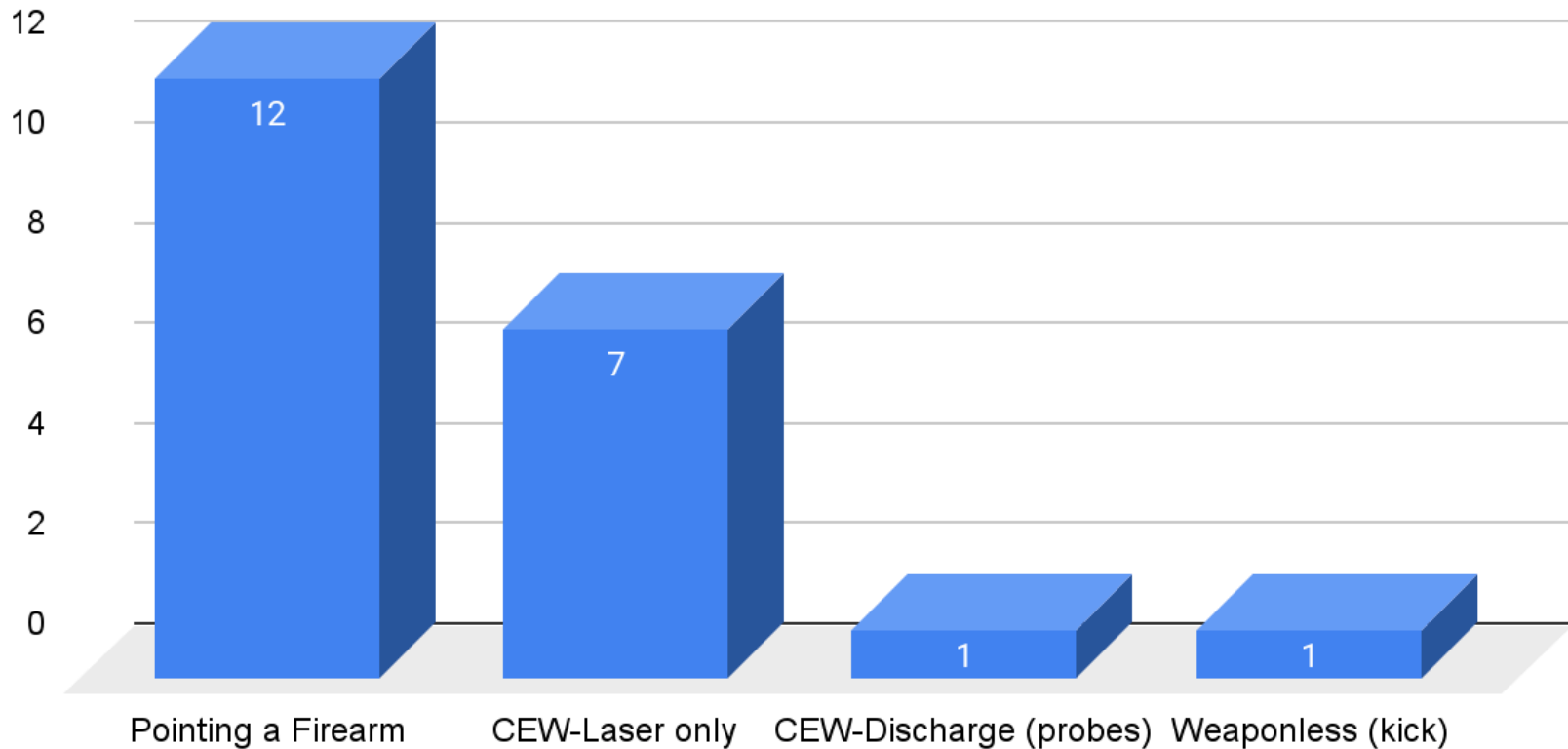
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## UOF by individual and type of force



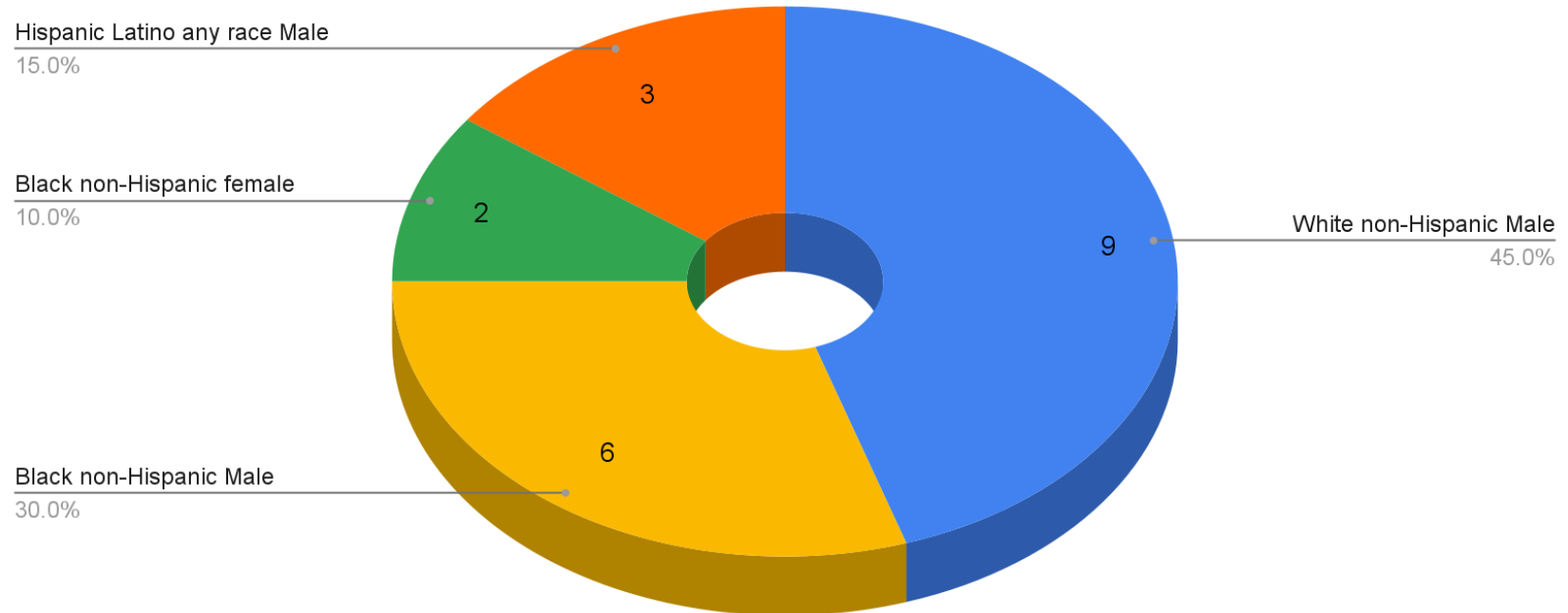
One individual was the subject of a CEW discharge and pointing a firearm (total of 21)



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## UOF by Race/Ethnicity

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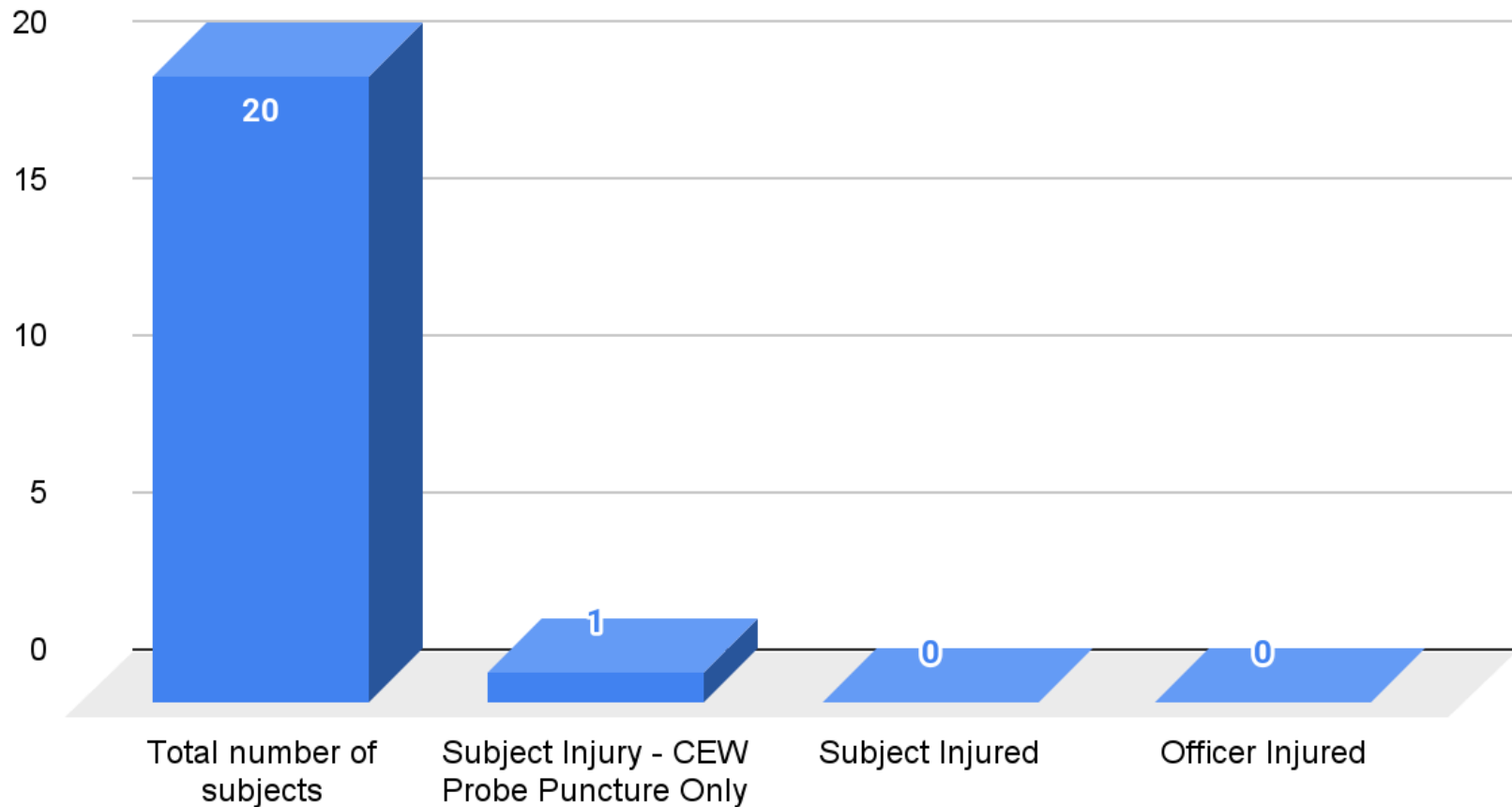






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## Officer and Subject Injuries





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Incident	Person	Date	Custody Type	Incident Description	Criminal Charges	UOF Method
1	1	01/28/2023	Arrest	Motor vehicle accident. Subject under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs	Evading Responsibility, Operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, Failure to drive in proper lane, operating a motor vehicle under suspension, Reckless driving, Interfering with an officer	Weaponless hand controls. Kick to subject's foot.
2	2	02/07/2023	Arrest and Police Emergency Examination Request	Domestic violence. Subject under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs	Assault 2nd Degree, Breach of Peace 2nd Degree, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Reckless Endangerment, Use of Drug Paraphernalia, Interfering with an Officer	Weaponless hand controls. CEW - Laser Only
3	3	02/17/2023	Arrest	Warrant service in a suspected drug factory.	Possession of a controlled substance, Operation of a drug factory, Sale of a narcotic substance	Firearm - Display only
	4		N/A		N/A	Firearm - Display only
	5		N/A		N/A	Firearm - Display only
4	6	02/24/2023	Arrest	Larceny. Subject subsequently located in a nearby hotel room	Larceny, Interfering with an officer	Firearm - Display only
5	7	03/26/2024	N/A	Disturbance. Individual armed with a rifle prior to officer's arrival.	N/A	Firearm - Display only
	8		N/A		N/A	Firearm - Display only



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6	9	04/14/2023	N/A	Report of shots fired. Not as reported.	N/A	Firearm - Display only
7	10	05/09/2023	Arrest and Police Emergency Examination Request	Disturbance. Subject attempted to leave the scene. Subject became physically aggressive towards officers	Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree, Interfering with an officer	CEW - Display only
8	11	05/15/2023	Arrest	Domestic violence. Mutual aid for Norwich PD. Subject believed to be armed with a handgun.	Norwich Police Investigation	CEW - Display only
	12		Arrest		Norwich Police Investigation	CEW - Display only
9	13	05/22/2023	Arrest	Motor vehicle stop. Subject attempted to evade and nearly struck a police vehicle.	Use of drug paraphernalia, Possession of a controlled substance, Disobeying the signal of an officer, Improper rear marker lamps	Firearm - Display only
10	14	05/27/2023	Arrest	Physical disturbance. Subject became physically aggressive with officer	Breach of Peace in the 2nd degree	CEW - Display only
11	15	06/28/2023	Arrest	Domestic violence. Subject physically assaulted two victims	Assault 1st degree (2 counts), Reckless endangerment (2 counts), Interfering with an emergency call (2 counts), Threatening 2nd degree, Disorderly conduct (2 counts), Strangulation 1st degree (2 counts), Cruelty to animals	Firearm - Display only, CEW Cartridge deployment



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12	16	07/10/2023	Arrest	Domestic violence. Subject threatened to attack officers while holding a shovel.	Violation of protective order, Breach of peace 2nd degree, Interfering with an officer	CEW - Display only
13	17	07/23/2023	Arrest	Domestic violence. One subject reported to have had a physical altercation with the victim. Subjects barricaded themselves in a residence.	Groton City PD investigation	Firearm - Display only
	18		N/A		N/A	Firearm - Display only
14	19	09/02/2023	Arrest	Domestic violence. Subject reported to have been in a physical altercation with the victim. Subject threatened officers with a large stick	Assault 2nd degree, Breach of peace 2nd degree, Interfering with an officer	CEW - Display only
15	20	12/18/2023	Arrest	Warrant service.	Criminal attempt at illegal possession of large capacity magazines, Forgery 3rd degree, Impersonation of a police officer. State Police Major Crimes investigation. Other criminal	Firearm - Display only