



# **2024 Use of Force Statistics**

**State Reportable Uses of Force**

**Groton Town Police Department**

# Reporting requirements

## State of Connecticut

**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-31, 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-32, 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.

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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)

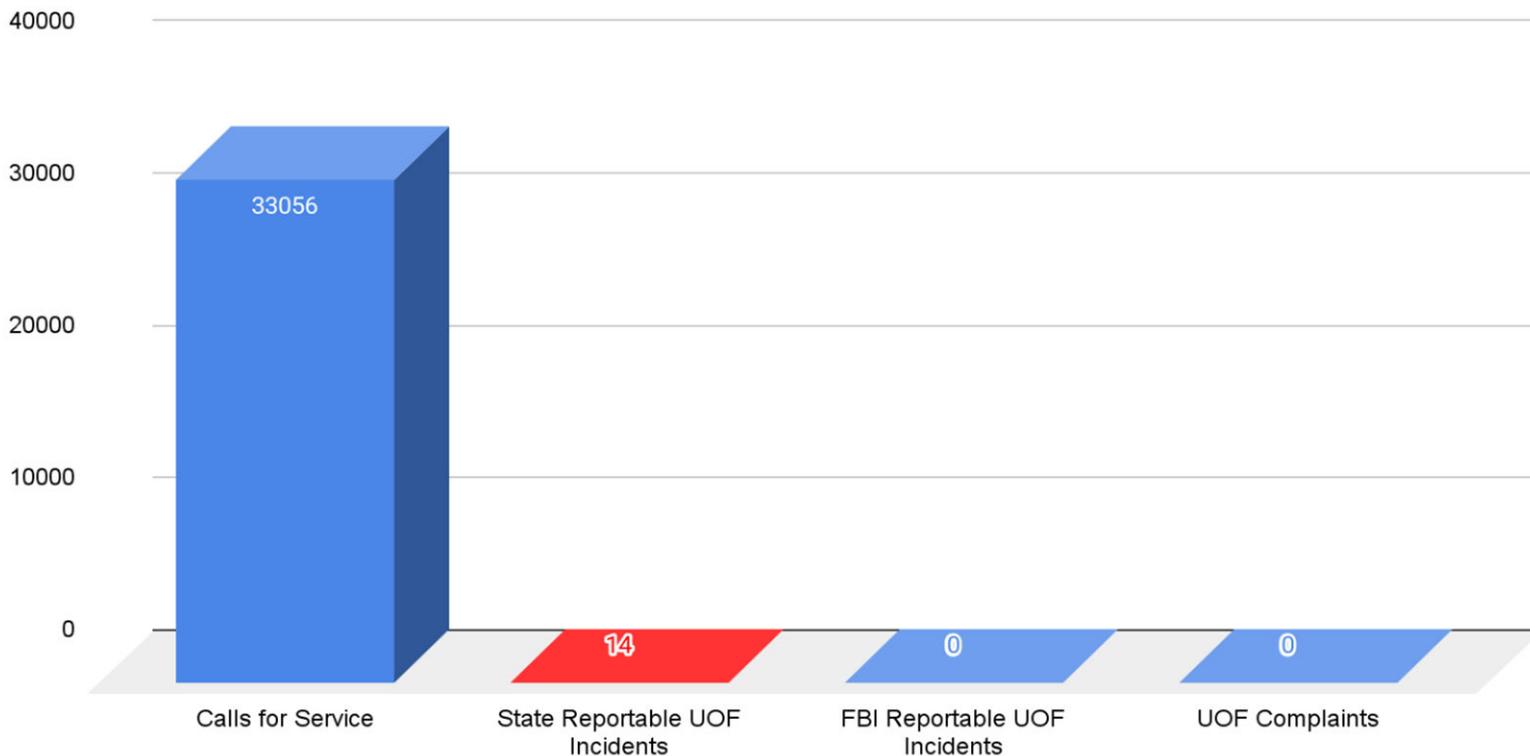
\*\* CEW: Conducted Electrical Weapon (aka Taser)

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

*The GTPD had 14 incidents which met the State of Connecticut reporting requirements in 2024.*

# Calls for Service vs State Reportable UOF Incidents

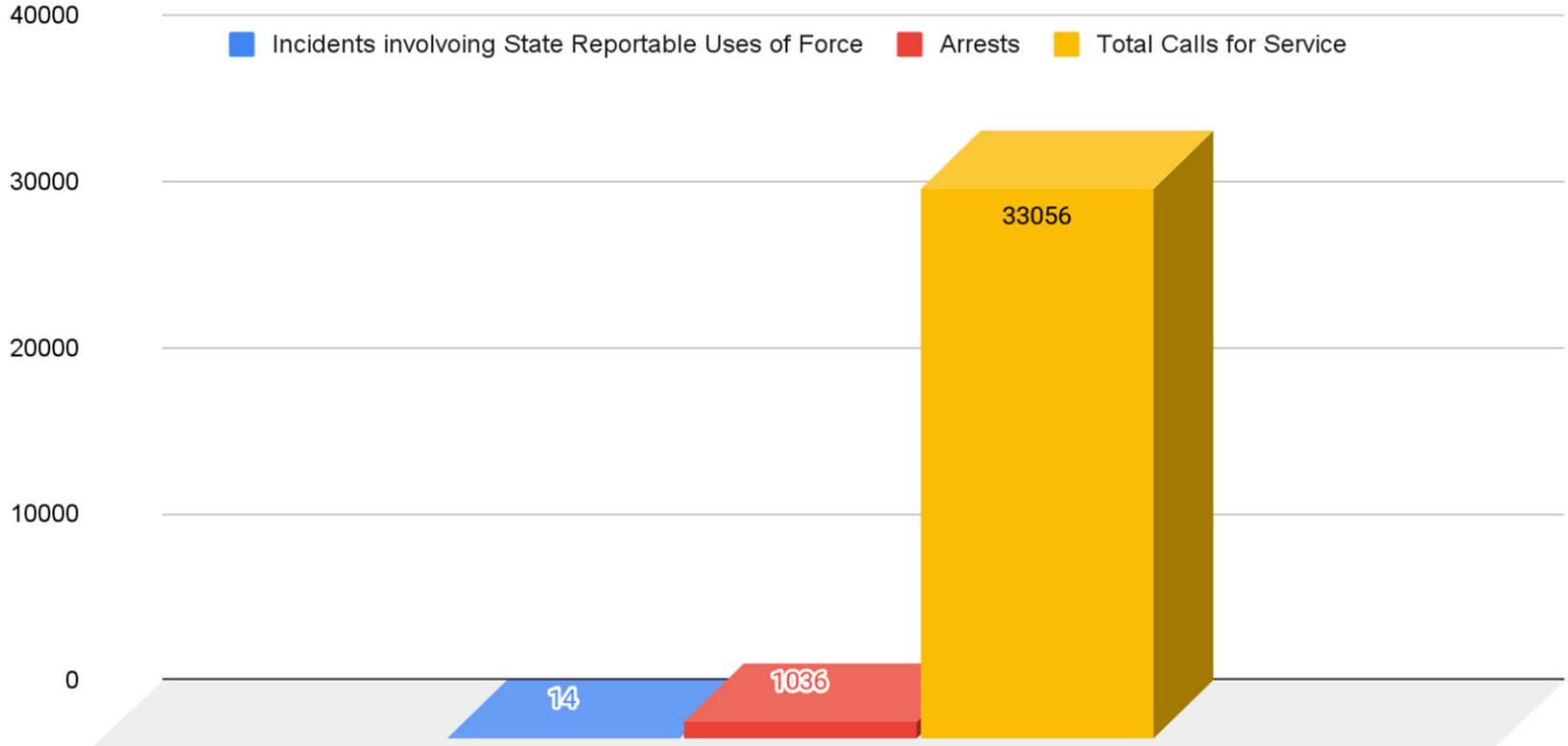
Agency Totals



0.04% of the total calls for service resulted in a state reportable use of force

# Calls for Service vs Arrests, vs State Reportable UOF Incidents

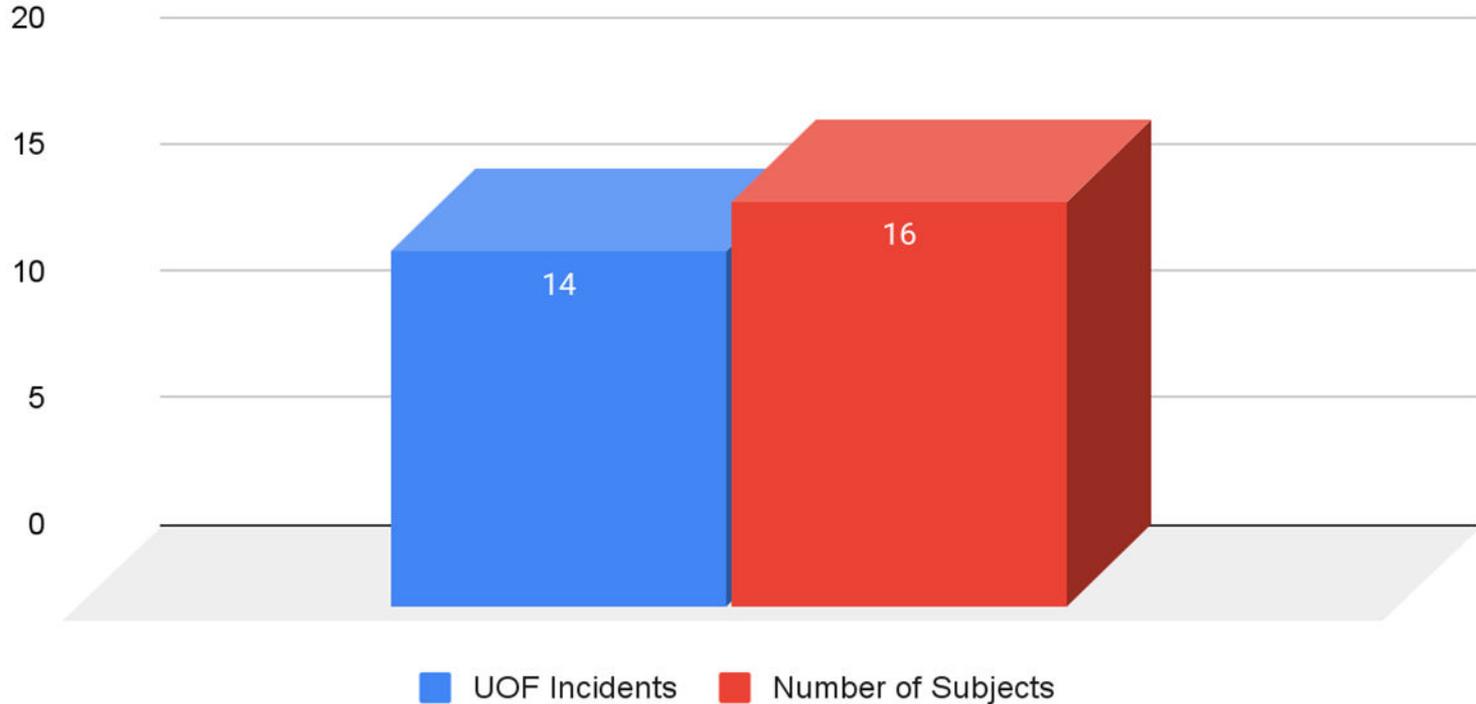
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Approximately 3.1% of the total calls for service resulted in an arrest

# UOF by number of incidents and subjects

Reportable to the State of Connecticut

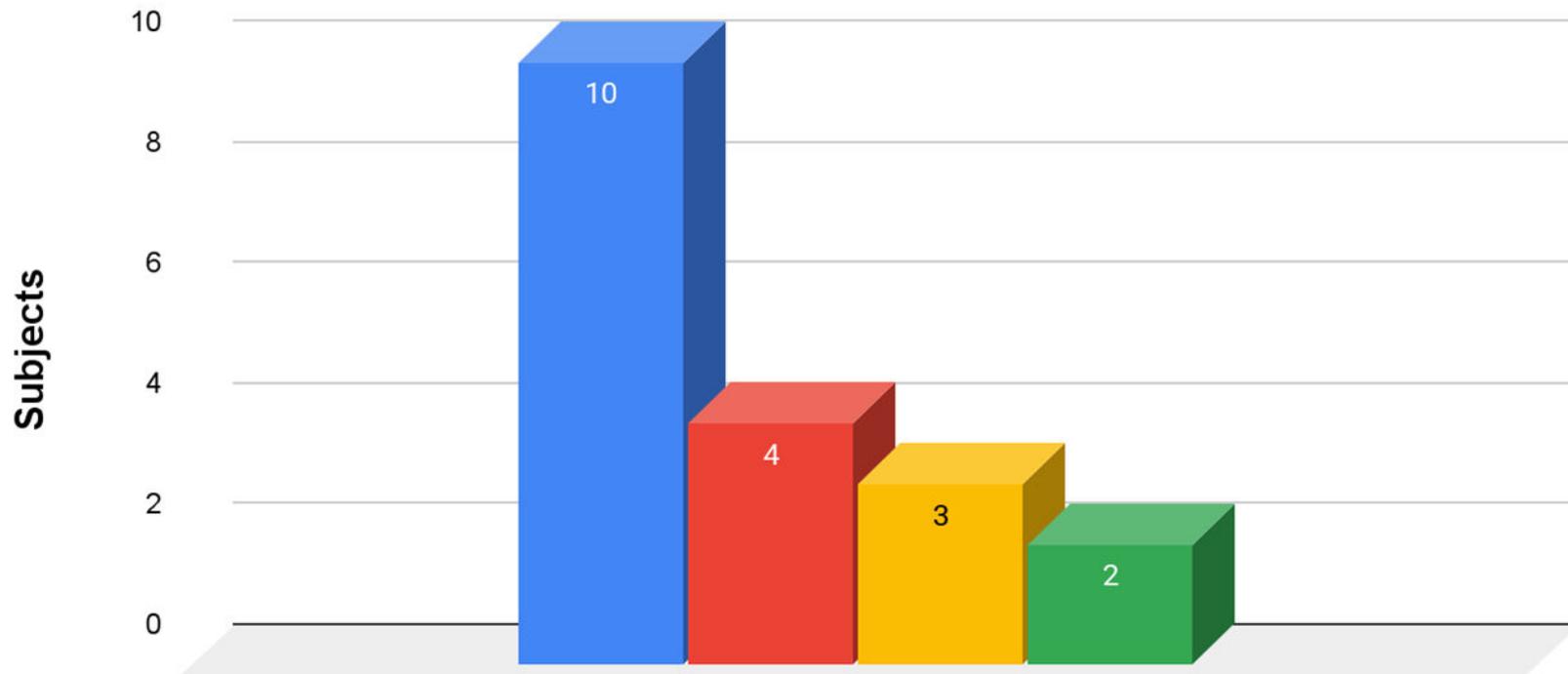


Two of the incidents involved the use of force against two separate individuals

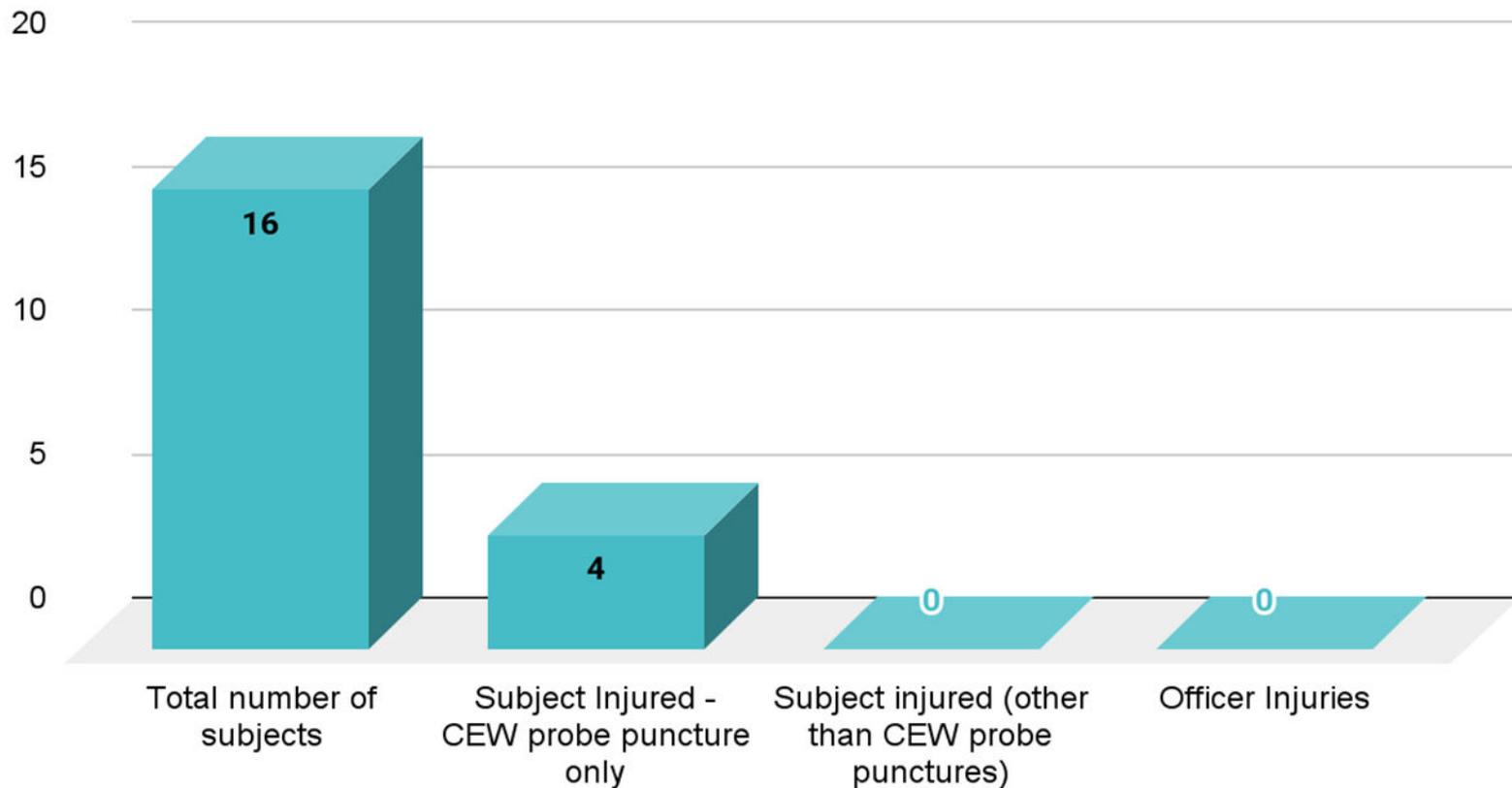
# Use of Force - By Type of Force Used

More than one type of force may have been used within one incident

■ Firearm - Point only   ■ CEW-Discharge (probes)   ■ CEW-Display only   ■ Hand / Fist Strike



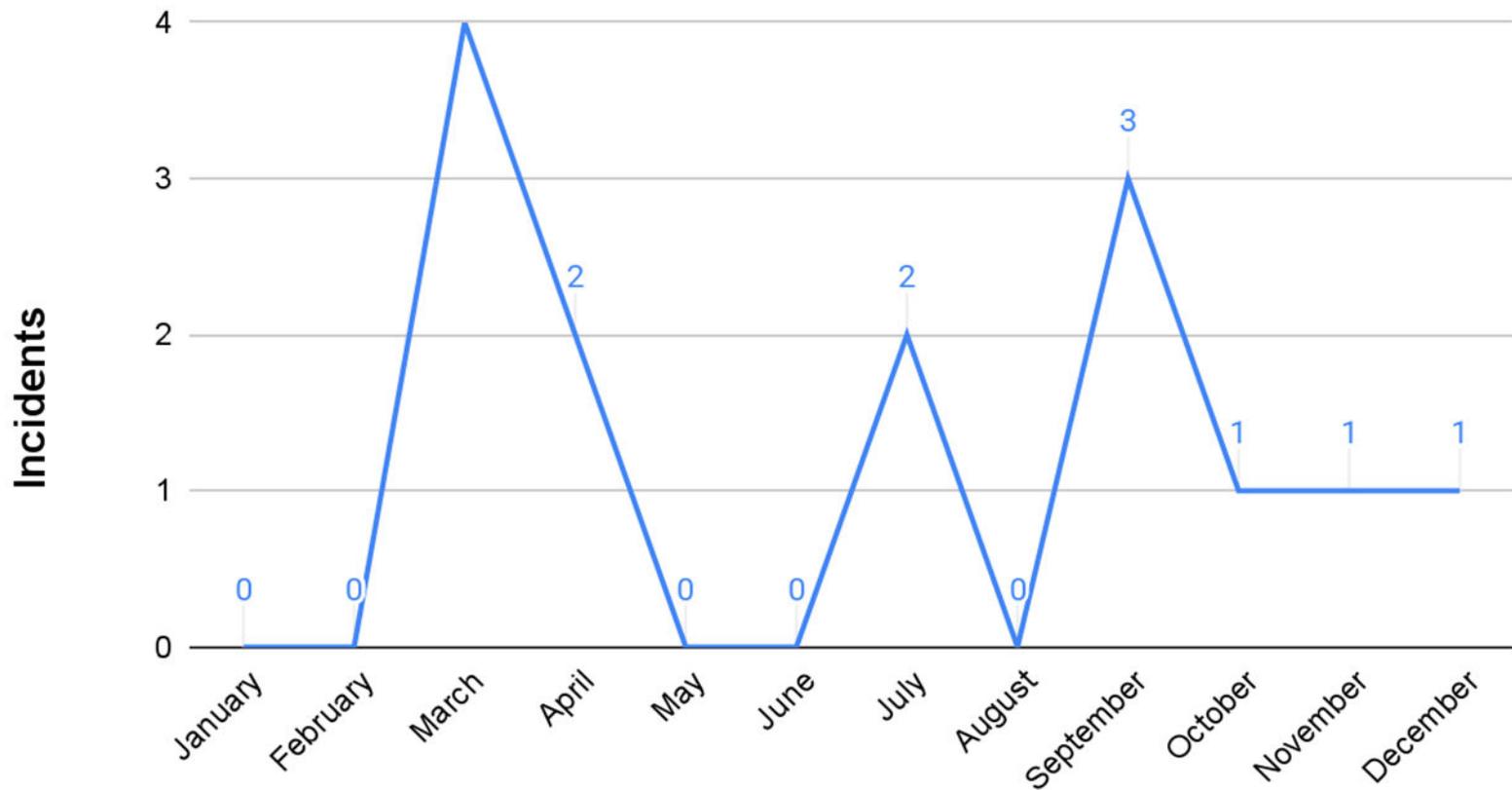
## Officer and Subject Injuries



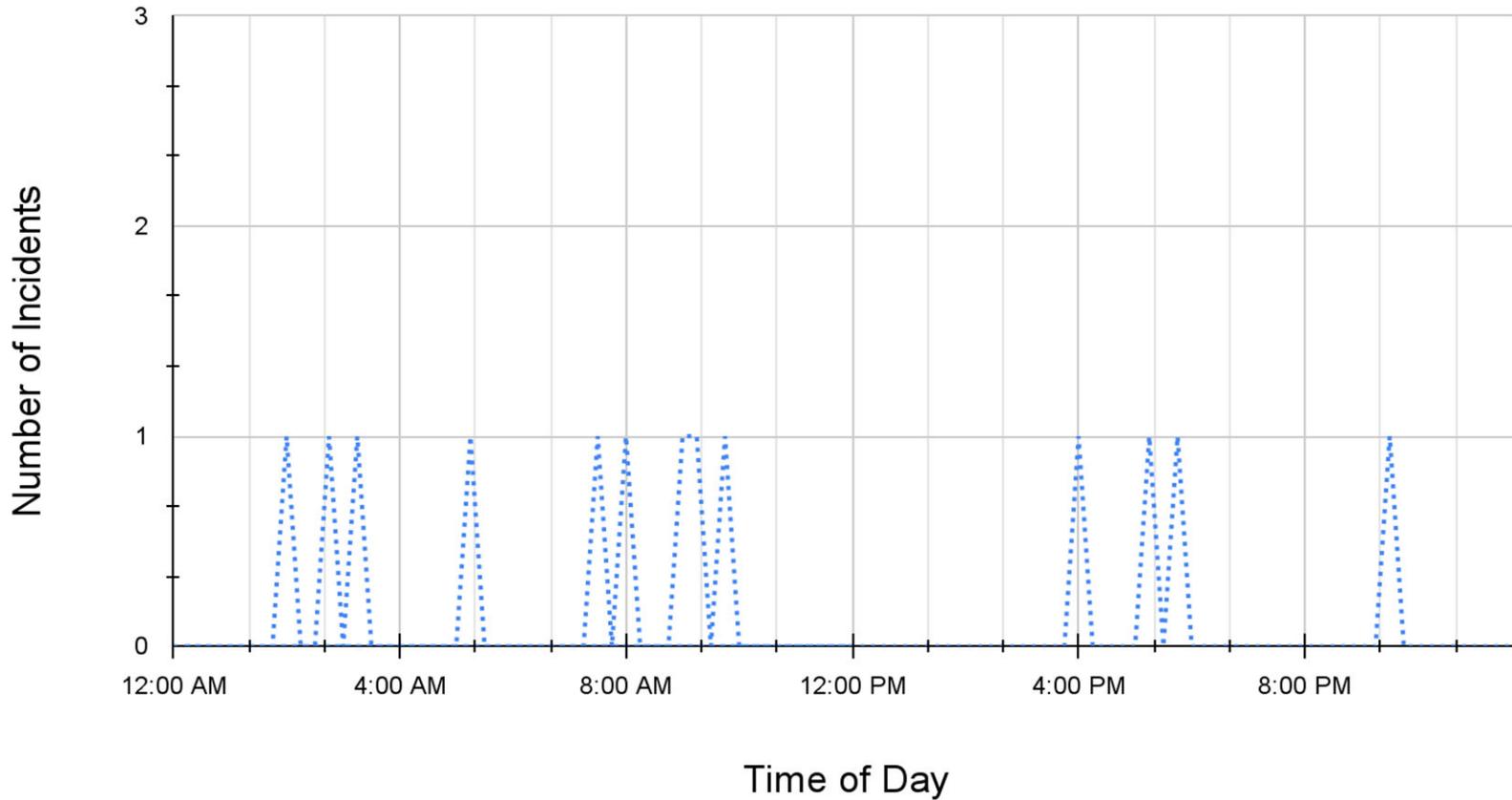
# 2024 Assault on Officer Review

A review of Assault on Officer incidents for calendar year 2024 indicates that there were zero (0) reported or documented incidents during the reporting period. No sworn personnel reported being assaulted while performing official duties. A review of available reports, arrest data, and records revealed no qualifying cases.

## Use of Force by Month

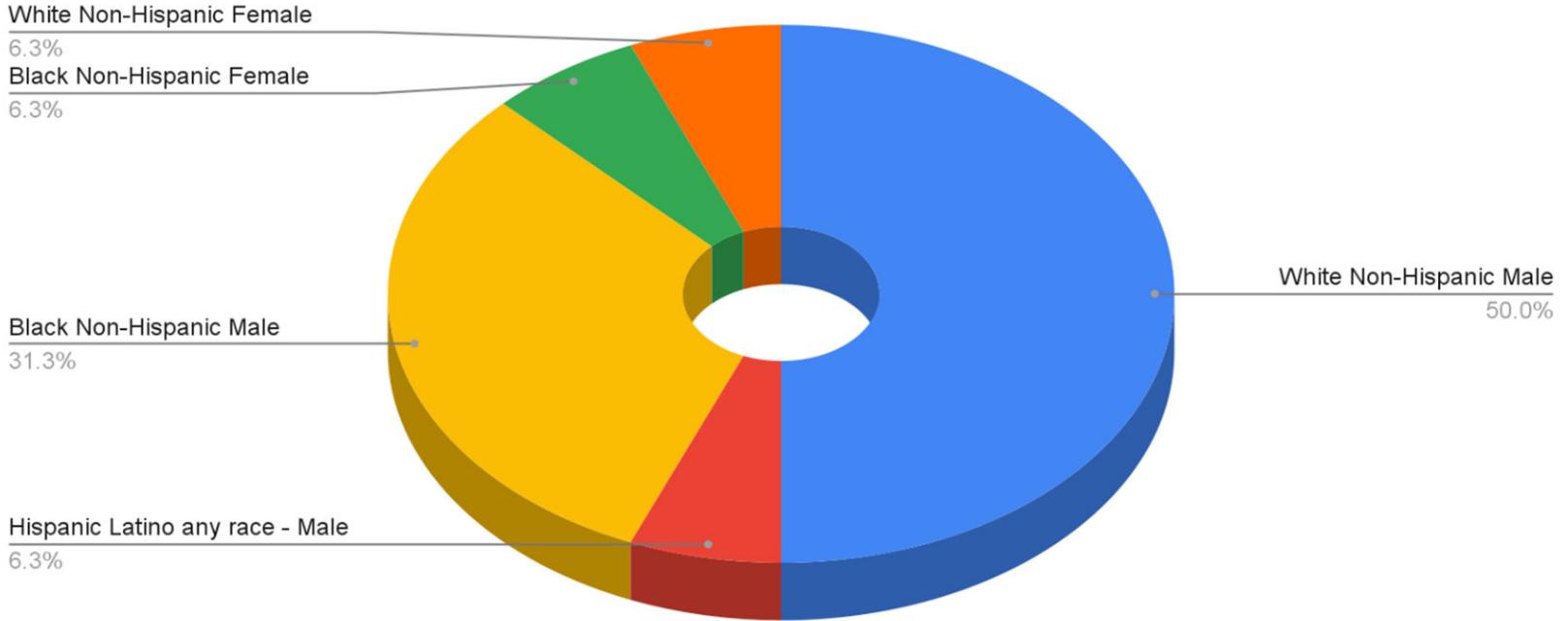


# Use of Force by Time



# UOF by Race / Ethnicity

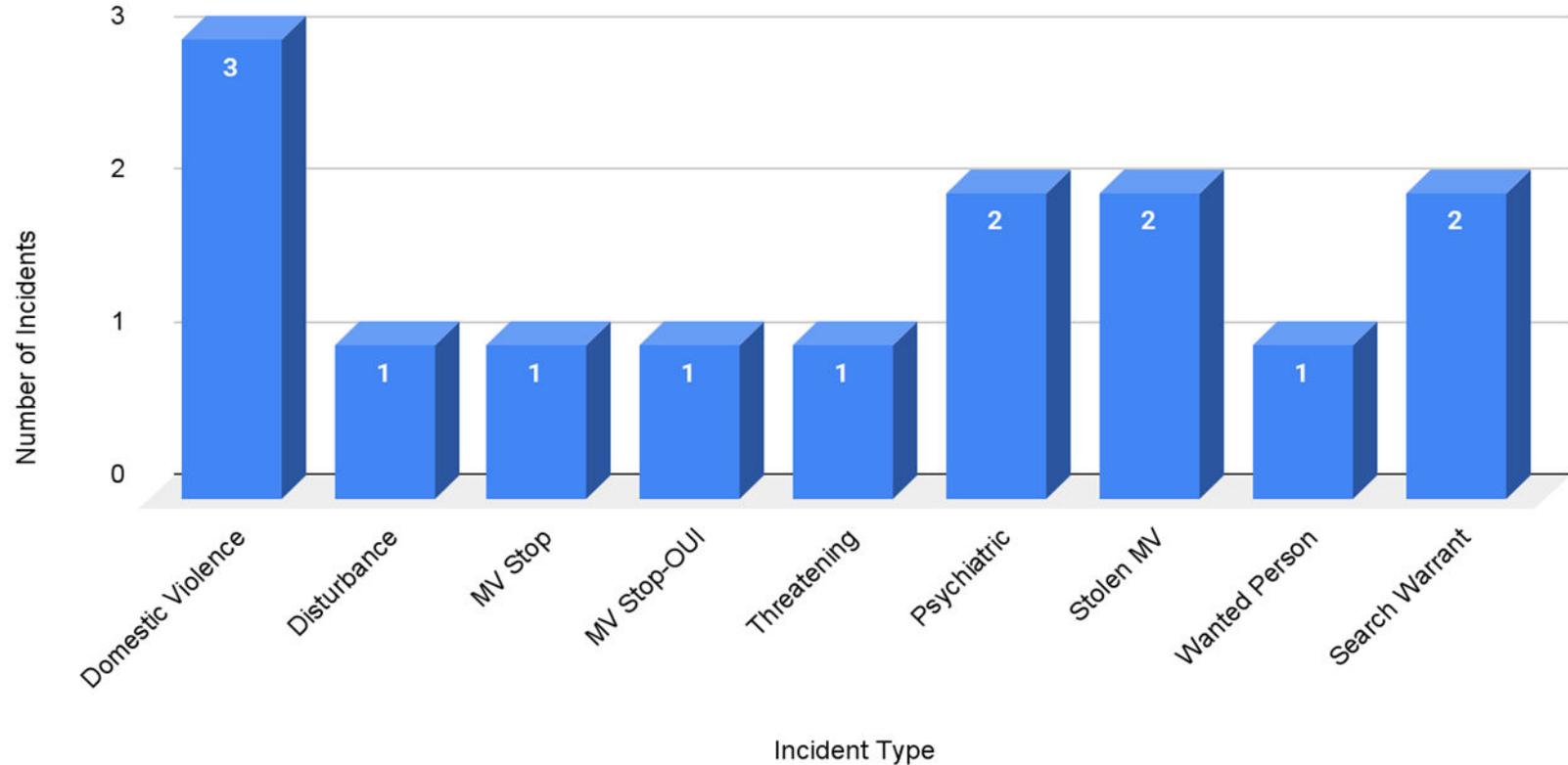
Reportable to the State of Connecticut - 16 subjects total



**Totals:** White Non-Hispanic Male (8), White Non-Hispanic Female (1), Black Non-Hispanic Male (5), Black Non-Hispanic Female (1), Hispanic Latino any race Male (1)

# Use of Force by Incident Type

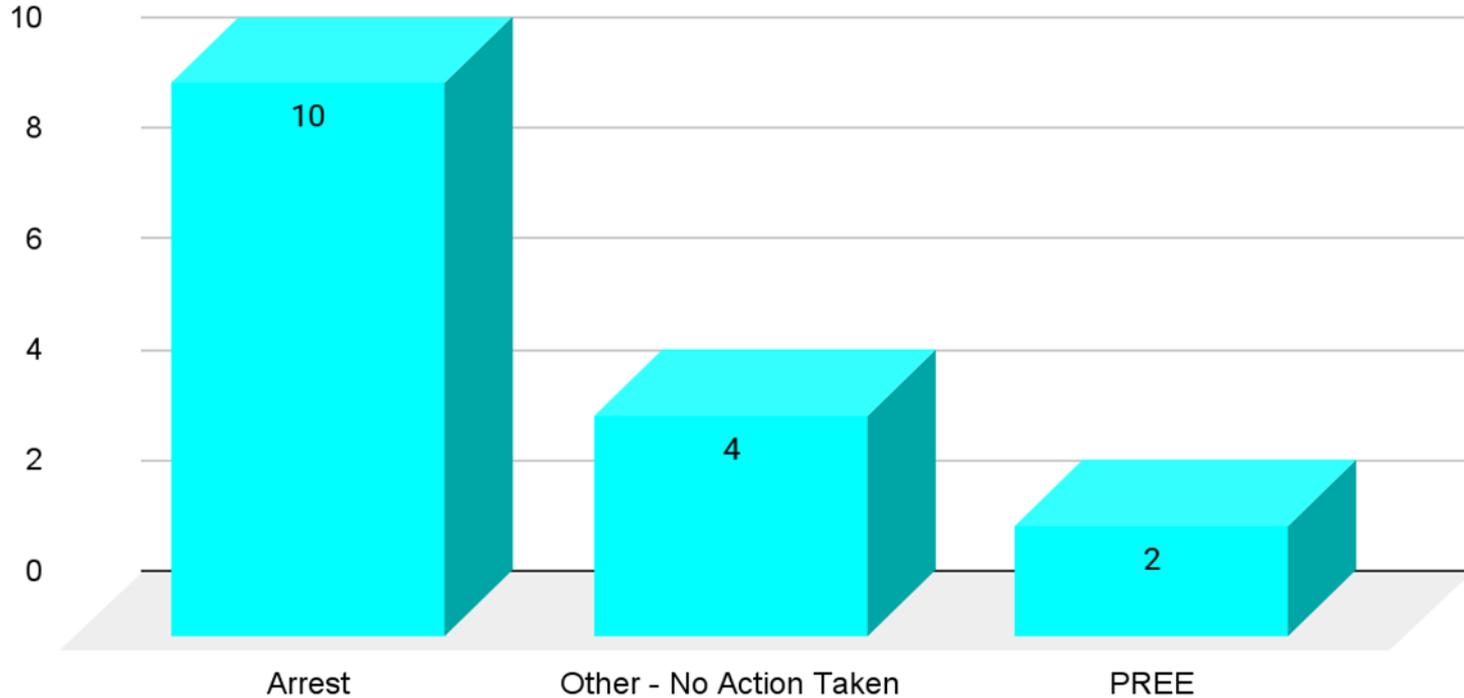
14 Incidents in total



**Abbreviations:** MV = Motor Vehicle, OUI = Operating under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs

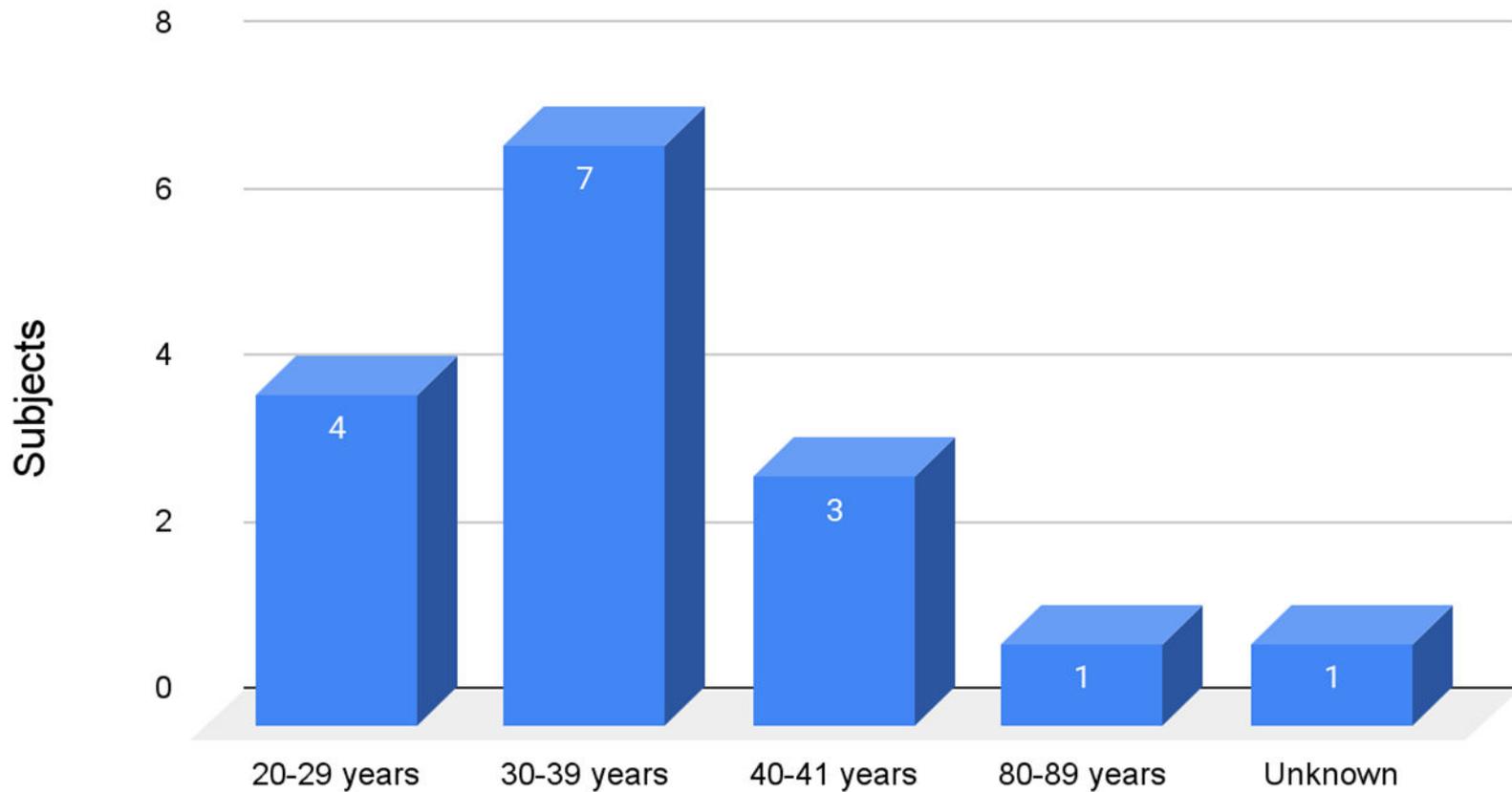
# UOF by Type of Custody

The detention or holding of a subject under lawful authority



**Abbreviations:** PREE = Police Emergency Examination Request for a psychiatric emergency per C.G.S. 17a-503. No Action Taken = refers to incidents where the subjects were not taken into physical custody (e.g. page 18, incident #8. Groton officers discovered two individuals in a stolen vehicle that had been linked to a shooting earlier that day in a different jurisdiction. However, the investigating agency lacked sufficient probable cause to make an arrest at that time.)

## Use of Force by Age



Incident	Person	Date	Custody Type	Incident Description	Criminal Charges	UOF Method
1	1	03/01/2024	Arrest	Wanted person who attempted to evade arrest. Subject known to officers as a convicted felon with an extensive criminal history to include violence and drug related offenses.	Violation of Probation; Use of Drug Paraphernalia; and Interfering with an Officer	Hand/Fist Strike CEW Cartridge Deployment
2	2	03/01/2024	N/A	Report of a disturbance involving a firearm. The subject, who was first identified by witnesses as an involved party, was later determined to have not been involved	The actual offender(s) were later charged with Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree; Intimidation based on Bigotry and/or Bias, and Threatening in the 2nd Degree; and Carrying a Dangerous weapon	Firearm - Display only
3	3	03/21/2024	Arrest	Search warrant service in connection with narcotics related activity	<u>Norwich PD Charges</u> Possession of a controlled substance (2 counts), Possession with the intent to sell, (2 counts), Possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)	Firearm - Display only
	4		N/A			Firearm - Display only
4	5	03/28/2024	Arrest	Search warrant service in connection with narcotics related activity	Possession of a Controlled substance (2 counts), Possession of narcotics with intent to sell	Firearm - Display only

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5	6	04/25/2024	Police Emergency Examination Request	Psychiatric Emergency. Suicidal subject in possession of a firearm	N/A	Firearm - Display only
6	7	04/28/2024	Arrest	Disturbance. Subject armed with knife, threatening nearby patrons	Violations of Conditions of Release, Breach of Peace 2nd Degree (4 counts), Threatening 2nd Degree (4 counts), Reckless Endangerment, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Risk of Injury to a Child (2 counts)	CEW Cartridge Deployment
7	8	07/01/2024	Police Emergency Examination Request	Psychiatric Emergency. Suicidal subject in possession of firearms	N/A	Firearm - Display only CEW - Display only
8	9	07/04/2024	N/A	Stolen vehicle. Vehicle was reported to have been used in a shooting earlier that day in Hartford. One of the subject's occupying the vehicle was reported to be armed and dangerous. The vehicle was seized and later released to Hartford PD.	N/A	Firearm - Display only
	10		N/A		N/A	Firearm - Display only
9	11	09/01/2024	Arrest	Motor vehicle stop. Operator suspected of driving under the influence.	Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, Interfering with an officer	Hand / Fist Strike
10	12	09/14/2024	Arrest	Domestic violence Incident. Uncooperative subject who was reported to have pulled the victim by the hair before punching them in the face. The victim sustained facial injuries.	Assault 2nd Degree, Disorderly Conduct, Unlawful Restraint 1st Degree, Interfering with an officer	CEW - Display only

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11	13	09/22/2024	Arrest	Stolen motor vehicle crash. This subject (operator) fled the scene on foot prior to officers arrival. Officers subsequently located the subject in the basement of a nearby residence	Larceny of a motor vehicle, Burglary 3rd Degree, Reckless Driving, Evading Responsibility, Breach of Peace 2nd Degree, Interfering with an officer, Operating a motor vehicle without a license	Firearm - Display only CEW - Display only
12	14	10/26/2024	Arrest	Motor vehicle stop. Subsequent to the motor vehicle stop, the subject (operator) suddenly backed their vehicle into a police cruiser. The subject was verbally and physically combative with officers.	Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, Failure to drive in proper lane, Unsafe Backing, Failure to Obey Stop Sign, Travelling unreasonably fast, Reckless Driving, Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree, Interfering with an officer, Assault on EMS personnel, Criminal attempt of assault on an officer	Firearm Point
13	15	11/07/2024	Arrest	Mutual aid assistance to the Ledyard Police Department for the report of a domestic disturbance. Subject was verbally and physically threatening officers	<u>Ledyard PD Charges</u> Violation of a Protective Order, Failure to submit fingerprints	CEW Cartridge Deployment
14	16	12/19/2024	Arrest	Domestic Violence Incident. Subject was reported to have choked the victim after striking the victim in the face	Assault 3rd Degree, Reckless Endangerment, Strangulation 2nd Degree, Unlawful Restraint, Disorderly Conduct, Interfering with an officer	CEW Cartridge Deployment