



# City of Charlottesville

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Between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, the Charlottesville Police Department deployed force on seventeen (17) occasions. The most frequent deployment of force was physical force. For clarity and context, force options are defined below.

**Deadly Force:** Any force that has the substantial likelihood of causing serious bodily harm or death.

**Non-deadly Force:** All uses of force other than those that have the substantial likelihood of causing serious bodily harm or death.

**Impact Weapons:** ASP Collapsible Batons

**Chemical Agent:** Oleoresin-Capsicum Solution (OC Spray)

**Tasers:** Electronic Control Device manufactured by Taser International.

**K-9:** Trained police canines with law enforcement responsibilities.

**Physical Force:** A use of force option to gain compliance from resistant or aggressive individuals in arrest or other enforcement situations.

For clarity and context, a brief description of each deployment of force is described below:

## **INCIDENTS OF FORCE:**

**Deadly Force: 0**

**Impact Weapons: 0**

**OC Spray: 0**

**K-9: 0**

## INCIDENTS OF FORCE (CONTINUED):

### TASER: 6

- January 8, 2019: Officers attempted to take a wanted person into custody. Subject was armed with a set of pliers, and shouted at the officers to shoot him. The suspect ignored officers' commands and advanced towards them. Officer deployed her Taser, and the subject was taken into custody. (Officer W/F, Officer W/M, Suspect B/M)
- January 18, 2019: Officers were providing security at a crime scene when a subject attempted to enter the scene. The subject attempted to push past the officers, who then attempted to place him in custody. The subject pulled away and yelled at the officer. The officer then deployed their Taser, but contact was insufficient. The officer was able to make secondary contact with the Taser on the suspect's calf. The subject subsequently complied, and was placed in handcuffs. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: B/M)
- July 5, 2019: Officers responded to a report of a subject who assaulted several individuals in a bar. The reporting party identified the subject to the officers. Officers moved to detain the subject, who resisted by both pulling away and pushing the officers. As the subject began to break away from the officers, an officer deployed his Taser, which allowed the subject to be taken into custody. (Officer W/M; Suspect: B/M)
- August 13, 2019: Officer approached subject who had just assaulted two firefighters. The officer attempted to take the subject into custody for the assault, when the subject resisted arrest, and was able to break away from the officer. The suspect again attempted to approach a firefighter. The officer deployed his Taser, at which point the subject was taken into custody (Officer: W/M; Suspect: B/M)
- August 26, 2019: Officer responded to a 911 call for a subject holding a meat cleaver. The officer attempted to speak with the subject, but was unsuccessful. The subject engaged in a series of increasingly aggressive actions, to include striking himself about the neck with the meat cleaver. These actions led the officer to fear for the subject's and others safety. The officer deployed a Taser, which had an immediate effect. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: W/M)
- December 10, 2019: Officer observed a disorder and was assaulted as he attempted to break up it up. Officer deployed his Taser with no effect on the suspect. Officer then performed a drive stun and the suspect complied with commands and was taken into custody. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: B/M)

## PHYSICAL FORCE: 11

- January 27, 2019: Officers witnessed a physical disorder between two individuals. Officers attempted to break up a fight when suspect (from the crowd of onlookers) attacked an officer. The officer punched the suspect in defense. The suspect was arrested for assaulting the officer. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: B/F)
- May 11, 2019: Officer witnessed subject committing an assault. Officer attempted to take the subject into custody and he resisted. The subject was taken to the ground, and placed in handcuffs. (Officer W/M; Suspect: B/M)
- May 12, 2019: Officer responded to call for assault. Suspect was identified, but refused to comply with orders from officer and was taken to the ground. Suspect refused to place his hands behind his back, and resisted officer's attempts to be handcuffed. Officer used an ASP to pry the suspect's hands from under his body. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: B/M)
- July 2, 2019: Officers responded to a report of an assault and strong-armed robbery. They located the suspect and attempted to detain him. The subject resisted the officer's attempts to place him in handcuffs by pulling away from the officers. The subject was taken to the ground, and placed in handcuffs. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: B/M )
- July 21, 2019: Officer performed a traffic stop, and found the driver to have a suspended license. Officer issued the subject a summons and instructed him to park his vehicle. Approximately one minute after finishing the traffic stop, the officer observed the subject driving in direct contravention of the summons. Officer stopped the subject again, and approached him with the intent of taking him into custody for the additional driving behavior, and disregarding the earlier summons. The subject resisted the officer's attempts to place him in handcuffs, pulling away from the officer on multiple occasions. The officer then took the subject to the ground, and was able to place him in handcuffs without further incident. (Officer. W/M; Suspect: W/M)
- August 4, 2019: Officer attempted to detain suspect for an outstanding warrant. The subject refused to comply with commands, and resisted efforts to take him into custody. The subject was taken to the ground, but continued to resist officer's attempts to place him in handcuffs. An ASP was used to pry the suspect's hands from under suspect's body to be placed in handcuffs. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: B/M)
- August 25, 2019: Officers responded to a call for an unconscious subject. On location, they found the subject, who was intoxicated. Officers attempted to place the subject in custody, however he resisted arrest. The subject was subsequently taken to the ground to be handcuffed. The subject curled his right arm under his body in an effort to resist officer's attempts. Officers were able to pull the subjects arm from under his body and placed him in custody. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: B/M)
- September 7, 2019: Officer assisted UPD in apprehending a suspect who fled from them. Officer gave chase and caught the subject. He advised the subject he was under arrest, and attempted to gain control of him. The subject was able to jerk away from the officer, and then the officer tackled the subject to prevent further flight. ( Officer: W/M; Suspect: W/M)

## PHYSICAL FORCE: CONTINUED

- September 22, 2019: Officers approached suspect after observing him leave a bar with an open container. Officer attempted to have the patron return to the bar. The subject instead threw the container, which hit a third party in the head. Officers approached the intoxicated subject, and during their investigation, the subject grabbed his ID from the officer and attempted to leave. Officers then took control of the subject's arms to place him in custody. The suspect began to resist, by flailing his arms, and was taken to the ground. (Officer: W/M; Suspect: W/M)
- December 19, 2019: Officers' responded to a call of trespassing on a resident's porch. Suspect was known to have an active protective order (No Contact). Suspect saw officers, and fled. Then suspect was tackled to the ground. (Ofc: W/M; Sus: W/M)
- December 20, 2019: Officers responded to a call for service for a disorderly, intoxicated subject in a taxi. The subject was located, and officers attempted to take subject into custody. Suspect tensed up and resisted the officer's efforts to place her in custody. The subject was then taken to the ground and placed in handcuffs. (Officer: A/M; Suspect: W/F)