

Davis Police Department

Serve with Pride - Enforce the Law - Guard Individual Human Rights

2020 Use of Force Data

The professional and dedicated staff of the Davis Police Department serves a diverse community of approximately 66,000 residents and students attending UC Davis and thousands of visitors each day. Our authorized strength consists of 96 full-time employees (61 sworn officers and 35 civilian support professionals) and over 30 Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS).

The personnel of the Davis Police Department take tremendous pride in providing you with outstanding police service by means of the “Davis Way.” We value our employees and believe in the continued empowerment of our staff through continuous training and professional development. We expect the members of our organization to understand the importance of public service and that their service reflects the values of this community. Our philosophy ensures that officers will do their best to serve you each and every time you need us.

During 2020, Davis Police Department personnel responded to 37,363 calls for service, made 443 arrests and issued 455 moving citations. Personnel also attended many events, forums, presentations and worked with a variety of community organizations and groups in many different ways. 2020 also brought the unique challenges of policing during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

In 2017, the Davis Police Department published the 2017 – 2019 Strategic Plan. One of the Strategic Plan goals is to model and pursue excellence by partnering with our community. Towards this end, maintaining positive community relations and creating partnerships are essential elements of our service delivery plan. In order to earn and maintain community support, one of our objectives is to provide transparency in policing in Davis and provide information to the public in a timely, efficient, effective and respectful manner. This includes annually posting summary use of force data from the previous year on the Department website.

Department Use of Force Policy

The Department made significant changes to the Use of Force Policy during 2020 relating to the passage of [AB 392](#)¹, [SB 230](#)², and guidelines issued by the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training, along with providing officer training regarding the policy updates. The revised policy is located online at <https://www.cityofdavis.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=15561>.

Reporting & the Investigation of Use of Force

As soon as practical following an incident, the Watch Commander/Supervisor shall be notified of the application of force under any of the following circumstances:

1. The application caused a visible injury.
2. The application would lead a reasonable officer to conclude that the individual may have experienced more than momentary, temporary discomfort.
3. The individual subjected to the force complained of injury or continuing pain.
4. The individual indicates intent to pursue litigation.
5. Any application of a CED or control device, such as baton, improvised impact weapon, OC spray or chemical agent.
6. Any application of a restraint device other than handcuffs, leg shackles, the WRAP or belly chains.

¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB392

² https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB230

7. The individual subjected to the force was rendered unconscious.
8. Physical strikes were used.
9. The pointing of a firearm directly at a person.
10. An individual alleges any of the above has occurred.

The Watch Commander and the Division Commander of the involved officer are required to review any incident where reportable force is used. If there is any question regarding whether the use of force was within policy or not, the entire incident will be investigated by Professional Standards through a formal internal investigation and review by the Office of the Police Chief.

Beginning in 2017, the following types of force are annually reported to the public:

1. The use of a firearm or deadly force.
2. The use of a baton or impact device/munitions.
3. The use of a Taser.
4. The use of oleoresin capsicum (pepper spray) or chemical agents.
5. The use of physical strikes or knee strikes.
6. The use of control holds where a person complained of pain.

In 2020 there were 8 unique incidents³ where reportable force was used.

California Department of Justice Reporting

#	Type
0	Shooting of a civilian by a peace officer.
0	Shooting of a peace officer by a civilian.
0	Use-of-force by a peace officer against a civilian results in serious bodily injury or death.
0	Use-of-force by a civilian against a peace officer results in serious bodily injury or death.
8	Use-of-force by an officer against a civilian that <u>did not</u> result in serious bodily injury or death.
4	Use-of-force by a civilian against an officer that <u>did not</u> result in serious bodily injury or death.

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Firearm or Deadly Force

Incidents of Use	Within Policy	Policy Violation	Force Review Completed	Force Review Not Yet Completed
0				

Baton or Impact Device/Munitions

Incidents of Use	Within Policy	Policy Violation	Force Review Completed	Force Review Not Yet Completed
0				

Taser

Incidents of Use	Within Policy	Policy Violation	Force Review Completed	Force Review Not Yet Completed
7	6	0	6	1

Pepper Spray

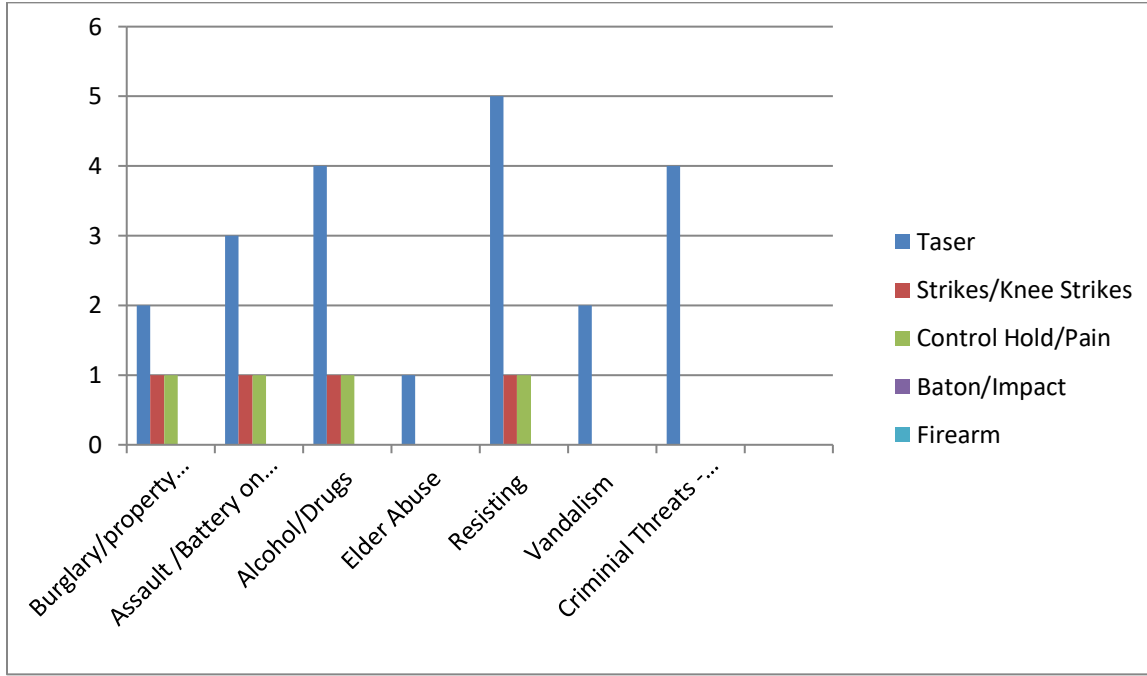
Incidents of Use	Within Policy	Policy Violation	Force Review Completed	Force Review Not Yet Completed
0				

³ A unique incident may involve multiple individuals being arrested and/or types of force being used.

Physical Strikes/Knee Strikes

Incidents of Use	Within Policy	Policy Violation	Force Review Completed	Force Review Not Yet Completed
1	1	0	1	0

2020 - Use of Force by Type and Associated Crimes



Note: One incident may be associated with multiple associated crimes.