



PATTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: Amy Farkas, Township Manager
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SUBJ: 2023 Year End Police Report

The Patton Township Police Department (PTPD) ended 2023 with a complement of 20 officers and two police secretaries. Staff consisted of the Chief of Police, three Sergeants, thirteen Patrol Officers, and three Detectives. The department also employed a part-time Ordinance Enforcement Officer and two part-time Crossing Guards.

One of the three detectives' primary duties is to handle and investigate drug related incidents within Patton Township. He acts as a liaison with the Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Narcotics Investigations and assists in coordination of the Centre County Drug Task Force. In addition, he assists other State College area Narcotic Detectives with drug investigations as a multi-agency led team. This assignment commenced in May 2010.

During 2023, the Narcotics Detective made arrests for multiple counts of Delivery of a Controlled substance, Corrupt Organizations, and Conspiracy to Deliver Controlled substances. The substances included heroin/fentanyl, cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, and prescription drugs. He was involved in multiple large scale drug investigations. Some of these cases are still in investigative process but will result in the arrest of approx. 10 individuals involved in distributing heroin/fentanyl, cocaine, and other illicit drugs in the Centre region.

During 2023, approximately 27 drug delivery cases were opened against individuals trafficking controlled drugs in the Centre Region. During 2023, the Drug Task Force seized multiple pounds of crystal methamphetamine, multiple grams of heroin/fentanyl and other drugs. The task force seized approx. \$22,000 in US currency directly related to the sale and distribution of narcotics in our area.

2023 saw the culmination of a significant case with the arrest of 7 individuals involved in distribution of heroin/fentanyl and crystal methamphetamine. This case spread from the source city of Philadelphia to the State College area. This case was a joint effort with the Centre County Drug Task Force, Pennsylvania State Police Strike Force, and local law enforcement.

Over the past 10 years, the demand and activity related to opioid and derivative substances along with crystal methamphetamine has increased. All of the Narcotics Detectives 2023 arrests were for delivery of heroin/fentanyl, crystal methamphetamine and cocaine. This trend is also consistent with the other drug investigators in the Centre Region.

Because of the clandestine nature of Drug Task Force, it's common for the detective to be tasked to operations outside of narcotics. Being able to blend in and hide in open sight has allowed the

detective and other member to effect arrests of individual that were wanted for serious crimes such and homicide, child predators, and various assaults.

Patton Township Police Detectives also attended monthly meetings such as the Centre County Child Abuse Task Force, Centre County Detectives, Centre County Drug Investigators, and Behavioral Threat Management Team.

A great deal of emphasis continues to be placed on training members of the department. On a yearly basis, the Municipal Police Officers' Training Commission (MPOETC) mandates specific training (see attached) for officers to maintain their Pennsylvania police officer certification (Act 120). Officers within the department who have training in a specific field provide 'in-house' training to other members of the department in areas such as first aid, CPR, AEDs, firearms, taser and use of the police expandable baton. Some of the additional 'outside' courses that officers attended in 2023 included:

Firearms Training	DUI Enforcement Training	Drug Recognition Expert Training
Less Lethal Instructor	Crisis Negotiator Training	PA Justice Network (JNET) Training
Criminal Investigation	Tactical Response Training	Traffic Patrol/Drug Interdiction Training
Active Shooter Training	Tactical Police Driving Training	Intelligence Liaison Officer Training
School Resource Officer	Collision Reconstruction Training	PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Training
De-escalation Strategies	Crisis Intervention Team	Blood Borne Pathogens/Infectious Disease

Regional activities PTPD officers participated in included the Centre County Alcohol Task Force (DUI patrol), Centre County Drug Task Force, and Tactical Response Team. Patton Township also spear-headed the development of the Centre Region Accident Reconstruction Team which started in 2022.

In 2023 the regional Accident Reconstruction Team was utilized for 15 crashes. PTPD requested the team for 2 serious crashes in the township.

The Department once again received Buckle Up Pennsylvania and Smooth Operator / Aggressive Driving grant funding. The programs were used to increase seat belt use and awareness and to decrease aggressive driving. In 2023, 14 seat belt / aggressive driving details were conducted, which resulted in 94 contacts and 39 citations being issued. The department also participated in 18 Driving Under the Influence details. Officers made 135 contacts, wrote 16 citations, arrested 1 individual for DUI, and made two arrests for minors' law and 2 for public drunkenness.

In 2023, officers were trained in the use of Naloxone. Naloxone is a medication that when administered via nasal spray can reverse the effects of an opioid drug overdose. Once department training was completed, the department began to carry Naloxone as part of their first aid medical kits. In 2023, Naloxone was administered two times by our officers.

The Department provided numerous child passenger safety seat inspections in 2023. The Department currently has three officers certified as child passenger safety seat technicians.

In 2023, officers were recertified in the use of the Taser by the Department's certified instructor. There were no Taser deployments in 2023.

The Department has one officer who has received extensive training as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Our DRE conducted 4 evaluations of impaired drivers in 2023. 8 evaluations were also completed for training purposes. Our DRE received his instructor certification in 2022.

The Centre County Public Safety Training Center continues to be used for department tactical driving training. The Department has two instructors certified in tactical police driving.

The Department endeavors to be visible in the local schools and interact with students, staff, and visitors. Numerous school walk-throughs are conducted by the School Resource Officer (SRO). The Department heavily patrols the AM/PM school zones to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety. The Department relies on two part-time crossing guards to assist with safe student crossing at our schools. The Department has one officer assigned as a part-time (4 hours/day) SRO for Patton Township's three schools.

The Department has one officer assigned half-time to Crime Prevention/Community Relations (CP/CR). The CP/CR officer provides Run/Hide/Fight training for any interested businesses or citizens. Many businesses, the schools and a few houses of worship have received this training.

The 21st annual Patton Township Police Department Safety Fair was a huge success. The Happy Valley Business Association helps with planning, advertising, and volunteering at this event every year.

PTPD officers participated in a few community events, such as the Centre County Law Enforcement Memorial. Our officers once again teamed up with officers from Ferguson Township PD to participate in a "Blue Christmas" event. This was very successful, and officers look forward to continuing this annual event. PTPD officers also worked with the Centre County Youth Services Bureau and Target to put on a "Hero's and Helpers" event.

The Patton Township Municipal Building is home to a Drug Take Back Box. In 2023 Patton Township collected 285 lbs. of unused and unwanted medications. This was up from the 280 lbs. collected in 2022.

The Patton Township Police Department welcomed two new officers in 2023. Ofc. Michael Ottolini was hired in September and Ofc. Tyler Brahosky was hired in October.

The Department hired a part-time Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO) in 2019. This officer continues to aggressively enforce ordinances in Patton Township. The OEO also assists patrol with animal calls and school crossing guard duties when needed.

2023 was the fifth full year for PTPD officers to wear Body Worn Cameras. The program continues to be a success. BWC footage has proved to be valuable to officers in writing accurate reports and as evidence assisting in prosecuting criminal cases.

The 2023 vehicle fleet consisted of 13 patrol vehicles, which included two marked sedans, five marked SUVs, two unmarked detective units, two staff vehicles, a vehicle for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and the chief's vehicle.

Our calls for service (CFS) increased from 5,466 in 2022 to 5,677 in 2023. The largest component of CFS was School Checks done by officers. These incidents amounted to 662 calls for service. The second most common type of call for service was assisting EMS, which accounted for 583 calls.

Accident data for 2023 shows that 352 accidents occurred, including collisions on private property, and that 74 of those were more serious in nature (injuries or extensive damage). This is an increase from total accidents in 2022 (338). Serious accidents decreased from 105 in 2022. 23 of the serious crashes were in the N. Atherton Corridor (Valley Vista and south to the Township line) and 19 occurred on Waddle Road. There were no fatal crashes in 2023.

Bike Patrol

Year	Total Miles	Business Checks	Parking Tickets	Incidents	Criminal Arrests	Vacation Home Checks
2022	199	366	0	5	1	11
2023	202	371	3	7	0	9

The Department has 8 members who are certified as bike patrol officers. We utilize bike patrol as a great community engagement tool.

Chief Jolley continues to be an active member of Community & Campus in Unity, Centre County Chiefs', Children's Advocacy Center Steering Committee, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Advisory Committee, and the Happy Valley Business Association.

The Patton Township Police Department officers and support staff are to be commended for their diligent service to our community. The department continues to provide services in a courteous, professional, and respectful manner.

The Patton Township Police Department, in partnership with our community, provides impartial, ethical, and professional law enforcement service and protection. We strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life.

Annual In-service Police Training

Each year every police officer in Pennsylvania is required to complete 12 hours of in-service training on various topics selected by the Municipal Police Officer Education & Training Commission (MPOETC). While MPOETC only requires 12 hours of in-service training annually, the Patton Township Police Department requires every police officer to complete at least 32 hours of in-service training annually. Annual in-service training is typically conducted in January and February.

Below is a listing of in-service training topics for the past six (6) years that includes both the MPOETC required courses (12 hours) as well as some of the additional courses the Patton Township Police added to the 32-hours of in-service training required of every Patton Township Police officer every year.

Year	MPOETC Required	Elective Training Added
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Updates • Tactical Communications • Criminal Investigations • Officer Wellness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell Phone Forensics • Mental Health • District Attorney’s Office (Case Law) • Blood Borne Pathogens/Infectious Disease • Hazardous Materials • Community Conferencing • Use of Force (Taser/Baton) • Critical Policy Review
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Updates • Understanding Bias • Use of Force • Control Tactics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial Profiling Awareness • De-escalation Strategies • Crisis Intervention Team Update • Critical Policy Review • Use of Force (Taser/Baton) • Blood Borne Pathogens/Infectious Disease
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Updates • Recognizing and Responding to Individuals with Special Needs (emphasis on de-escalation) • Juvenile Justice • Child Victims of Human Trafficking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Policing and Minority Engagement • Critical Policy Review • Use of Force (Taser/Baton) • Room/Building Clearing & Room Entry • Blood Borne Pathogens/Infectious Disease
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Updates • Explosive Devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tactical Team Response

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational Planning Personal Leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASERT-Autism (Autism awareness for Law Enforcement) Diversity (Intersectionality and Enhancing Cross-Cultural Communication, by Natalie Hernandez Deplama) Incident Command Drug Awareness Haz Mat DA's Office update Infection Control MH/ID/ED Motorcycle Gangs Officer Wellness Critical Policy Review Use of Force (Taser/Baton)
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Updates Officer Safety/Traffic Stops Advanced Interviewing Techniques Criminal Tech/Electronic Surveillance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Competency (Cracking Class & Culture Code for Law Enforcement, by Vladimir Beaufils of Sound Community Solutions) Surviving Verbal Conflict (De-escalation for law enforcement) Domestic Violence/Sex Assault Protocol Critical Policy Review Use of Force (Taser/Baton)
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Updates Procedural Justice De-escalation Technqs. Active Assaults Officer Safety Ambush 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bias and Hate Crimes (Review of crimes code sections and how they apply, by Sgt. William Slaton) Cultural Diversity II (The Battle with Moses People, by Terry Watson) Immigration 101 (Review of immigration law, by Dr. Shoba Wadhia) Critical Policy Review Use of Force (Taser/Baton)
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Updates Procedural Justice Handling Drug Overdoses Intelligence Assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Act Review Opioid Epidemic Child Advocacy Center Critical Policy Review Use of Force (Taser/Baton)
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Updates Tactical Medicine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis Intervention Team Refresher Implicit Bias (in Good People, by Carol Eicher)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Force (6 hours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Policy Review • Use of Force (Taser/Baton)
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Updates • Civil Law • Domestic Violence • Human Trafficking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & Youth Services • Stewards of Children • Community Help Center • Critical Policy Review • Use of Force (Taser/Baton)
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Updates • Crimes Against the Elderly • Intro to Social Media • Traumatic Brain Injury & PTSD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Made Explosives • Child Advocacy Center • Veteran's Court • Providing Culturally Competent Services to Victims of Crime—US Department of Justice/Office for Victims of Crime • Critical Policy Review • Use of Force (Taser/Baton)



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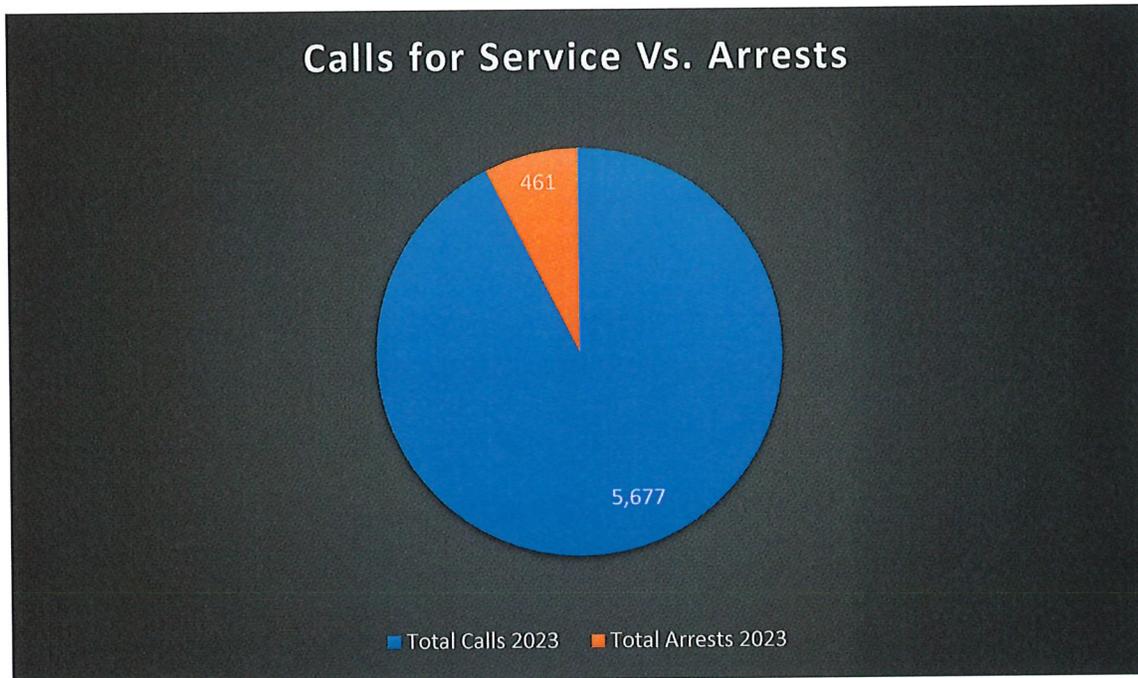
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Calls for Service and Use of Force 2023

PTPD officers handled 5,677 calls for service, conducted 1,832 traffic stops, and made 461 arrests (8.1% of calls for service) in 2023



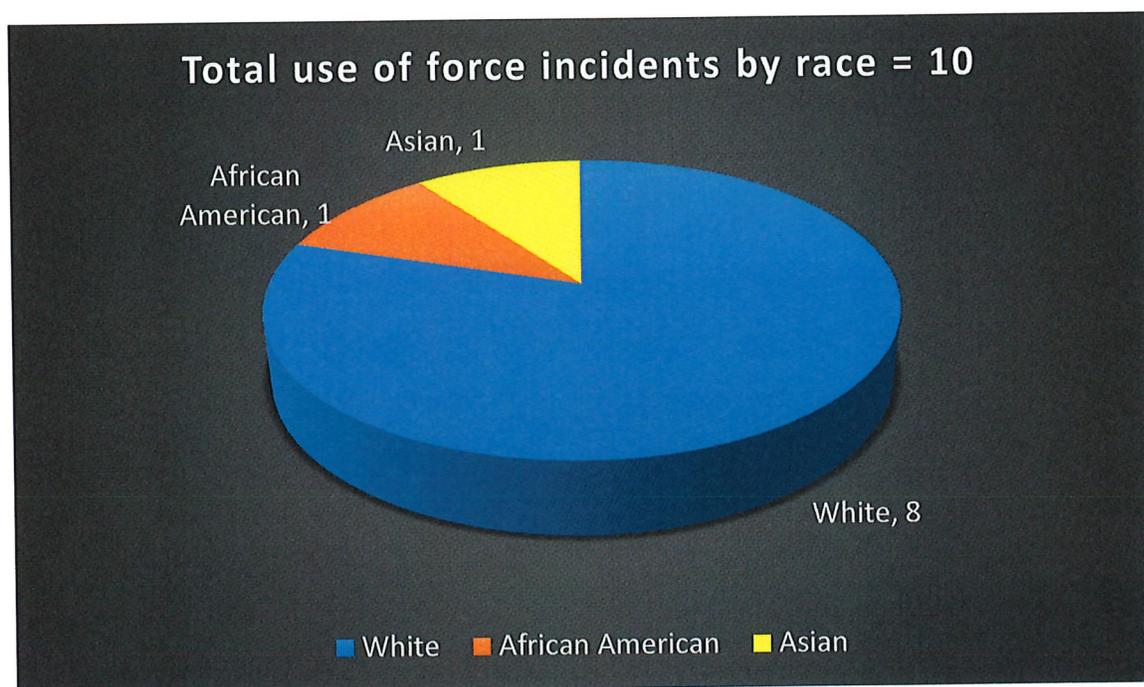
Use of Force

Of the 5,677 calls for service and 1,832 traffic stops, PTPD officers used force during 10 incidents in 2023

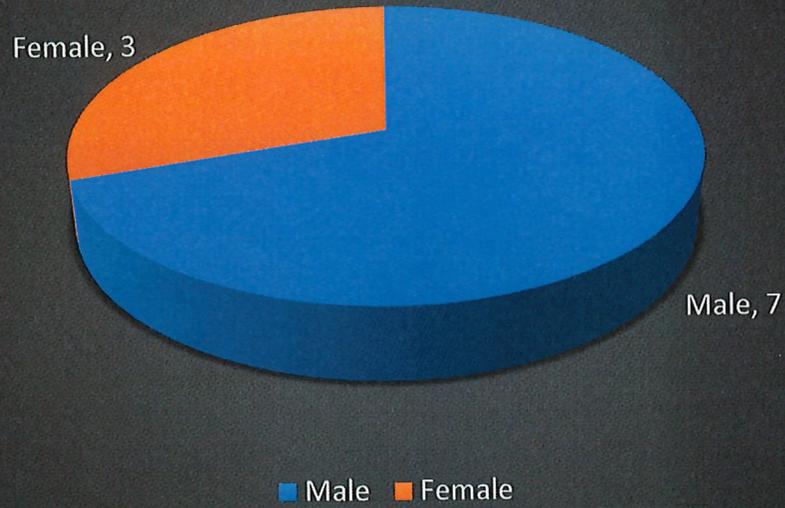
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Types of force that officers could use:

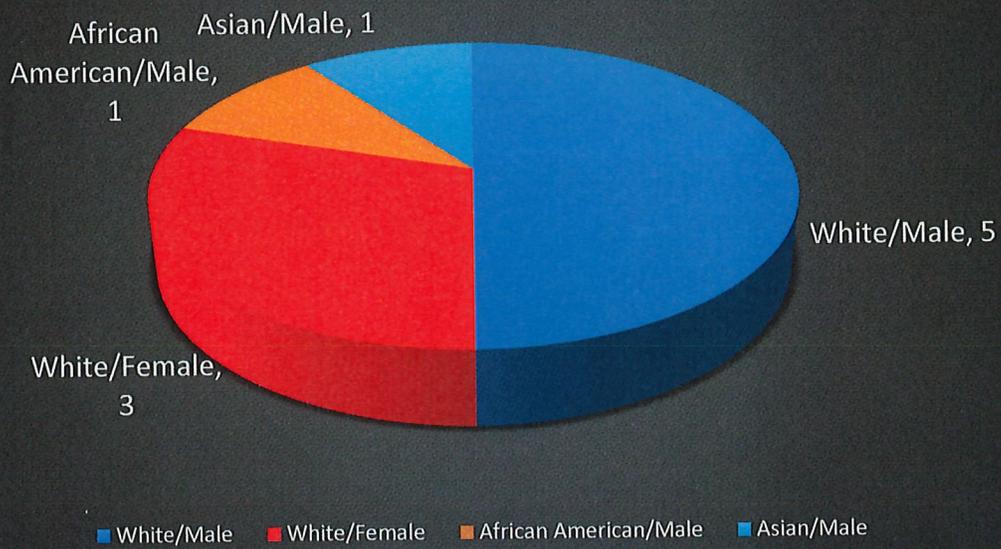
- Escort (passive resistance, some form of physical maneuvering, no pain)
- OC Spray
- Taser or threat of Taser
- Control and Compliance (leverage, take-downs, holds, and come-alongs)
- Unarmed Striking Techniques
- Striking Implement and Bean-bag projectiles
- Deadly or Potentially Deadly Force



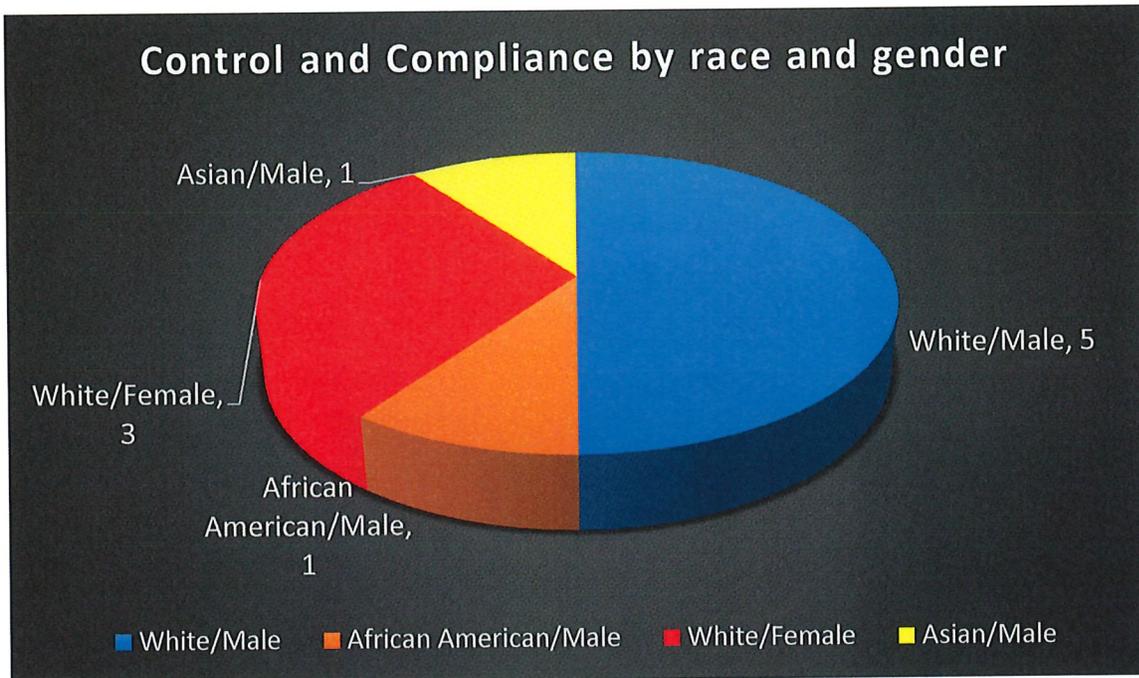
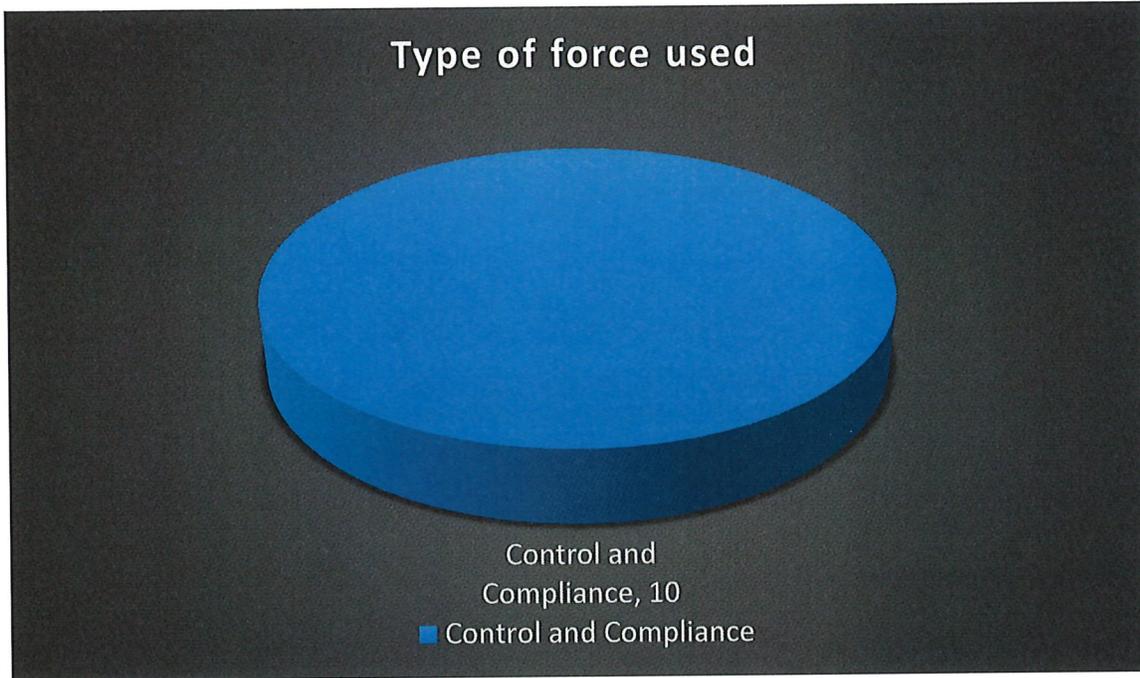
Use of force by gender



Use of force by race and gender

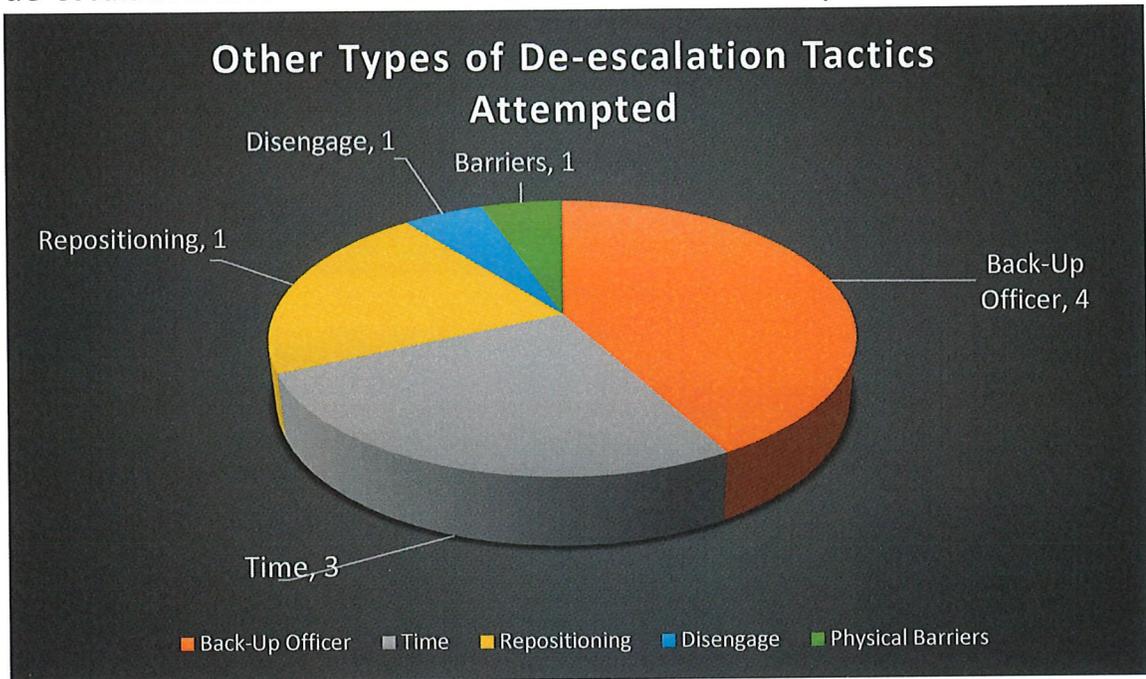


Type of force used



De-escalation

De-escalation tactics were attempted in 8 of the 10 use of force incidents. Verbal de-escalation was used during all 8 attempts. Officers considered de-escalation tactics to be effective in 1 of the 8 attempts.



- There were no reports of injury to the individuals on whom force was used.
- In one instance where force was used, two officers were assaulted. One officer was punched on the cheek, the other was kicked.

Use of Force Complaints

The Patton Township Police Department did not investigate any complaints related to use of force in 2023.