



# PATTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJ: 2025 Year End Public Safety Report

The Patton Township Police Department (PTPD) ended 2025 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.

A major change to the police department in 2024 was the addition of K9 Graf. Graf is a single purpose German Shorthaired Pointer trained to detect illegal drugs, and he is also capable of helping track individuals. In 2025, Graf was deployed 24 times for narcotics detection. 2 individuals were arrested for possessing narcotics during those deployments. One of Graf's detections led to the seizure of 2 ounces of methamphetamine and 9 grams of cocaine. Graf was deployed 3 times to assist with tracking. Graf also made 10 public appearances which often included demonstrations of his abilities. Graf and Ofc. Snyder logged 234 hours of training time in 2025.

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 2025 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

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

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

In 2025 the regional Accident Reconstruction Team was utilized for 8 crashes. PTPD requested the team for 1 fatal crash 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 2025, 6 seat belt / aggressive driving details were conducted. The department also participated in 13 Driving Under the Influence details. During these details, officers made 148 contacts, wrote 28 citations, arrested 1 individual for DUI, made 1 drug arrest, cited 5 individuals for minors' law violations, cited 3 individuals for public drunkenness, cited 3 individuals for trespassing and served 1 warrant.

In 2025, 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 2025, Naloxone was administered one time by our officers and the patient survived.

The Department provided numerous child passenger safety seat inspections in 2025. The Department currently has three officers certified as child passenger safety seat technicians.

In 2025, officers were recertified in the use of the Taser by the Department's certified instructor. There was one Taser deployment in 2025.

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 2025. 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 one instructor 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 public 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, schools, and a few churches have received this training.

The 23rd 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 and the Torch Run for Special Olympics. PTPD officers also worked with the Centre County Youth Services Bureau and Target to put on a "Hero's and Helpers" event and supported the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

The Patton Township Municipal Building is home to a Drug Take Back Box. In 2025 Patton Township collected 288 lbs. of unused and unwanted medications. This was down from the 324 lbs. collected in 2024.

The Patton Township Police Department welcomed two new officers in 2025. Ofc. Michael Ottolini was hired in September and Ofc. Zachary Krise 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.

2025 was the seventh full year for PTPD officers to wear Body Worn Cameras. The program continues to be a success. BWC footage has proven to be valuable to officers in writing accurate reports and as evidence assisting in prosecuting criminal cases.

The 2025 vehicle fleet consisted of 14 patrol vehicles, which included 1 marked sedan, 7 marked SUVs (one specifically for K-9), 2 unmarked detective units, 2 staff vehicles, a vehicle for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and the chief's vehicle.

Our calls for service (CFS) increased from 5,780 in 2024 to 5,978 in 2025. The largest component of CFS was School Checks done by officers. These incidents amounted to 1,199 calls for service. The second most common type of call for service was assisting EMS, which accounted for 662 calls.

Accident data for 2025 shows that 343 accidents occurred, including collisions on private property, and that 60 of those were more serious in nature (injuries or extensive damage). This is a decrease from total accidents in 2024 (390). Serious accidents

decreased from 83 in 2024. 13 of the serious crashes were in the N. Atherton Corridor (Valley Vista and south to the Township line) There was one fatal crash in 2025.

## Bike Patrol

Year	Total Miles	Business Checks	Parking Tickets	Incidents	Criminal Arrests	Vacation Home Checks
2024	158	288	4	12	0	7
2025	883	1090	8	77	0	18

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.





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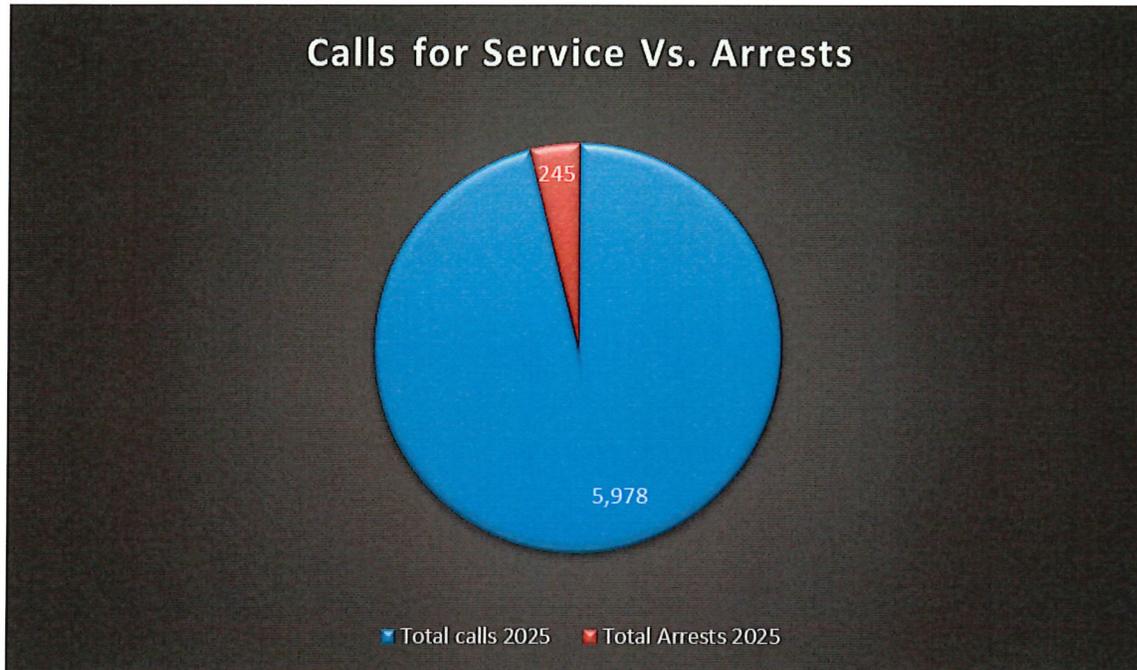
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## Calls for Service and Use of Force 2025

PTPD officers handled 5,978 calls for service, conducted 2,311 traffic stops, and made 245 arrests (4.1% of calls for service) in 2025



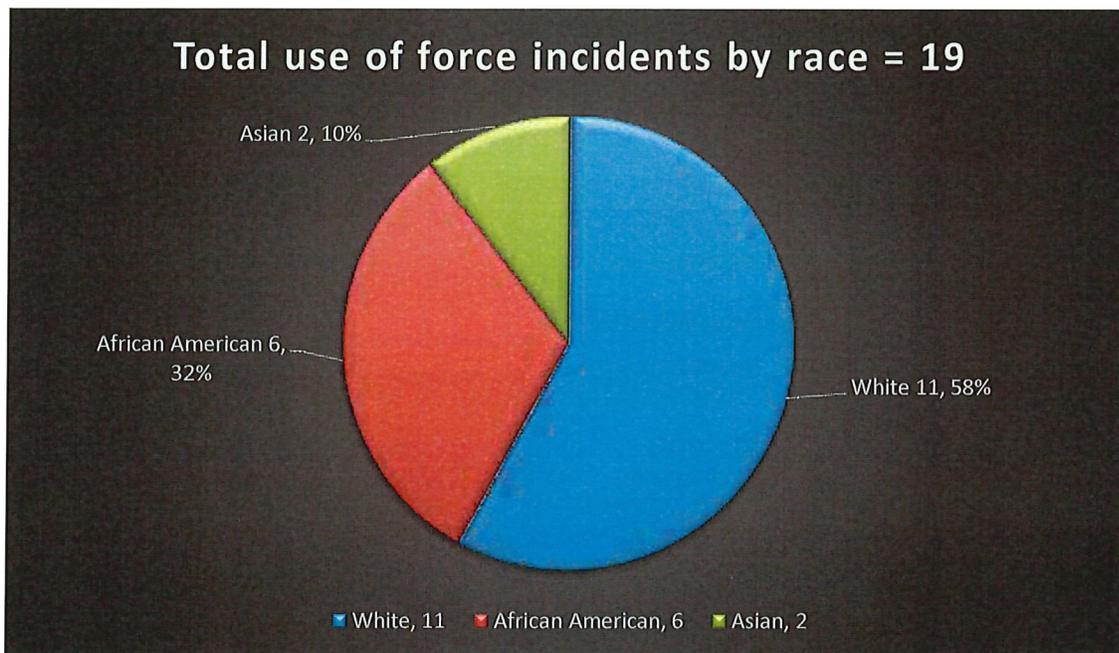
## Use of Force

Of the 5,978 calls for service and 2,311 traffic stops (8,289 total contacts), PTPD officers used force during 19 contacts in 2025

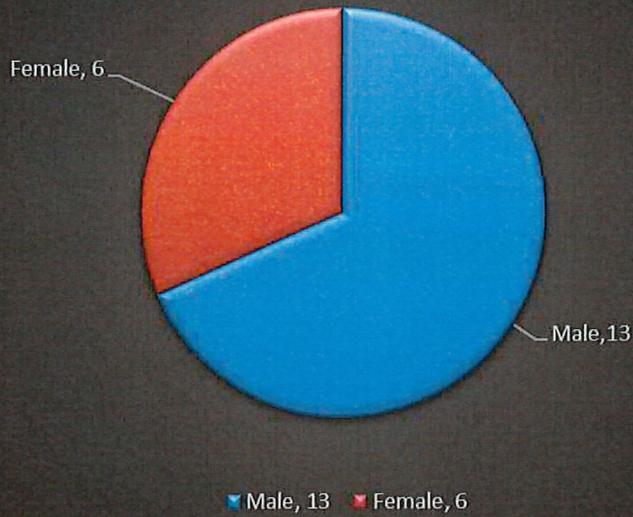
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Types of force that officers could use:

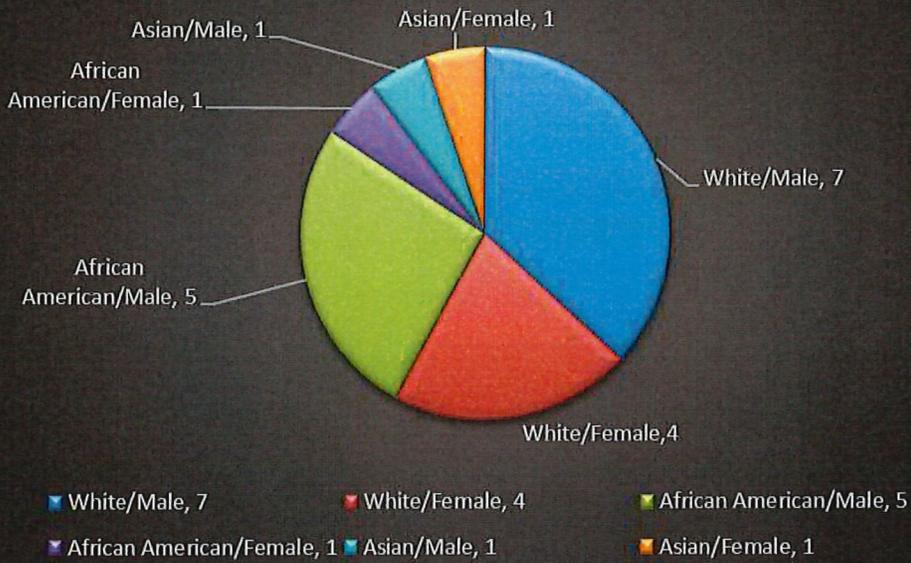
- Escort (passive resistance, some form of physical maneuvering, no pain)
- OC Spray
- Taser or threat of Taser
- Control and Compliance (leverage, take-downs, holds, and come-alongs)
- Unarmed Striking Techniques
- Striking Implement and Bean-bag projectiles
- Deadly or Potentially Deadly Force



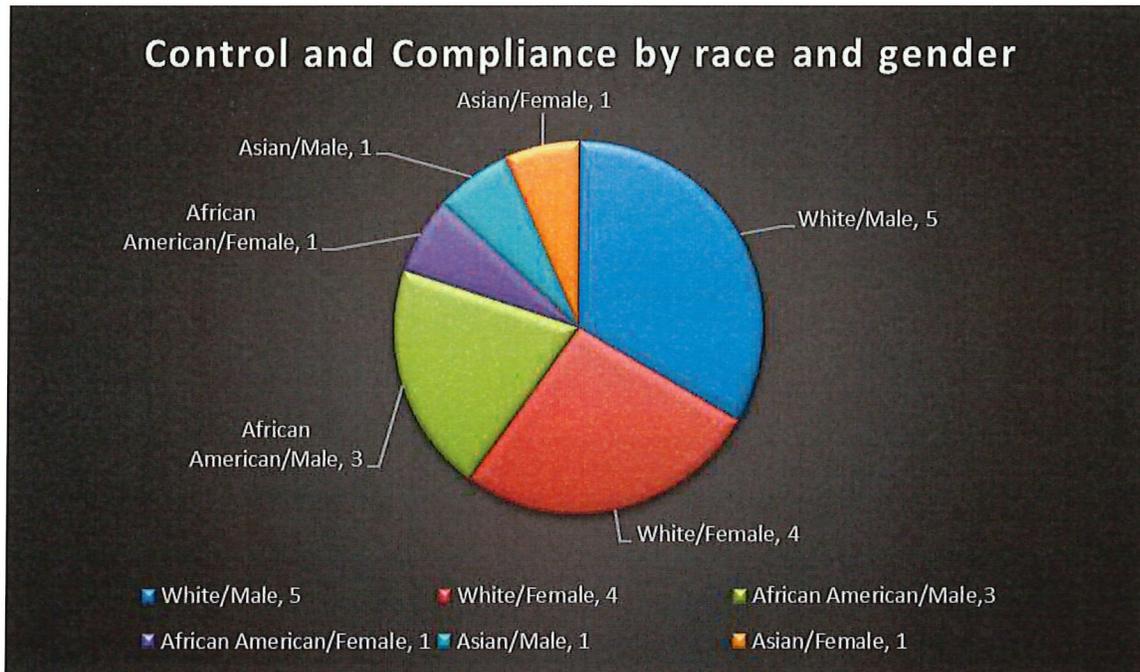
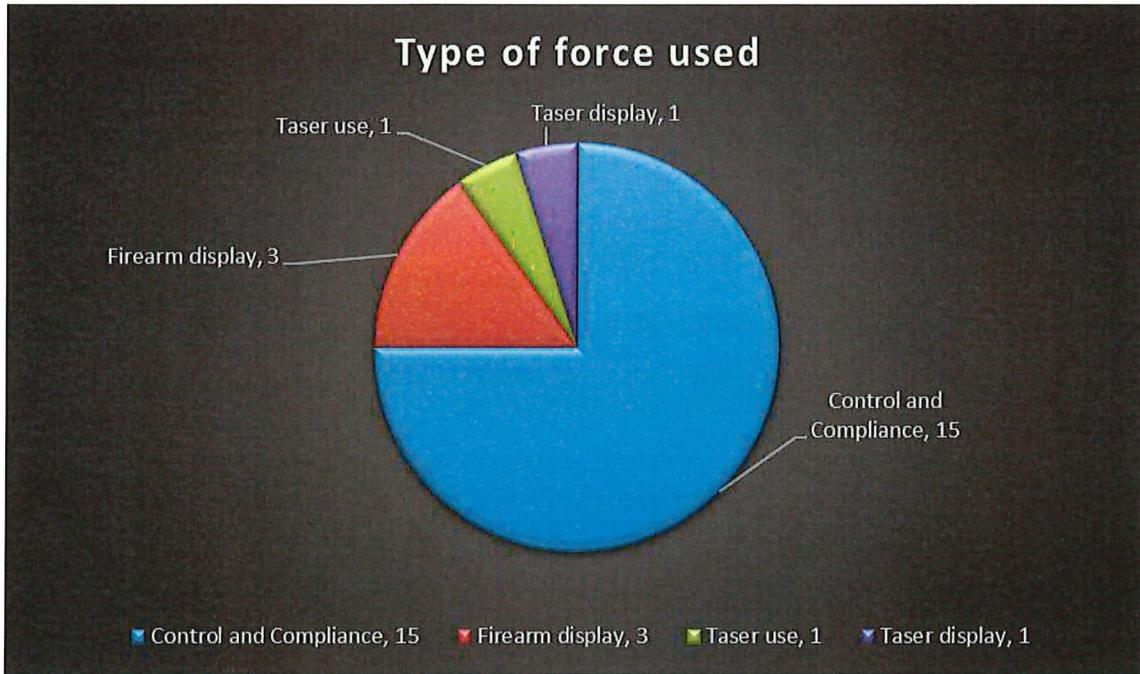
### Use of force by gender



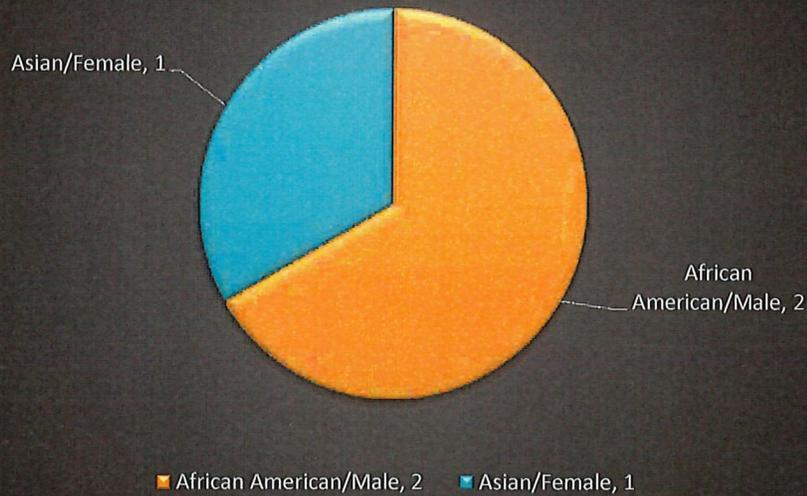
### Use of force by race and gender



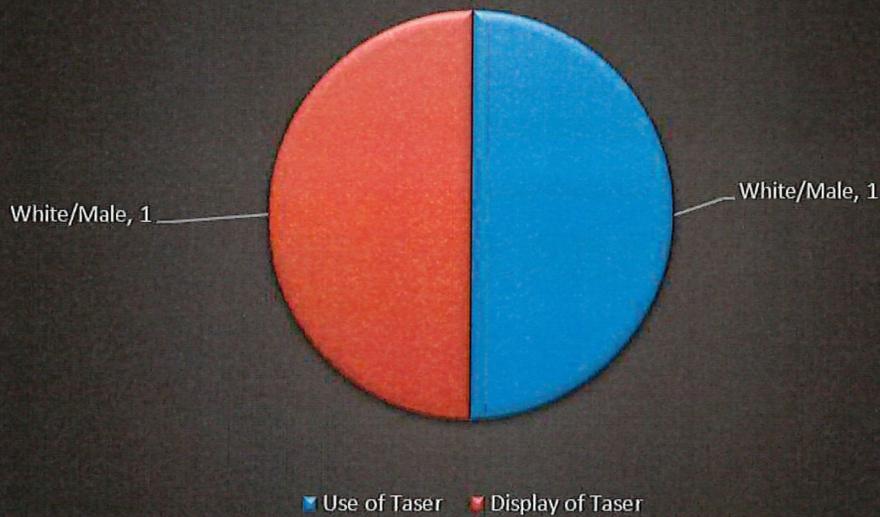
# Type of force used



## Display of Firearm



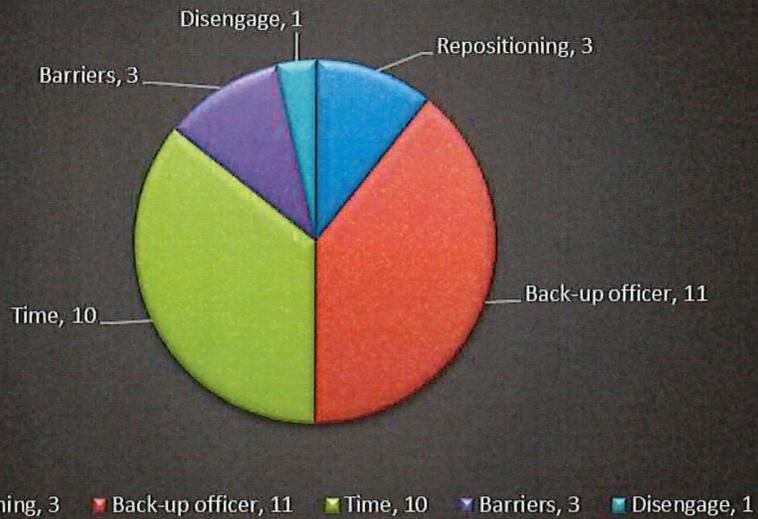
## Taser



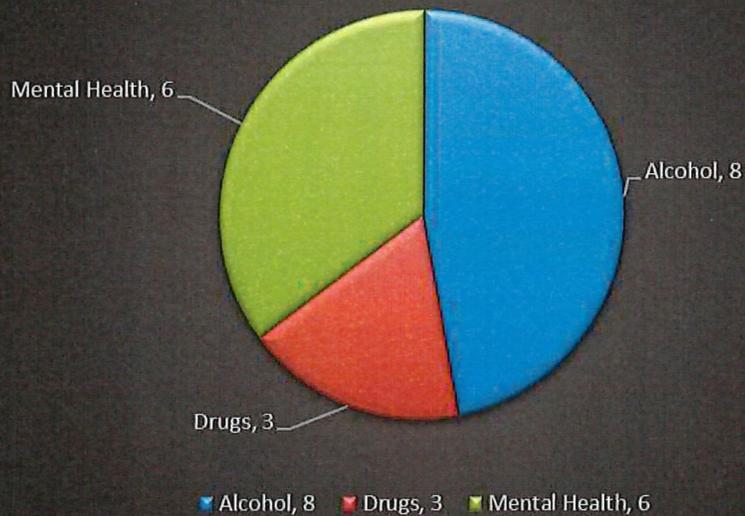
## De-escalation

De-escalation tactics were attempted in 18 of the 19 use of force incidents. Officers considered de-escalation tactics to be effective in 6 of the 18 attempts. Verbal de-escalation was used in 17 of the 18 attempts.

## Other types of de-escalation tactics attempted



## Impairment



- There were 2 reports of minor injury by individuals who force was used upon
- There were no reports of injury by officers involved in the 19 use of force incidents
- 15 of the 19 individuals were arrested for a criminal offense

# Use of Force Complaints

The Patton Township Police Department did not investigate any complaints related to use of force in 2025.

# 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 ten 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
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legal Updates</li> <li>● Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)</li> <li>● Trauma Informed Policing</li> <li>● Responding to Child Abuse Allegations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bomb call response and awareness</li> <li>● District Attorney’s office updates</li> <li>● CIT/SCPD Social Worker update</li> <li>● Housing transitions</li> <li>● Infectious Disease Control/Bloodborne Pathogens</li> <li>● Hazardous Materials</li> <li>● Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> <li>● Critical Policy/Case Law Review</li> </ul>
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legal Updates</li> <li>● Law Enforcement Response to Homeless Persons</li> <li>● Tactical Response</li> <li>● Elder Abuse and Exploitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Duty to Intervene</li> <li>● Hazardous Materials</li> <li>● Bloodborne Pathogens</li> <li>● Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault Response Team, District Attorney’s Office and CIT updates</li> <li>● Traffic Stops “A Spectrum of Communication Barriers”</li> <li>● Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> <li>● Critical Policy/Case Law Review</li> </ul>
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legal Updates</li> <li>● Suicide by Cop</li> <li>● Community Relationships</li> <li>● Law Enforcement Ethics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Officer Wellness</li> <li>● PA DUI Association</li> <li>● District Attorney’s Office (Case Law)</li> <li>● Blood Borne Pathogens/Infectious Disease</li> <li>● Hazardous Materials</li> <li>● Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> <li>● Critical Policy/Case Law Review</li> </ul>

2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Tactical Communications</li> <li>• Criminal Investigations</li> <li>• Officer Wellness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cell Phone Forensics</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• District Attorney's Office (Case Law)</li> <li>• Blood Borne Pathogens/Infectious Disease</li> <li>• Hazardous Materials</li> <li>• Community Conferencing</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> </ul>
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Understanding Bias</li> <li>• Use of Force</li> <li>• Control Tactics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racial Profiling Awareness</li> <li>• De-escalation Strategies</li> <li>• Crisis Intervention Team Update</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> <li>• Blood Borne Pathogens/Infectious Disease</li> </ul>
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Recognizing and Responding to Individuals with Special Needs (emphasis on de-escalation)</li> <li>• Juvenile Justice</li> <li>• Child Victims of Human Trafficking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History of Policing and Minority Engagement</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> <li>• Room/Building Clearing &amp; Room Entry</li> <li>• Blood Borne Pathogens/Infectious Disease</li> </ul>
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Explosive Devices</li> <li>• Operational Planning</li> <li>• Personal Leadership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tactical Team Response</li> <li>• ASERT-Autism (Autism awareness for Law Enforcement)</li> <li>• Diversity (Intersectionality and Enhancing Cross-Cultural Communication, by Natalie Hernandez Deplama)</li> <li>• Incident Command</li> <li>• Drug Awareness</li> <li>• Haz Mat</li> <li>• DA's Office update</li> <li>• Infection Control</li> <li>• MH/ID/ED</li> <li>• Motorcycle Gangs</li> <li>• Officer Wellness</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> </ul>

2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Officer Safety/Traffic Stops</li> <li>• Advanced Interviewing Techniques</li> <li>• Criminal Tech/Electronic Surveillance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Competency (Cracking Class &amp; Culture Code for Law Enforcement, by Vladimir Beaufile of Sound Community Solutions)</li> <li>• Surviving Verbal Conflict (De-escalation for law enforcement)</li> <li>• Domestic Violence/Sex Assault Protocol</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Procedural Justice De-escalation Technqs.</li> <li>• Active Assaults</li> <li>• Officer Safety Ambush</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bias and Hate Crimes (Review of crimes code sections and how they apply, by Sgt. William Slaton)</li> <li>• Cultural Diversity II (The Battle with Moses People, by Terry Watson)</li> <li>• Immigration 101 (Review of immigration law, by Dr. Shoba Wadhia)</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> </ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Procedural Justice</li> <li>• Handling Drug Overdoses</li> <li>• Intelligence Assistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health Act Review</li> <li>• Opioid Epidemic</li> <li>• Child Advocacy Center</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> </ul>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Tactical Medicine</li> <li>• Use of Force (6 hours)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisis Intervention Team Refresher</li> <li>• Implicit Bias (in Good People, by Carol Eicher)</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> </ul>
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Civil Law</li> <li>• Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Human Trafficking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children &amp; Youth Services</li> <li>• Stewards of Children</li> <li>• Community Help Center</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> </ul>
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Updates</li> <li>• Crimes Against the Elderly</li> <li>• Intro to Social Media</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury &amp; PTSD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Made Explosives</li> <li>• Child Advocacy Center</li> <li>• Veteran's Court</li> <li>• Providing Culturally Competent Services to Victims of Crime—US Department of Justice/Office for Victims of Crime</li> <li>• Critical Policy Review</li> <li>• Use of Force (Taser/Baton)</li> </ul>