



***Memorandum
LaSalle Police Service***

To: Deputy Chief Jason Woods

From: Senior Constable Christopher Williams

Date: January 2nd, 2024

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Policy Review

On Tuesday January 2nd, 2024, I conducted a review of the policy under:

- Part B – Adequacy Standards
 - Section 6 – Administration and Infrastructure
 - Subsection 612 – Use of Force

In accordance with the policy, the Chief of Police shall provide a copy of the police service's annual use of force study to the LaSalle Police Board for review, and ensure the availability of the study to the community.

Activity

Senior Constable Christopher WILLIAMS, a qualified Use of Force Instructor, completed an analysis of the force used by sworn members of the LaSalle Police Service.

In 2023, LPS policy changes were completed to comply with the new Use of Force Regulation 926 that came into effect on the 1st of January, 2023.

The following is a Use of Force Analysis for 2023:

Use of Force reports are submitted to track and analyze incidents when force is applied by officers. This is done so that training concerns can be addressed or changes to policy can be contemplated.

In **2023** there were **15** Use of Force Reports filed.

- **3** instances of Service Firearms being discharged (pistol 3); (shotgun 0) and (C-8 carbine patrol rifle 0). The discharges were to destroy injured animals as a result of prior collisions with a motor vehicle.
- **6** instances where officers were required to draw and point their firearms, while in public view, at a subject for Officer Safety and/or public safety concerns during the arrest process.

- 4 instances where an Officer utilized or displayed the CEW in an “overt manner” to gain compliance from a subject using the Conducted Energy Weapon commonly known as a TASER.
- 2 instances where an Officer deployed the CEW to gain compliance and arrest/apprehend a subject. 1 effective deployment 1 non effective deployment.
- 1 instance of Officers having to take physical control of subjects by using empty hand techniques. No injuries to the subject. No injuries to the Officers involved.
- 0 instances where an Officer utilized O.C. spray in 2023.
- 0 instances where an Officer utilized an ASP baton in 2023.
- 12 instances of Officers using verbal interaction and de-escalation techniques used that were successful in bringing the situation to a conclusion while utilizing the CEW and some form of physical control techniques.

Item	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change
Firearms being discharged	7	9	4	4	3	-1
Officers required to draw and point firearms	1	2	4	2	6	+4
Officer utilized or displayed the CEW – overtly (2 deployments/6 overt displays)	2	4	6	8	6	-2
Officers took physical control of subjects	1	1	0	0	1	+1
Officers utilized O.C. Spray	0	0	0	0	0	0
Officers utilized an ASP baton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Officers used verbal interaction/de-escalation	4	7	10	14	12	-2
Total number of Use of Force Reports	11	16	14	18	15	-3

**Note in some of the above instances more than one Use of Force option was utilized. (i.e.: C.E.W. with Empty Hand Techniques and Verbal Commands). This accounts for a variance in incidents where officers had to utilize both verbal interaction coupled with CEW and firearm

usage. The “overt display” in accordance with Use of Force regulation 926 shows a slight increase in 2023. This means that the subject complied with demands from the officer to submit to arrest without any injury to the officer or subject.

The option of verbal interaction and de-escalation was utilized successfully in every encounter that required a firearm to be pointed or drawn, physical control of a subject and/or CEW to be deployed.

Firearm discharges were to euthanize an animal that had been injured or was rabid.

2023 Time of Day:

15 Total instances:

- 7 during daylight hours
- 8 during non- daylight hours.

2023 Types of Force Used

3 Firearm used to destroyed injured animal

6 Firearm pointed at suspect for Officer Safety concerns during arrest.

6 Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser) usages/overt display

0 Expandable Baton (ASP) usages.

0 O.C spray

1 Empty Hand techniques

****Note:** the number indicated is the first option utilized and during the above mentioned instances more than one Use of Force Option could have been utilized. De-escalation strategies were used throughout these situations that involved human subject(s).

Location of Incidents in 2023

- **6** occurred in Residential Buildings
- **1** occurred in Non-Residential Building
- **7** occurred in Open Areas
- **0** occurred in a Motor Vehicle
- **0** occurred on Public Transportation
- **1** occurred in a public park

In analysis of the reports filed in 2023, there were no instances that appear to cause any training concerns or require changes to existing policies. Changes that have been made to existing LaSalle police Service policies have been made in accordance to changes made by the Province of Ontario Use of Force Regulation 926 that came into effect as of January **1st, 2023**

Date of Report: January 2nd, 2024

Submitted by: _____

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