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To: Chief Mark Witherell  
From: Officer Stephen Baker  
Ref: 2023 Annual Use of Force Analysis

Chief Witherell,

In compliance with Texas Best Practices section 6.10, the Best Practices program manager is tasked with completing an annual analysis of use of force. I have completed the analysis for all 2023 uses of force by Transit Police Officers and Transit Security Officers.

In 2023, there were 69 uses of force. In 2022, there was a total of 63 uses of force. (in 2021 there was a total of 109 uses of force) I have broken down this total into the following 6 categories:

- Physical Force - 11
- Baton Display - 0
- Taser Display - 19
- Taser Deployment - 24
- Firearm Display - 15
- Firearm Deployment - 0

Each of the above-listed uses of force were investigated by the appropriate supervisor and there were no findings of improper or excessive use of force.

As in previous years, there are a few locations where multiple uses of force occurred.

- Centro Plaza and surrounding area - 12 uses of force
- Crossroads Park and Ride - 2 uses of force
- 711 W. Laurel - 2 uses of force

2022 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

Shift	Date	Time	Location	Physical Force	Baton Display	Taser Display	Taser Deploy	Firearm Display	Firearm Deploy
B	01-16-23	2129	500 W.W..WHITE				X		
B	01-16-23	2129	500 W.W.WHITE	X			X	X	
A	01-18-23	1300	FREDERICKSBURG / FLORES			X			
B	01-24-23	1520	909 W. HOUSTON			X			
B	02-07-23	1703	1500 AUSTIN HWY				X		
B	02-08-23	1547	7538 SAN PEDRO				X		
B	02-15-23	2110	TIMBERWILDE / TIMEBERPATH			X			
B	02-15-23	1634	TIMEBERWILDE / TIMBERPATH					X	
B	02-15-23	1722	TIMBERTRACE / TIMBERWILDE					X	
A	03-02-23	0752	MILITARY / WESTFIELD			X			
C	03-04-23	2219	400 E. PECAN				X		
C	03-05-23	2328	300 E. PEAN				X		
B	03-24-23	1602	GEVERS / MCDUGAL			X			
C	04-01-23	0254	2100 TAMPICO				X		
B	04-01-23	1530	800 FLOYD CURL				X		
C	04-02-23	0403	WURZBACH / VAN CLEAVE			X			
B	04-12-23	2035	20300 US HWY 281			X			
A	04-30-23	1106	7138 HWY 90			X			
B	05-06-23	1628	2000 BABCOCK RD					X	
C	05-11-23	0030	909 W. HOUSTON			X			
C	05-23-23	2244	4200 NORTHINGTON				X		
B	05-31-23	1630	151 CROSSROADS			X			
B	06-02-23	2040	900 BLK W. HOUSTON				X		
A	06-04-23	1143	5330 MEDICAL DR.	X					
B	06-05-23	1654	4319 THOUSAND OAKS			X		X	
B	06-30-23	2157	HOUSTON / SANTA ROSA			X			
C	07-18-23	0248	BANDERA / HILLCREST					X	
C	07-18-23	0248	BANDERA / HILCREST					X	
C	07-24-23	0122	7000 SAN PEDRO AVE	X					
C	07-2-23	0541	909 W. HOUSTON				X		
C	07-30-23	0350	FRIO / MARTIN			X			
B	08-03-23	2039	9400 IH 35					X	
A	08-07-23	1130	5330 MEDICAL DR.				X		
C	08-12-23	0008	512 E. CROCKETT			X			
C	08-12-23	0100	212 CHESTNUT ST.	X					
C	08-12-23	0003	200 CHESTNUT			X			
A	08-23-23	1220	909 W. HOUSTON	X			X		
C	08-23-23	0553	900 W. HOUSTON				X		

A	08-26-23	0725	SAN PEDRO / EUCLID			X			
A	0902-23	1222	909 W. HOUSTON				X		
C	09-11-23	0320	1500 N ZARAMORA	X			X		
B	09-15-23	1935	909 W. HOUSTON			X			
C	09-16-23	2247	1584 CANTRELL			X			
C	09-18-23	2244	900 W TRAVIS				X		
C	09-18-23	2244	900 W TRAVIS					X	
C	09-20-23	0408	1900 FREDERICKSBURG				X		
C	10-12-23	2100	909 W. HOUSTON				X		
C	10-15-23	2250	200 FREDERICKSBURG				X		
C	10-17-23	0535	4710 FREDERICKSBURG	X			X		
C	10-17-23	0535	4710 FREDERICKSBURG	X					
B	10-23-23	1508	PERIN BEITEL / GATE CREST				X		
B	10-29-23	1500	310 SAN PEDRO	X				X	
B	11-30-23	1838	MARTIN / NAVARRO				X		
A	11-12-23	1343	8026 FLOYD CURL				X		
C	11-19-23	0253	5 POINTS	X					
B	11-20-23	1536	909 W. HOUSTON	X					
C	11-23-23	2345	NW LOOP 410 / MILITARY					X	
C	11-23-23	2345	NW LOOP 410 / MILITARY					X	
B	12-12-23	1516	7183 US HWY 90 W			X		X	
B	12-27-23	1852	711 W. LAUREL					X	
B	12-27-23	1852	711 W. LAUREL					X	

A-Shift

Physical Force	2
Baton Display	0
Baton Deploy	0
Taser Display	4
Taser Deploy	3
Firearm Display	0
Firearm Deploy	0
Total uses of force	9

B-Shift

Physical Force	3
Baton Display	0
Baton Deploy	0
Taser Display	9
Taser Deploy	8
Firearm Display	9
Firearm Deploy	0
Total uses of force	29

C-Shift

Physical Force	6
Baton Display	0
Baton Deploy	0
Taser Display	8
Taser Deploy	12
Firearm Display	5
Firearm Deploy	0
Total uses of force	31

All Shifts

Physical Force	11
Baton Display	0
Baton Deploy	0
Taser Display	21
Taser Deploy	23
Firearm Display	14
Firearm Deploy	0
Total uses of force	69

  
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*Reviewed & approved*  
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