





CITY OF West Linn

Date: January 4, 2024
To: Chief Peter Mahuna 
From: Captain Oddis Rollins 
Subject: 2023 Annual Use of Force Review – Accreditation Standard 1.3.7

I have completed the West Linn Police Department's 2023 annual review of all Use of Force events. Below you will find a summary of the specific incidents that includes the date, case number(s), demographics, type of force used and policy finding. I have also included a section to discuss potential areas of development where focused training may be beneficial.

In 2023, the West Linn Police Department had nine Use of Force incidents. Those dates and case numbers and force types are as follows:

- 02/07/23 - #23-000942, M/B, Firearm Pointed– IN POLICY
- 03/01/23 - #23-001504, M/W, Physical Control– IN POLICY
- 03/01/23 - #23-001504, M/W, Takedown– IN POLICY
- 03/03/23 - #23-001553, M/W, Physical Control– IN POLICY
- 03/03/23 - #23-001553, M/W, Physical Control– IN POLICY
- 03/23/23 - #23-002003, M/W, Firearm Pointed, Physical Control– IN POLICY
- 03/23/23 - #23-002003, M/W, Firearm Pointed, Physical Control– IN POLICY
- 07/19/23 - #23-005062, M/W, Taser Pointed– IN POLICY
- 11/24/23 - #22-008145, M/W, Physical Control– IN POLICY

Each Use of Force incident was reviewed and documented in a West Linn Police After Action Report. All WLPD After Action Reports are maintained within the Guardian Tracking system. All nine Use of Force events were found to have occurred within WLPD Use of Force Policy.

Areas of Note: On 09/28/2023, case number #23-006820 was originally written as a Use of Force case and the officer submitted a Use of Force report. The officer in this case mistakenly believed that he pointed his firearm at a suspect during a high-risk vehicle stop. Upon review of the officer's body-worn camera footage, it was completely clear that the officer never pointed his firearm at the suspect. Upon further recollection, the officer confirmed he never pointed his firearm at the suspect during the incident.

Areas for Development:

In 2023, the West Linn Police Department trained Defensive Tactics in February/March, September, and December. This training consisted of basic refreshers in holds, locks, strikes and tactics, as well as scenario-based training. Additionally, officers were trained in Patrol Tactics in May and Active Threat Response during an in-



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service training in November. We continue to focus on fundamental defensive tactics training that officers can build confidence in through repetitive skill practice and thorough tactical debriefing.

In 2024, the department will aim to facilitate quarterly (four) Defensive Tactics training sessions.

Also in 2023, the department introduced the Pistol-mounted red-dot optic setup to all patrol firearms. The entire police department (sworn officers) was trained and certified to deploy the new firearm set-up. In the future, the Firearms Instructions Team will employ additional training practice and drills to increase officer competency and ability with this piece of equipment.