



VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority
Police Department
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To: Chief Mark Witherell
From: Officer Stephen Baker
Ref: 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 2022 uses of force by Transit Police Officers and Transit Security Officers.

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 – 17
- Baton Display – 1
- Taser Display – 26
- Taser Deployment – 12
- Firearm Display – 6
- Firearm Deployment – 1

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 – 10 uses of force
- Kel-Lac Park and Ride – 3 uses of force
- Randolph Park and Ride – 2 uses of force
- 1021 San Pedro – 2 uses of force
- Crossroads Park and Ride – 2 uses of force
- Madla Park and Ride – 2 uses of force
- Brooks Park and Ride – 2 uses of force
- Transit Police Department (parking lot) – 2 uses of force



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I have attached a spreadsheet showing the Shift, Date, Time, Location and type of force used for all uses of force. I have also attached a breakdown of the types of force used by shift.

The VIA Metro Transit Police Department had no substantiated complaints of improper or excessive use of force.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Stephen Baker
Best Practices Program Manager

Received and approved by:

Chief Mark Witherell

01-12-2023

2022 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

Shift	Date	Time	Location	Physical Force	Baton Display	Taser Display	Taser Deploy	Firearm Display	Firearm Deploy
C	01/01	0241	HWY 35 S at New Braunfels					X	
C	01/09	0014	Centro Plaza	X					
C	01/14	2238	Crossroads Park and Ride	X					
C	01/20	2254	W. W. White / Lakewood Dr.	X					
C	01/31	0057	Centro Plaza				X		
B	02/01	1437	Blanco / Rosewood			X			
C	02/05	2220	8026 Floyd Curl		X				
A	02/07	0942	7538 San Pedro			X			
C	02/11	2305	100 E. Maple						X
C	02/13	0356	400 San Pedro	X					
C	02/13	2349	400 San Pedro	X					
A	02/19	1115	2100 S East Loop 410			X			
A	02/23	1314	Randolph Park and Ride			X			
C	02/24	2259	Madla Park and Ride	X					
C	02/24	2310	Madla Park and Ride			X			
C	03/03	0453	Brooks Transit Center				X		
C	03/03	0540	Brooks Transit Center			X			
A	03/04	0810	Kel-Lac Transit Center			X			
C	03/05	2339	Commerce / Calaveras				X		
C	03/14	0255	Centro Plaza			X			
C	03/16	0208	Frio / Haven for Hope			X			
C	04/21	0212	Chestnut / Crockett	X					
B	04/30	2015	231 North Medina			X			
B	04/30	2014	231 North Medina					X	
B	04/30	1818	200 Block of Travis St.			X			
C	05/04	0430	100 Block of Medina			X			
A	05/18	0759	Kel-Lac Transit Center				X		
C	05/21	0010	800 Block of Navarro	X					
C	06/01	0210	Crossroads Park and Ride			X			
C	06/11	2352	Martin / Leona			X			
C	06/18	0523	Centro Plaza				X		
B	06/19	2135	Kel-Lac Park Transit Center					X	
B	06/23	1745	Perrin Creek / Loop 410	X					
C	06/25	2236	200 N. Frio	X					
C	06/26	0305	Ellis Alley Park and Ride				X		
C	06/30	0001	Pecan / Navarro	X					
A	07/01	1238	Northstar Transit Center				X		
B	07/11	1532	516 W. Cypress	X					
B	07/11	1532	516 W. Cypress	X					
C	07/16	0120	1021 San Pedro (La Harpe gate)	X					
C	07/20	0206	Old Pearsall / Five Palms	X					
C	07/20	0206	Old Pearsall / Five Palms				X		

A	07/26	1200	711 W. Laurel					X	
A	07/26	1143	711 W. Laurel					X	
C	07/27	1121	Centro Plaza			X			
A	08/08	1042	Culebra / Zarzamora					X	
B	08/11	1717	1600 Blk W. Zarzamora			X			
C	08/16	0043	Centro Plaza			X			
C	08/24	0124	Randolph Park and Ride				X		
C	08/26	0006	700 Navarro			X			
B	08/31	1623	Centro Plaza				X		
B	09/02	2101	San Pedro / Oblate			X			
C	09/07	0256	100 S. Zarzamora			X			
A	09/10	0958	W. Commerce / 24 th Street	X					
C	09/13	0054	6931 Biscayne			X			
A	09/17	1210	Zarzamora / Culebra			X			
B	10/06	1925	Centro Plaza			X			
A	10/20	1004	1100 E. Commerce				X		
B	10/26	1725	McCreless Transfer Point			X			
B	10/26	1924	Centro Plaza			X			
B	10/31	1537	Centro Plaza			X			
C	12/13	0054	300 E. Pecan	X					
B	12/17	1614	1021 San Pedro				X		

	A Shift
Physical Force	3
Baton Display	0
Taser Display	4
Taser Deployed	3
Firearm Display	4
Firearm Deployed	0
A-Shift Total	12

	B Shift
Physical Force	3
Baton Display	0
Taser Display	9
Taser Deployed	2
Firearm Display	2
Firearm Deployed	0
B-Shift Total	16

	C Shift
Physical Force	13
Baton Display	1
Taser Display	12
Taser Deployed	7
Firearm Display	1
Firearm Deployed	1
C-Shift Total	35

	All Shifts
Physical Force	17
Baton Display	1
Taser Display	26
Taser Deployed	12
Firearm Display	6
Firearm Deployed	1
Total Use of Force	63