VERO BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum
26-48-01

TO: Chief David Currey

FROM: Lieutenant Daniel Cook

SUBJECT: 2025 Use of Force Report

DATE: January 7, 2026

In 2025, there were five hundred seventy-two (572) arrests made by the Vero Beach Police Department. Eleven (11) of those arrests/incidents or 1.92%, required some level of force. Five (5) of those eleven (11) arrests/incidents required multiple usages of force by two or more officers. Level II, and Level IV uses of force were up over the past year. Level III use of force went down. Level V and VI were not used during the year 2025.

Level of Forced Used:	**2025**	**2024**	**2023**
Level 2: Soft, (Empty Hand)	18	15	17
Level 3: Intermediate Weapons (Chemical/ CEW)	1	4	5
Level 4: Physical Control	1	0	4
Level 5: Impact Weapons/K9	0	0	0
Level 6: Deadly Force	0	0	0
Total use of force by officers:	20	19	26
Use of force rate per month	1.66	1.58	2.08

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Analysis of Incidents/ Medical Concerns

Officers:	2025	2024	2023
Minor Injury and/or Treatment Administered	0	0	1
Hospitalization:	0	0	0
Total:	0	0	1

Suspects:	2025	2024	2023
Minor Injury and/or Treatment Administered	3	2	7
Hospitalization:	0	0	0
Death:	0	0	0
Total:	3	2	7

No visible injury / No Treatment (officers)	20	17	23
No visible injury/ No Treatment (suspects)	8	8	19

Analysis Summary:

In 2025, the number of arrests decreased to five hundred seventy-two (572), down from six hundred seventeen (617) in 2024, or a 7.30% decrease.

Twenty (20) officers used force in 2025 during eleven (11) separate arrests/incidents. Of these eleven (11) arrests/incidents, five (5) arrests involved the use of force by two (2) or more officers.

Specifically:

- 6 incidents required the use of force by one officer, (30% of the total).
- 5 incidents required the use of force by more than one officer (25% of the total).
- 1 of the 11 incidents required the officer to utilize Level III force.
- 9 of the 11 incidents required the officer to utilize Level II force.
- Of the 9 incidents, officers had to utilize Level II force 18 times due to multiple officers being involved.

As compared to 2024 where 17 officers used force during nine (9) separate incidents specifically,

- 6 incidents required the use of force by one officer (66.66% of the total).
- 3 incidents required the use of force by more than one officer (33.33% of the total).

Taser (CEW) Deployments:

- In 2025, there was one (1) CEW deployment for the year. The CEW deployment occurred during a resistance without violence arrest.
- In 2024, there were three (3) CEW deployments for the year. The CEW deployments occurred during a trespass (1), a fleeing and eluding (1) and a felony warrant arrest (1).
- In 2023, there were five (5) CEW deployments for the year. The CEW deployments occurred during (1) warrant arrest incident, (1) resisting arrest without violence, and (3) Baker Acts. One (1) of the CEW Baker Act incidents required remedial training.

When comparing use of force from 2025 to 2024, officers used force twenty (20) times in 2025 versus 19 times in 2024, or a yearly rate increase of 5 percent.

In 2025, there was an increase of three (3) uses in the use of Level II force of eighteen (18) uses or a 17 percent increase as compared to fifteen (15) Level II uses of force occurring in 2024.

In 2025 there was a decrease in the use of Level III force to one (1) use or a 33.33% decrease as compared to three (3) Level III uses of force occurring in 2024.

In 2025 there was an increase in the use of Level IV force of one (1) use or a 100% percent as compared to zero (0) Level IV uses in 2024.

Level V use of force stayed the same due to zero (0) usages occurring in 2025 and 2024.

Level VI use of force has not been utilized for the past two (2) years.

Review of the total use of force in the year 2025 showed an increase in Level II and Level IV, uses of force and a decrease in Level III use of force. Overall, a review of the past three (3) years showed that the use of force was still very low, and all uses of force in 2025 were consistent with policy and procedure.

Sources:

VBPD Professional Standards Division UOF Records
VBPD Records Management System (RMS)