



Statement Regarding Force Data Collection and Review

There have been many questions regarding the documenting of use of force and PPB's Use of Force Dashboard, which can be found here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/76875>

Our Open Data portal includes an interactive dashboard as well as historical reports and Force Data Summary Reports. Recently, the Bureau released its Second Quarter Force Report, which did not include the force used during crowd control situations. Many factors exist as to why this data was not included in the quarterly reports. Most importantly, it should be noted that it is being tracked and will be published as it becomes available. However, during this extraordinary and unprecedented time, the sheer magnitude and volume of reports has overwhelmed the system and caused huge bottlenecks and backlogs including the Bureau's Records Division.

Following every use of force, per our policy, the involved Bureau member must complete a Force Data Collection Report (FDCR). Force is defined under our 1010.00 policy as:

Table 1.1: Force types under new 1010.00 policy	
<i>*New force types shown in red</i>	
(Control) Holds with Injury	K9 Bite
Aerosol Restraint	Less Lethal
Baton (Nonstrike)	Less Lethal - Aggressive Animal
Box-in	P.I.T.
CEW	Pointing of a Firearm
Control Against Resistance	Resisted Handcuffing
Controlled Takedown	Strikes/kicks
Firearm discharge to end the suffering of a wounded animal	Takedown
Firearm discharge to stop an aggressive animal	Vehicle Ram
Hobble Restraint	
Impact Weapons	

Following the completion of the FDCR, the sergeant overseeing that member must review the FDCR and all associated reports with it and then complete an After Action (AA) report. The FDCR and AA are forwarded to the lieutenant, commander, to the Chief's Office and to the Force Inspector and analysts

for review. When all this is completed, analysts will summarize it in a quarterly report. It should be noted there are also only three current analysts assigned to this unit; three positions are vacant due to the freeze on hiring.

At any time during this process if something is found to not be complete, it will be sent back to the original member to be corrected and then back up the chain of command to each member for review.

In regard to crowd control events, each member who uses force must complete a FDCR. If they are attached to the Rapid Response Team (which has been the primary unit responsible for responding to crowd control events), then all members of that squad who use force will write one and the sergeant must then review all of those reports (15 members), the associated reports, and then write one After Action (per squad) before forwarding on. This paperwork to review can be several hundred pages.

One complicating factor as well is the supervisors who must also write reports and review others are also the same members who are working each night to respond to nightly violence.

This process is thorough, but is also very manual and requires time and attention. It was never designed for almost 90 continuous days of crowd control events. The Bureau keeps force data from crowd control events separate from other uses of force because the data is different. For example, during a use of force involving an arrest in which an officer handcuffs someone, the officer will be able to report the identification of the suspect, if he or she says they have mental health issues, etc. In crowd control, this information is not obtained or feasible to obtain in the middle of dynamic and chaotic situations. The type of force is different than a normal arrest or patrol incident and often affects more than one person. Crowd control FDCR's contain different information.

It should also be noted that while this is an issue, all other uses of force are going through the system in a timely manner.

"We realize the issues surrounding this very laborious process," said Chief Chuck Lovell. "We are working collaboratively with the Department of Justice as it was never envisioned for three months of nightly crowd control events. The Bureau remains dedicated to transparency and accountability and these reports continue to be completed, tracked and will be reviewed and published as it is feasible."