




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	February 29, 2023
SUBJECT:	2022 Year End Report – Use of Force (amended)
REPORT NUMBER:	PSB 23-059a
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
SIGNATURE:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached you will find the annual Use of Force Report for 2022. This report is completed to capture information forwarded to the Service Armourer/Use of Force Training Sergeant by members who have completed a Use of Force Report.

After presenting the report in June 2023, we discovered an error on page 14 where we had stated, “Disparity does not equal discrimination.” This should have said, “disparity does not always equate to discrimination¹.”

The Disparity Index section has been updated to reflect the correct wording.

We apologize for any harm caused by the omission.

INFORMATION

As per the Police Services Act Regulation 926 Sec. 14.5(1) Reports on Use of Force: A member shall submit a report to the Chief of Police or Commissioner whenever the member,

- (a) draws a handgun in the presence of a member of the public, excluding a member of the police force while on duty, or points a firearm, or discharges a firearm;
- (b) uses a weapon other than a firearm on another person; or

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- (c) uses physical force on another person that results in an injury requiring medical attention.

P&P 1.02 Use of Force addresses the member requirements for submitting Use of Force Reports at the Hamilton Police Service.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A – 2022 Use of Force Statistical Report (amended)

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cc: Paul Hamilton, Deputy Chief – Support
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel

¹Building a Safe & Equitable Future: Starting the journey to implement a Race and Identity-Based Data Strategy. Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. p.9. 2023.

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