




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Service Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	June 26, 2025
SUBJECT:	2024 Year End Report – Use of Force
REPORT NUMBER:	25-044
PRESENTATION:	Yes
OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ITEM:	No
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report fulfills the reporting requirements outlined in Sections (1) to (9) of the Hamilton Police Services Board's "Use of Force and Weapons Policy – P-010."
- Total use of force forms have decreased with the ability to complete team reports over individual reports where the same level of force was used. Total unique use of force occurrences have increased from prior year by 14%, explained by an increase in weapons related calls for service and efforts to reduce firearms within the community.
- Weapon(s) call types account for the largest share of use of force occurrences at 30%, increasing by 39% compared to the prior year. Overall, weapons-related calls to HPS have risen by 5% year-over-year and are 14.7% higher compared to the volume experienced in 2019.
- Less than 1% of all interactions results in a use of force incident. Non-physical use of force, such as a displaying a conducted energy weapon or draw/point firearm, account for 56% of total UOF interactions.
- In 2024, there were 9 excessive force allegations, none were substantiated occurrences.
- Hamilton Police continues to meet training requirements outlined in CPSCA O.Reg 87/24 for new recruits and serving police officers for use of force, carbine operator, and mental health crisis response. The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion strategy complements legislative training with experiential learning aimed at increasing cultural and identity competencies and reducing biases.

Vision: To be a trusted partner in delivering public safety.

Mission: To serve and protect in partnership with our communities.

Our Values: Compassionate, Dedicated, Inclusive, Integrity, Innovative, Professional, Teamwork

APPENDICES ATTACHED

Appendix A – 2024 Use of Force Interaction Report

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