# Citizens' Panel for Review of **Police Complaints and Use of Force Regular Meeting**

October 1, 2024 | 6 p.m.

Chandler Police Department, Main Station Community Room 250 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ

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# **Panel Members**

Samuel Enoch Gina Giammona Jill Slavin Allen Leibowitz Debra Schinke Flor Martinez Jason Diefenbacher Laurie Fagen James Bogert Dawn Vukadinovich Carlos Lozano Joshua Whitaker Joseph Yang

# **Police Members**

Cmdr. Daniel Shellum Sgt. Dan Greene Det. Jeffrey Fox Lt. Michael Prendergast

Cmdr. Travis Feyen (Alternate)

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force and to the general public that the Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Chandler Police Department, Main Station Community Room, 250 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ. One or more Commissioners may be attending by telephone.

Persons with disabilities may request a reasonable modification or communication aids and services by contacting the City Clerk's office at (480) 782-2181(711 via AZRS). Please make requests in advance as it affords the City time to accommodate the request.

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# Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force Regular Meeting Agenda - October 1, 2024

## Call to Order/Roll Call

# Pledge of Allegiance

# **Unscheduled Public Appearances**

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

# Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If a discussion is required by members of the Board or Commission, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and determination will be made if the item will be considered separately.

July 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 Move Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, regular meeting.

# Member Comments/Announcements

2. Chair Fagen to announce the 2025 meeting schedule

# Action Agenda

- 3. Presentation by Det. Werther on Body Worn Cameras
- 4. Review and discuss the Shooting Incident of March 28, 2023, presented by Det. Werther (2023-35945).
- 5. Review and discuss the Shooting Incident of November 17, 2023, presented by Det. Ynclan (2023-132590).
- Use of Force Summary Quarter 2 2024
   Discussion regarding the Use of Force Summary for the second quarter of 2024
- 7. Election of officers: Chair and Vice Chair

# Discussion

# **Briefing**

# Calendar

8. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Information Items

Adjourn



# Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force Police Memo No.

**Date:** 10/01/2024

**To:** Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force

From: Pamela Leon, Police Administrative Specialist

Subject: July 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes

# **Proposed Motion:**

Move Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, regular meeting.

# **Attachments**

January 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes

# CITIZENS' PANEL FOR REVIEW OF POLICE COMPLAINTS AND USE OF FORCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

# July 9, 2024

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**Chairman Fagen** called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM

## Members in Attendance:

Chairman Laurie Fagen

Vice Chair Jason Diefenbacher

Panel member Sam Enoch

Panel member Allen Leibowitz

Panel member Dawn Vukadinovich

Panel member Jill Slavin

Panel member Josh Whitaker

Panel member Joseph Yang

Panel member Flor Martinez (virtually)

Panel member James Bogert (virtually)

# Members Absent:

Panel member Gina Giammona

Panel member Carlos Lozano

Panel member Allen Leibowitz

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Chief Bryan Chapman

Assistant Chief Melissa Deanda

Cmdr. Daniel Shellum

Det. Jeffrey Fox

Sgt. Dan Greene

Ofc. Ronald Bromund

Ean White, Assistant City Attorney

Pamela Leon, Staff Liaison

#### 2. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

a. None

## 3. Approval of the Minutes

a. Minutes of April 2, 2024

**Vice Chair Diefenbacher** moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024, Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force meeting. **Panel member Schinke** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by **all Panel members** present.

b. Minutes of June 4, 2024

**Panel member Yang** moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024, Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force Special meeting. **Panel member Slavin** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by **all Panel members** present.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **The Chairperson** announced **Panel member Christopher Heo** has resigned from the panel due to scheduling conflicts.
- Newly appointed Panel member Allen Leibowitz introduced himself to the Panel. Panel member Leibowitz is replacing Vice Chair Ingersoll.
   Currently, the Panel has two vacancies.
- c. Chief Chapman, Chief of Police formally introduced himself to the Panel. Chief Chapman's ultimate goal is for the Panel and department to find a middle ground on reviewing the department's Use of Force Quarterly summaries. Chief Chapman proposed presenting intermediate Use of Force incidents Quarterly summaries at the October meeting. The quarterly packets will be similar to what the Panel was reviewing in the past. Chief Chapman stated the Panel would also be able to view the use of force on video by viewing body worn camera footage of three to four incidents.

#### 5. ACTION AGENDA

a. Discussion and possible action to approve Annual Report: Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force memo for the Annual Report: Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

**Vice Chair Diefenbacher** moved to approve the Annual Report: Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force Review Council memo. **Panel member Vukadinovich** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by **all Panel members** present

b. Discussion and possible action to approve changes to the Bylaws of the Chandler Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force

Discussion and possible action to change Bylaw Ordinance No. 3135 to current Bylaw Ordinance No. 4983. Panel member **Yang** moved to approve the change from Ordinance No. 3135 to Ordinance No. 4983. **Panel member Enoch** seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 4983 was approved by **all Panel members** present.

Change Chairman to Chairperson and change him/his to their/them. **Panel member Yang** moved to approve the removal of gender specific. **Panel member Vukadinovich** seconded the motion.

The removal of gender specific wording was approved by **all members present.** 

II. Meetings – Regular Full Board Meeting: Regular Full Board Meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm and adding 'a time the Chairperson specifies". **Panel member Yang** moved to changed regular meeting time from 7:00 to 6:00 pm and adding "a time the Chairperson specifies". **Panel member Vukadinovich** seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by **all Panel members** present.

Recommendation to the Chief of Police: The Panel requested The Bylaws include the following; "The Panel may make recommendations to the Chief of Police concerning training programs, revisions of policies or procedures, commendable actions, preventive or corrective measures except for employee discipline and community concerns regarding Police action and

procedures". Add as a new paragraph under C. Recommendation to the Chief of Police.

There was discussion between **Panel members** on where exactly the paragraph would be placed. Some **Panel** members discussed adding a new letter D while others believed it should be a new title. The **Panel** ultimately agreed that it would be a paragraph under C. Recommendation to the Chief of Police

**Vice Chair Diefenbacher** moved to approve the adding Recommendation to the Chief of Police as a new paragraph under C. **Panel member Vukadinovich** seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by **all Panel members** present.

IV. Official Records: B. Recording of Meetings: A court recorder shall take minutes and provide a transcript of each meeting/session. Minutes with approval signatures of the Chairman will be submitted to the City Clerk's Office. Panel requested to remove the word "court" from Recording and Minutes. The staff liaison does record minutes, however; is not a court recorder. **Panel member Slavin** moved to remove the word "court". **Panel member Yang** seconded the motion.

Removing the word "court" was approved by all members present.

c. Discussion and possible action to recommend proposed changes to the Chandler City Council regarding Section 2-23.4 concerning The Chandler Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force.

2-23.4 *Powers and Duties.* The Panel discussed on changing *23.2.4 Powers and duties B*; to allow Panel members to miss no more than two regular meetings per year instead of three (3) consecutive regular meetings. There was discussion among Panel members between unexcused and excused meetings. However, the Panel agreed no Panel member should miss more than two regular meetings. **Panel member Yang** moved to recommend Panel members miss no more than two regular meetings per year. **Panel member Enoch** seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by **all Panel members** present.

The Panel lastly discussed what the Panel reviews including all police shootings and police incidents when direct physical force by the Police results in serious physical injury or death. The Panel discussed also reviewing lethal and intermediate use of force. Vice Chair Diefenbacher is open to Chief Chapman's proposal. Panel member Yang proposed recommending changes to Council to include the revision of lethal and intermediate use of force. There was discussion among all Panel members on whether or not to recommend making the changes should move forward to Council. Panel member Yang's motion failed and the Panel ultimately agreed to table the motion. Panel member Schinke believes the Panel should allow Chief Chapman's proposal to be presented at the next October meeting.

#### 6. Discussion

a. Discuss statistics on the number of citizen complaints regarding the use of force at Chandler Police Department for the past four years.

**Commander Shellum** informed the Panel, Chandler Police has received a total of external six police complaints related to use of force in the past four years. **Chairperson Fagen** asked what the findings of each complaint were. **Commander Shellum** stated five out of the six complaints were cleared by body worn camera review. The Chain of Command will review the complaint and review the body worn camera. The sixth complaint was unfounded, personnel attempted to contact complainant, however; the complainant was unable to be contacted.

There was more discussion regarding citizen complaints but no action was taken.

#### 7. CALENDAR/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

#### 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

Panel member **Yang** informed the board Jason Sieczkowski has been promoted to Assistant Chief.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

**Panel member Yang** moved to adjourn, seconded by **Panel member Whitaker**. The motion was approved by **all Panel members present**, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:28 p.m.



Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force Police Memo No.

**Date:** 10/01/2024

**To:** Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force

From: Pamela Leon, Police Administrative Specialist

Subject:

# **Proposed Motion:**

Discussion regarding the Use of Force Summary for the second quarter of 2024

# **Attachments**

Use of Force Summary Second Quarter



# Chandler Police Department - PSS Memo No. 24-0025

Date:

September 17, 2024

To:

Bryan Chapman, Chief of Police

Thru:

Melissa Deanda, Assistant Chief of Police 

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Michael Prendergast, PSS Lieutenant

Aaron Lowe, PSS Sergeant

From:

Jeffrey Fox, PSS Detective

Subject:

Use of Force Review, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024

#### **Procedure**

- Please sign below acknowledging your review of the report.
- Forward through the chain of command and return to the Professional Standards Section.

Signature	Date
A. com 5146	9-20-24
PSS Sergeant	
MODIT # 248	9/20/24
PSS Lieutenant	
M-Deanda C-3	9/20/24
Assistant Chief	
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Chief of Police	

Professional Standards Section shall maintain inspection files and reports.

### **Background**

The Chandler Police Department recognizes the current Arizona statutory law dictating that "no unnecessary or unreasonable force shall be used in making an arrest, and the person arrested shall not be subjected to any greater restraint than necessary for his detention." The Chandler Police Department stipulates officers must adhere to their training unless the situation justifies a deviation from that training.<sup>2</sup>

The Chandler Police Department began to utilize the Use of Force Review Board in 2008 to ensure the proper documentation of all applications of force, evaluate those applications for adherence to established policy, and determine any additional training needs.<sup>3</sup> The board meets monthly to evaluate the prior month's incidents, and quarterly reviews are prepared to share information and findings with the Citizen Review Panel.

This analysis contains use of force statistics for the second quarter of 2024 to identify prevalent trends or deficiencies per the current CALEA standard.<sup>4</sup> In addition to an internal comparative analysis, this report will illustrate training issues that emerged throughout the quarter, as well as the number and general nature of injuries sustained by personnel and suspects.

## **2024 Second Quarter Review**

The Chandler Police Department logged 2254 arrests during the second quarter of 2024, yielding a total of twenty (20) incidents resulting in a use of force by Chandler Police Officers to effect an arrest or detain a subject under reasonable suspicion or probable cause.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2024, only 0.8% of arrests by Chandler Police officers resulted in a Use of Force.

All reportable incidents were reviewed by the Use of Force Review Board. The board meets monthly to determine if the applications of force are justified in accordance with the policies of the Chandler Police Department.

The following tables document the twenty (20) incidents reviewed by the board for the months of April, May, and June of 2024. It includes the types of force used and dispositions. In some incidents there were multiple applications of force used by various officers. For this reason, there were thirty-seven (37) distinct applications of force.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ARS § 13-3881.B

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CPD G.O. E-01.200,B.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> CPD G.O. E-01.400.E.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> CALEA 1.3.13

# **Type of Force Used Second Quarter 2024**

Force Used	Applications	Additional Details	
Low Level Force	10	Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands, bolo wrap, etc.	
Intermediate Force	27	K9 bite, fist strikes, knee strikes, kicks, less lethal, CEW, impact push, etc.	
Total	37		

# **Total Force Used Second Quarter 2024**

Total Arrests	Force Used	Percentage
2254	20	0.8%

# Use of Force Demographics by Race/Gender/Age

Number	Race	Gender	Age Range	Average Age	%
8	White	Male	22-57	38	40%
6	Black	Male	17-55	39	30%
1	Black	Female	26	26	5%
4	Hispanic	Male	38-47	44	20%
1	Native American	Male	35	35	5%

# (20 total subjects in use of force incidents)

#### **Policy Violations/Reviews**

In the second quarter of 2024 there were no use of force incidents referred to Internal Affairs.

#### **Training Issues**

In the second quarter of 2024 there were no training issues identified.

#### **Injuries**

In the second quarter of 2024, three (3) officers were injured during use of force incidents. The injuries sustained by officers were mostly minor in nature, generally consisting of sprains, abrasions, cuts, or bruising. Most of the officer's injuries appeared to stem from body-to-body contact, takedown techniques, struggling to handcuff suspects on hard surfaces or from direct assaults on the officers themselves.

Twenty (20) suspects were injured, or complained of injury, during the use of force incidents. Most of these injuries were minor in nature, consisting of lacerations, abrasions, contusions, complaints of pain, and CEW puncture wounds.

Injured officers and suspects received medical attention when requested. Medical treatment was either provided on scene or at a hospital for more extensive care or evaluation.

# **Total Injuries When Force Used Second Quarter 2024**

Suspects/Detainees		Total
20	3	23

#### **Emotionally Disturbed/Impaired**

Sixteen (16) subjects involved in use of force incidents were found to be emotionally disturbed, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or a combination of impairments.

#### Conclusion

The reported types of use of force incidents during the second quarter of 2024 indicate officers used the appropriate level of force to effect the arrest of suspects. This illustrates that the use of force policy, defensive tactics training, board reviews, and overall departmental philosophy are aligned with established case law, statutory regulations, and the principles of community-oriented policing.

**Date of Occurrence:** 4/9/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 1537 hours **Incident Report:** 24-40273

Personnel Involved: Officer Cameron Wofford #839

Force Used:

Take Down

Subject Actions:

Pulled away from officer

# Summary:

On April 9, 2024, at 1537 hours Ofc. Wofford responded to 2175 N. Alma School Rd. to assist with a vehicle stop conducted by other officers.

Once on scene, Ofc. Wofford made contact with the vehicle which was occupied by multiple subjects. During the investigation, it was determined that one of the subjects in the vehicle had a felony warrant. Ater telling the occupants to get out of the vehicle, one male subject in the rear of the vehicle was identified and refused to exit the vehicle.

After the male continued to reuse to exit the vehicle, Ofc. Wofford grabbed the male's arm and the male then complied by exiting the vehicle under Ofc. Wofford's control. Once outside the vehicle, the male attempted to pull away form Ofc. Wofford and attempted to run. Ofc. Wofford then took the male to the ground and the male reached into his waistband and would not put his hands behind his back.

The male eventually complied and was put into handcuffs. The male received small scrapes from the takedown but did not need medical attention on scene.

#### Charges on suspect:

Civil traffic violation
Arrest Warrants

# Injuries:

Scrapes

**Date of Occurrence:** 4/10/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 1415 hours **Incident Report:** 24-40616

Personnel Involved: Officer Marcello Camacho #749

Force Used: Pepper Spray

Subject Actions: Threw items at officer

#### **Summary:**

On April 10, 2024 at 1415 hours, Ofc. Camacho responded to 222 S. Jesse St. to assist with a combative male subject at this location.

Once on scene, Ofc. Camacho made contact with the combative male inside the home. The male was naked on the floor and did not have the use of his legs.

The male immediately started making threats to the officers on scene and would not follow officer commands. The male then threw a piece of broken ceramic vase at Ofc. Camacho.

Ofc. Camacho then sprayed the male in the face with his pepper spray and the male became compliant. The male was then put into handcuffs.

The male was checked by Chandler Fire personnel on scene. He had no further injuries.

#### Charges on suspect:

None

## Injuries:

Pepper spray exposure

Date of Occurrence: 4/16/2024 Time of Occurrence: 1355 hours Incident Report: 24-43078

Personnel Involved: Officer Nicole Upshaw #748

Force Used:

Take Down

Subject Actions:

Pulled away from officer

#### **Summary:**

On April 16, 2024 at 1355 hours, Ofc. Upshaw responded to 200 E. Chicago St. to assist with a disruptive make subject at this location.

Once on scene, Ofc. Upshaw made contact with the male who was demanding to see a judge about his case. The male was told he could wait in the lobby, however; could not go to the second floor.

The male walked to the elevator and attempted to enter the elevator to go to the second floor. Ofc. Upshaw gave him commands to stop, but the male did not comply. Ofc. Upshaw then grabbed the male to attempt to escort him out of the building. The male started to pull away from Ofc. Upshaw and she took the male to the ground and placed him in handcuffs.

The male sustained a scratch behind his left ear during the take down and did not need medical attention on scene.

#### **Charges on suspect:**

Disorderly Conduct/Interfering with duties of a public official

#### Injuries:

Scratch to the head

Date of Occurrence: 5/3/2024 Time of Occurrence: 1428 hours Incident Report: 24-50141

Personnel Involved: Officer Tyler Mohney #841

Force Used: Pepper Ball

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands

#### **Summary:**

On May 3, 2024 at approximately 1428 hours, officers responded to a disorder at Chandler Blvd. and Ray Rd. This incident generated a 911 call where the reporting party stated the suspect was waving a firearm at him in traffic. As Ofc. Mohney arrived on scene, there were already multiple officers contacting the suspect vehicle. A high-risk stop was initiated at this time.

Officer Mohney responded to the scene and deployed with his pepper ball system to assist officers on scene. Ofc. Mohney saw the suspect exit his vehicle without being ordered to do so. The suspect then refused to follow officer's commands to place his hands on his head and as the suspect reached toward his waistline, Ofc. Mohney fired one pepper ball round into the torso of the suspect. The male immediately complied after being stuck with a pepper ball round. The suspect was successfully apprehended and placed into handcuffs.

The suspect received one single abrasion to his let ribcage area. The suspect was photographed at the scene. Medical attention was refused by the suspect.

#### Charges on suspect:

Disorderly Conduct/drug paraphernalia

#### Injuries:

Abrasion to left abdomen

Date of Occurrence: 5/5/2024
Time of Occurrence: 2021 hours
Incident Report: 24-51149

Personnel Involved: Officer Destiny Richardson #805

Force Used: Take Down

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, aggressive behavior

#### **Summary:**

On May 5, 2024 at approximately 2021 hours, officers made contact with a disorderly subject at 1430 S. Arizona Ave. The reporting party stated the subject was driving in the parking lot and got out of his vehicle and punched his car.

Upon making contact with the driver, officers smelled an odor of alcohol coming from the subject's person and the male was agitated and yelling with slurred speech.

Ofc. Richardson responded to the scene to conduct a DUI investigation. After testing the subject, he was arrested for DUI and handcuffed. The subject was placed in the rear seat of Ofc. Richardson's vehicle at that time. The subject then began banging his head against the rear divider of her car and attempted to slide his cuffed hands to the front of his body.

The suspect was then removed from the car and taken to the ground to secure the handcuffs. The male was seen with a scape to his head after this incident.

The subject denied any medical attention, but photographs of his injuries were taken by ID technicians.

#### Charges on suspect:

Aggravated DUI/DUI Drugs/Extreme DUI

#### Injuries:

Abrasion to head

**Date of Occurrence:** 5/6/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 1639 hours **Incident Report:** 24-51483

Personnel Involved: Officer Vanessa Vela #875

Force Used: Take Down, Taser

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, pushed officers

#### **Summary:**

On May 6, 2024 at approximately 1639 hours, detention officers were performing their duties at the Gilbert-Chandler Unified Holding Facility at 75 E. Civic Center Dr., Gibert.

Officers were processing a suspect in custody at this facility. Upon making contact with the suspect and uncuffing him from the waiting area bench, the subject became aggressive with officers and struck one officer in the face and pushed other officers on scene. Ofc. Vela deployed her CEW and delivered two drive stuns to the upper leg of the suspect as the suspect struggled with officers on scene and refused to be compliant for handcuffing. Detention Supervisor Whitworth then took the suspect to the ground and placed him in handcuffs.

The suspect complained of a chipped tooth at the scene. The suspect was photographed at the scene. Medical attention was refused by the suspect at that time. Officers sustained scratches and abrasions from the suspects active resistance.

#### Charges on suspect:

Aggravated Assault Ofc/ Assault/ Crim Damage/ Disorderly Conduct

#### Injuries:

Chipped tooth

**Date of Occurrence:** 5/6/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 1639 hours **Incident Report:** 24-51483

Personnel Involved: Detention Supervisor Andrew Whitworth

Force Used: Take Down, Taser

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, pushed officers

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## Charges on suspect:

Aggravated Assault Ofc/ Assault/ Crim Damage/ Disorderly Conduct

## Injuries:

Chipped tooth

**Date of Occurrence:** 5/7/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 0904 hours **Incident Report:** 24-51737

Personnel Involved: Officer Kevin Tomaszewski #761

Force Used: Taser, Knee Strikes

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, Resisting Arrest

#### Summary:

On May 7, 2024 at approximately 0904 hours, officers made contact with a suspicious vehicle at Tumbleweed Park. The vehicle was parked in a parking lot at the location and was occupied by two people.

Upon making contact with the male driver, officers observed drug paraphernalia in plain view and asked the driver to exit the vehicle. The driver was non-compliant and upon exiting the vehicle, the driver became aggressive with officers. When officers gave verbal commands to place his hands behind his back, he refused and officers grabbed the suspect. The suspect tensed up and tried to turn towards officers while yelling at them. Ofc. Tomaszewski gave multiple verbal commands for the male to stop resisting and he eventually delivered multiple knee strikes to the suspect's leg. The suspect was taken to a kneeling position while officers tried to handcuff him.

The male continued to actively resist and Ofc. O'Neill deployed his taser (CEW). One taser cartridge was fired into the suspects back, but only one probe made contact with the suspect and did not have the desired effect. Ofc. O'Neill then conducted a drive-stun to the lower back of the male and he was placed into handcuffs.

The suspect was treated at the scene for the taser probe puncture and transported to the hospital for medical assessment. Photographs were taken of his injuries.

#### Charges on suspect:

Possession of Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia/ Resisting Arrest/Tampering with Evidence

#### Injuries:

**Taser Probe Puncture** 

**Date of Occurrence:** 5/7/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 0904 hours **Incident Report:** 24-51737

Personnel Involved: Officer James O'Neill #586

Force Used: Taser, Knee Strikes

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, Resisting Arrest

#### Summary:

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#### Charges on suspect:

Possession of Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia/ Resisting Arrest/Tampering with Evidence

## Injuries:

Taser Probe Puncture

Date of Occurrence: 5/9/2024 Time of Occurrence: 1238 hours 24-52642 Incident Report:

Personnel Involved: Sergeant Zachary Waters #S140

Force Used:

Taser

Subject Actions:

Non-compliance with commands, aggressive behavior

#### **Summary:**

On May 9, 2024 at approximately 1238 hours, officers made contact with a mentally disturbed subject at 1709 E. Lynx Pl. The officers were there to serve a mental health pickup order.

Upon making contact with the subject in the front yard of the residence, the subject was ordered to not move but began walking away from officers. Sgt. Waters grabbed the subject but the subject resisted and was taken to the ground and handcuffed.

The subject had abrasions to both knees from the take down in the gravel of the front yard.

The subject denied any medical attention, but photographs of his Injuries were taken at the scene.

# Charges on suspect:

None

#### Injuries:

Abrasion to knees

Date of Occurrence: 5/18/2024 Time of Occurrence: 1957 hours Incident Report: 24-56518

Personnel Involved: Officer Cody McKenna #695

Force Used: Restraint Techniques

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands

#### Summary:

On May 18th, 2024 at approximately 1957 hours, Ofc. McKenna was on bike patrol at Harris Park located at 150 E Morelos St. Ofc. McKenna noticed a subject sitting on a park bench who he believed was smoking narcotics.

Upon making contact with the subject, the subject quickly dropped the items in his hands and quickly put both hands in his pocket. The subject then stood up quickly toward Ofc. McKenna after he ordered the subject to stop what he was doing.

Ofc. McKenna then wrapped his arms around the subject's head area and forced the subject back into a seated position. The subject was then handcuffed with the help of other officers. The suspect complained of nose pain and sustained a small scratch on his nose from the Incident.

Chandler Fire responded and treated the subject at the scene.

#### Charges on suspect:

Possession of Narcotics/Paraphernalia

#### Injuries:

Scratch to nose

Date of Occurrence: 5/19/2024 Time of Occurrence: 1310 hours Incident Report: 24-56741

Personnel Involved: Officer Kevin Tomaszewski #761

Force Used: Taser, Pepper Ball

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, barricaded subject

#### Summary:

On May 19, 2024 at approximately 1310 hours, officers made contact with a subject experiencing mental health issues at 825 W. Calle Del Norte. The officers were dispatched to this residence after the subject assaulted his mother.

Upon making contact with subject in the front yard, the subject retreated into the rear bedroom of the residence and barricaded himself.

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#### Charges on suspect:

None

#### Injuries:

Taser Probe Puncture

Date of Occurrence: 5/19/2024 Time of Occurrence: 1310 hours Incident Report: 24-56741

Personnel Involved: Officer Joshua Riley #725

Force Used:

Taser, Pepper Ball

**Subject Actions:** 

Non-compliance with commands, barricaded subject

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None

#### Injuries:

Taser Probe Puncture

**Date of Occurrence:** 5/22/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 2317 hours **Incident Report:** 24-58274

Personnel Involved: Officer Jon Castlegrante #768

Force Used: Take Down

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, ran from officer

#### **Summary:**

On May 22nd, 2024, at approximately 2317 hours, Ofc. Castlegrante observed a vehicle whose driver had a suspended driver's license at 1010 E. Chandler Blvd.

Upon making a traffic stop on the vehicle, the subject was ordered to exit the vehicle for officer safety. During a pat down for weapons, Ofc. Castlegrante felt a hard cylindrical object from the outside of the subject's pocket. The subject quickly put his hand in his pocket and ran from Ofc. Castlegrante.

Ofc. Castlegrante chased the subject on foot and tackled the subject to the ground and placed him in handcuffs.

The suspect had abrasions to his elbows and knees from the take down and one small abrasion above his right eye.

The subject was treated at the scene by Chandler Fire for the injuries and photographs were taken at the scene.

#### Charges on suspect:

Possession of Narcotics/ Possession of Dangerous Drug/ Paraphernalia/Resisting Arrest

#### Injuries:

**Abrasions** 

**Date of Occurrence:** 5/23/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 2035 hours **Incident Report:** 24-58617

**Personnel Involved:** Officer David Dalen #884 **Force Used:** Take Down, knee strike

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, assault on officer

## **Summary:**

On May 23, 2024 at approximately 2035 hours, Ofc. Dalen was dispatched to 155 E. Frye Rd. regarding a domestic dispute.

Upon making contact with the subjects at the house, investigation revealed there was probable cause for arresting a female involved in the incident. Upon attempting to place the female in handcuffs, the female resisted Ofc. Dalen and hit him in the face.

Ofc. Dalen punched the female in the face and took her to the ground. Once on the ground, the female continued to resist and Ofc. Dalen delivered a knee strike to her torso. The female was eventually handcuffed and transported

The suspect had no Injuries from the incident but was photographed at the scene. The female declined any medical treatment.

#### **Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated Assault Officer

## Injuries:

None

**Date of Occurrence:** 6/2/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 0227 hours **Incident Report:** 24-62357

**Personnel Involved:** Officer Erubey Ponce #892 **Force Used:** Impact Push, Take Down, Taser

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, slapped officer in face

#### **Summary:**

On June 2, 2024 at approximately 0227 hours, Ofc. Ponce responded to 222 W, Boston St. regarding a noise disturbance at the pool area. The reporting party stated there were multiple people throwing items at residents' windows and causing a noise disturbance.

Upon arrival on the scene multiple officers entered the pool area and ordered the noisy crowd to leave the area. Multiple people complied at that time.

One of the males from the party became argumentative with officers on scene and yelled in the face of officers. Ofc. Ponce used an impact push to gain separation from the aggressive male and the male then slapped Ofc. Ponce in the face. Ofc. Ponce then took the male to the ground where the male resisted arrest by pinning his arms under his body. The male was given commands to place his arms behind his back, but did not comply, Ofc. Ponce then deployed his CEW and delivered a single, five second drive stun to the back of the male. The male then compiled and the male was placed into handcuffs.

The suspect complained of back pain and Ofc. Ponce had swelling to his face and neck, along with a scratch to his cheek.

Chandler Fire responded and treated the subject at the scene. The subject was then booked into jail.

#### Charges on suspect:

Aggravated Assault Officer/ Disorderly Conduct

#### Injuries:

Subject-Back Pain

Officer swelling to his face and neck, along with a scratch to his cheek

**Date of Occurrence:** 6/3/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 1706 hours **Incident Report:** 24-62895

Personnel Involved: Officer Zachary Thomas #801

Force Used: Take Down, knee strike

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, actively resisted

#### Summary:

on June 3, 2024 at approximately 1706 hours, Ofc. Thomas responded to the area of N. Jay St. and W. Curry St. regarding a suspicious vehicle that had been circling the area multiple times. The vehicle's driver had also been seen conducting possible drug sales.

Upon arrival on the scene Ofc. Thomas saw the vehicle parked and occupied by one male. Upon contacting the driver, Ofc. Thomas saw drug paraphernalia in the lap of the driver. Ofc. Thomas then took control of the subject by grabbing his left arm and instructing the male to exit the vehicle, The male refused the commands and Ofc. Thomas pulled the male from the vehicle and took him to the ground.

The male continued to resist Ofc. Thomas by pulling away from him and turning his body toward officers. Multiple commands were given to stop resisting and put your hands behind your back. The male then stood up from the ground in resistance and was taken back to the ground by Ofc. Thomas. The male continued to resist on the ground. Ofc. Thomas then delivered on knee strike to the male's torso, The officers were then able to handcuff the male.

The suspect complained of shoulder pain but did not have any further injuries. The subject was then booked into jail.

#### Charges on suspect:

Forgery/ Impersonation/ID Theft/Drugs/Resisting Arrest

#### Injuries:

Subject-Shoulder Pain

**Date of Occurrence:** 6/12/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 1610 hours **Incident Report:** 24-66350

Personnel Involved: Officer David Dalen #884
Force Used: Take Down, closed-fist strikes

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, resisting arrest, assault on officer

#### Summary:

On June 12, 2024 at 1610 hours, Ofc. Dalen was dispatched to a report of domestic violence located at 1326 N. Dakota St. The reporting party advised she was assaulted by her children's father and she was bleeding from the nose.

Ofc. Dalen arrived on scene and located the suspect walking away on Dakota Street. Ofc. Dalen gave commands to the suspect to stop, but he fled on foot and a foot pursuit was initiated.

The suspect attempted to jump a fence and fell and Ofc. Dalen was able to take him to the ground. The suspect continued to physically resist Ofc. Dalen by turning his body to face him, pulling his arms away, pushing Ofc. Dalen's face and chest away. This caused damage to Ofc. Dalen's police equipment. The suspect then grabbed onto Ofc. Dalen's duty belt near his firearm and Taser (CEW).

Ofc. Dalen delivered 4 closed fist strikes to the suspects chest and face and took the suspect into custody with the assistance of another officer.

# **Criminal Charges:**

Assault (DV) Threatening (DV) Disorderly Conduct (DV)
Preventing the Use of the Telephone during emergency (DV) Obstructing Public Officer

#### Injuries:

**Abrasions** 

**Date of Occurrence:** 6/20/2024 **Time of Occurrence:** 1734 hours **Incident Report:** 24-69673

Personnel Involved: Sergeant Irwin Wierzbicki #S157

Force Used: Take Down

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, actively resisted

#### **Summary:**

On June 20, 2024 at approximately 1734 hours, Sgt. Wierzbicki responded to 7151 W. Ray Rd. regarding a male who was acting erratic and causing a disturbance.

Upon arrival on the scene Sgt. Wierzbicki assisted officers on scene with Interviewing the erratic male. The male continued to be non-compliant and stood up after being forced to sit. After being handcuffed due to officer safety, the male attempted to pull away from officers and made an aggressive move toward Sgt. Wierzbicki.

Sgt. Wierzbicki then took the male to the ground

The subject had a small laceration to his lip, due to the takedown, but no further Injuries. The subject was then booked into jail.

## Charges on suspect:

Disorderly Conduct/ Resisting Arrest

#### Injuries:

Subject-Laceration to lip

Date of Occurrence: 6/23/2024 Time of Occurrence: 0957 hours Incident Report: 24-70792

Personnel Involved: Officer Jose Coronado #842

Force Used:

Pepper Ball

Subject Actions:

Non-compliance with commands

#### Summary:

On June 23, 2024 at approximately 0957 hours, Ofc. Coronado responded to the area of Cooper Rd. and the East Loop 202, to assist with a high-risk stop being conducted on a vehicle involved in a theft.

Upon arrival on the scene Ofc. Coronado deployed his less lethal pepper ball system. The passenger of the stopped vehicle refused to follow commands to keep hands out of the window. Multiple commands were given, and the male refused to follow the direction.

Ofc. Coronado then shot multiple PAVA rounds into the passenger side window. The rounds were aimed at the A pillar of the vehicle. The subject then felt the effects of the pepper ball rounds and complied with officers' orders. The male was then handcuffed at the scene.

The subject had a small Impact mark on his right elbow, where he was struck by one of the rounds, no other Injuries were reported.

The subject was then booked into jail.

#### Charges on suspect:

Theft/ Obstruction of Police/ Criminal Traffic

#### Injuries:

Subject-Bruise to right elbow