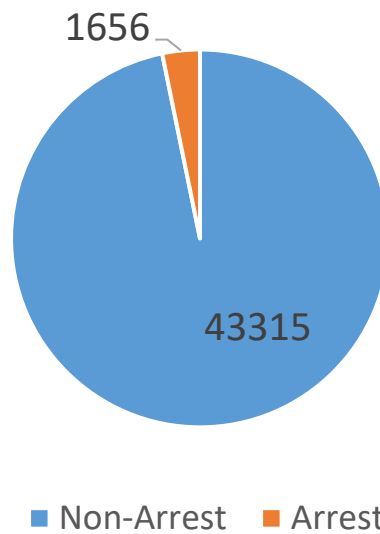




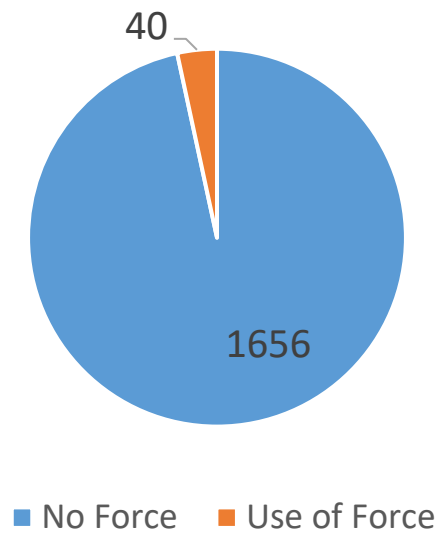
2023 Use of Force Analysis

The Lacey Police Department responded to **43,315** incidents in 2023.

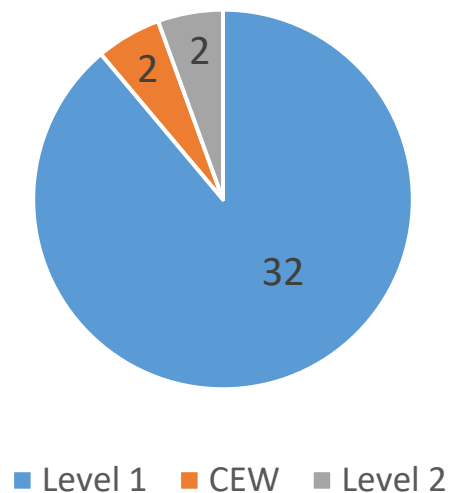
Of these 43,315 incidents, **1,656** resulted in arrests (approx. 3.8%).



Of those 1,656 arrests only **40** involved any use of force (approx. 2.4%).

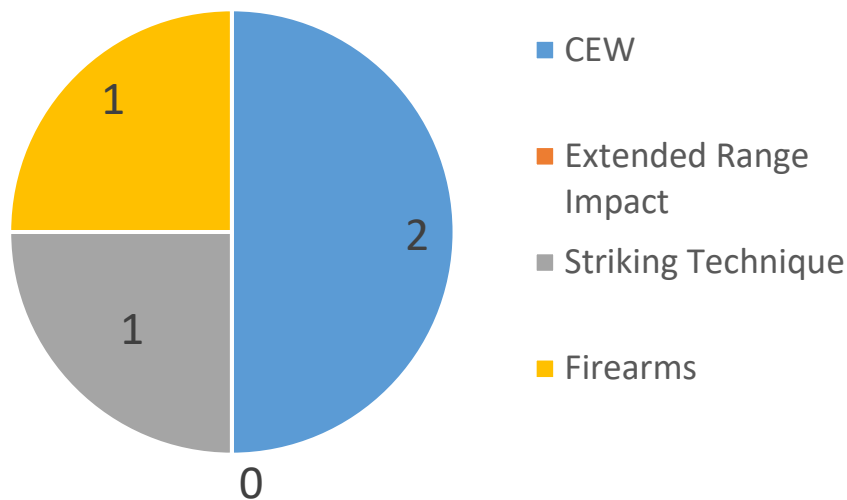


The Lacey Police Department requires reporting and review of ALL force used by our officers including Level I: wrist locks, take downs to the ground, use of the WRAP restraint system (to prevent the subject from hurting himself or others), use of pepper spray, Conductive Electronic Weapon (CEW) (aka “Taser”) and Level II: punches, kicks, pointing of our firearms at a person, and actual discharge of our firearms. Although many police departments do not document and review a use of force unless it results in an injury, we require documentation and review of all uses of force as part of our compliance with stringent accreditation standards and to ensure we are accountable for our actions.



The **Level I** uses of force are considered relatively minor and involve a minimal use of force. The use of OC Spray, CEW (aka Taser), and/or **Level II** techniques are considered significant uses of force and are only used when the officer is in physical danger or the suspect is combative, assaultive, or is a dangerous suspect who is attempting to flee.

Of the 40 incidents involving a use of force, only **4** involved a significant use of force to include: the use of CEW, a physical striking technique, an extended range impact weapon or a firearm discharge.



No use of force in 2023 resulted in the need to hospitalize either officer or suspect. Minor injuries including: bruising, small cuts, abrasions, and complaints of pain were reported by suspects in 21 incidents as result of a use of force. 6 officers suffered similar injuries. All uses of force were found to be within policy, reasonable, and necessary based upon a review of the totality of circumstances.

In summary:

- The Lacey Police Department used force in **2.4%** of all arrests in 2023.
- Of the 43,315 incidents Lacey officers responded to in 2023, force was used on 40 occasions or .1% of the time an officer contacted someone in Lacey.
- The Lacey Police Department was able to de-escalate or avoid the use of force in over **97.6%** of all arrests in 2023.
- Significant force was only used during **4** incidents that involved actively resisting, combative, armed and/or dangerous fleeing suspects.
- No suspect or officer suffered a significant injury as the result of a use of force in 2023.