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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

INCLUDES DATA FROM 2019-2023

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Introduction

The Iowa State University Police Department provides professional law enforcement services while working cooperatively with the community in a proactive partnership. The ISU PD is authorized 42 fully certified sworn police officers and 11 certified dispatchers providing 24/7 emergency response.

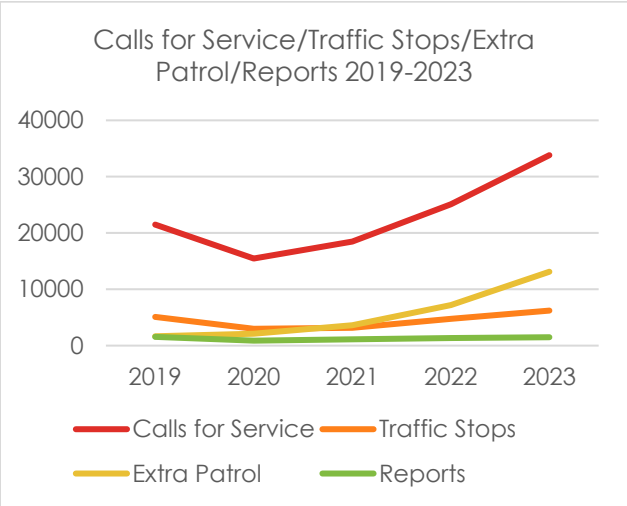
While the main jurisdiction is the ISU campus and outlying properties owned or controlled by the University, a 28E agreement partnering with law enforcement agencies in Story County allows ISU PD officers to patrol and investigate alleged criminal offenses outside of the ISU campus. The ISU campus contains approximately 2.8 square miles and enrollment for the 2023 fall semester was 30,177 students. The community of Ames covers approximately 24 square miles with a population of nearly 67,000.

This report provides a five-year comparison of a variety of activities conducted by the Iowa State Police Department. Examining data over time can be useful in determining trends and patterns and can provide insight for the efficient allocation of resources. In the data presented in this report, CAD refers to Computer Aided Dispatch.

Activity for Calendar Years 2019-2023

	Calendar Year 2019	Calendar Year 2020	Calendar Year 2021	Calendar Year 2022	Calendar Year 2023
Calls for Service	21,494	15,468	18,474	25,100	33,815
Extra Patrol	1,658	2,106	3,606	7,209	13,117
Traffic Stops	5,082	2,989	3,168	4,747	6,220
Reports	1,552	882	1,110	1,357	1,479
Charges Filed	1,271	732	708	1,025	1,000
Arrests	793	452	512	741	736
Outreach Events	456	179	271	348	437

Activity for Calendar Years 2019-2023



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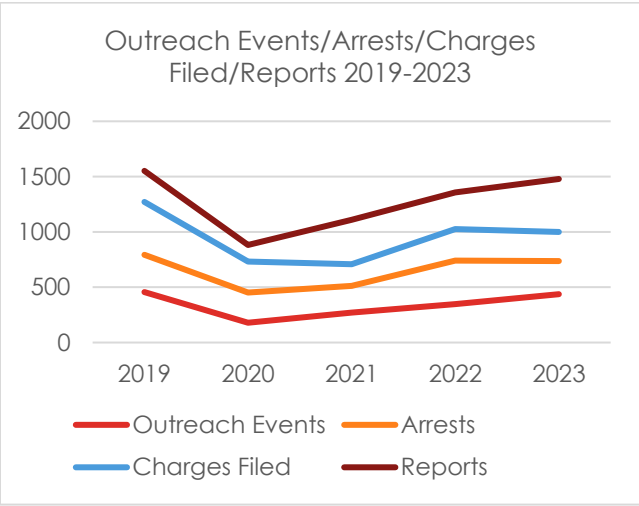
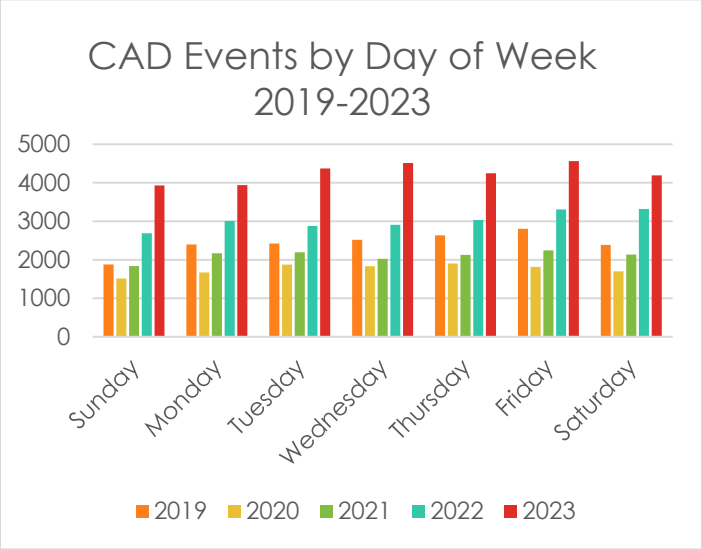


CAD Events by Day of the Week Calendar Years 2019-2023



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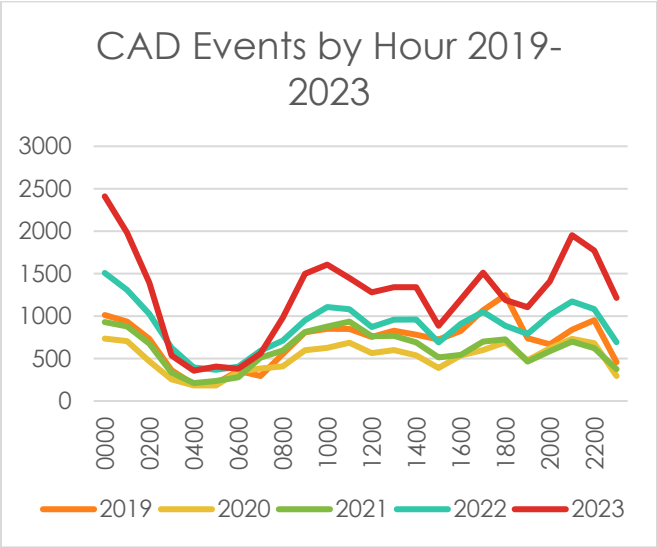

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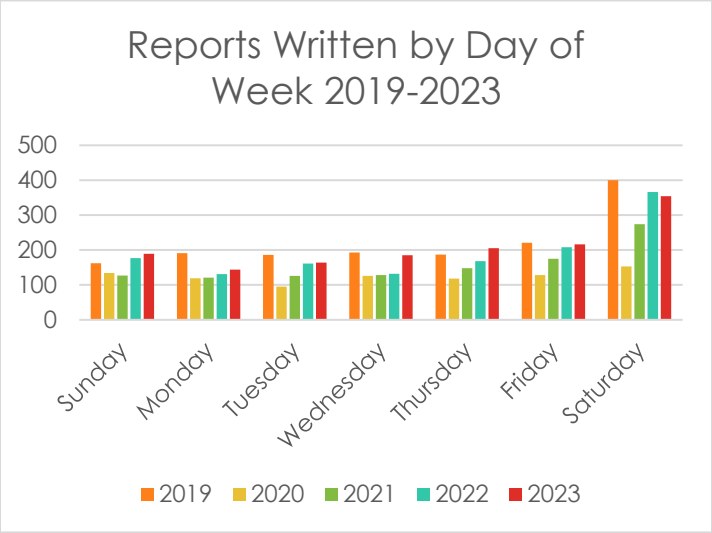

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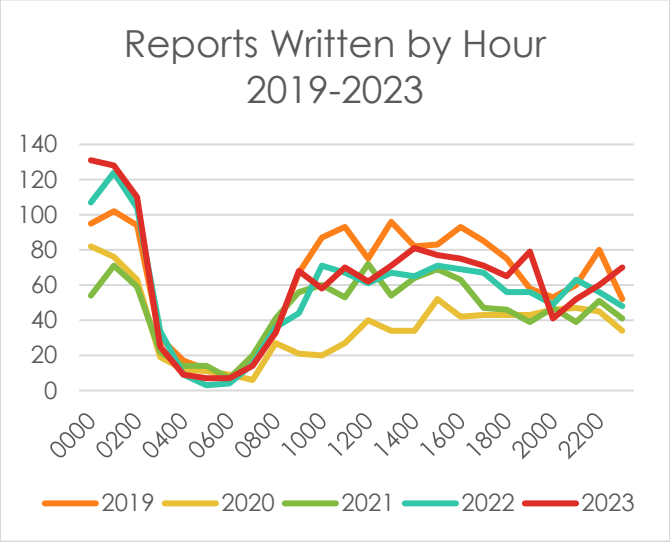


10 Most CAD events by Calendar Year

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Traffic Stop Enforcement	Traffic Stop Enforcement	Extra Patrol	Extra Patrol	Extra Patrol
2	Alarms	Alarms	Traffic Stop Enforcement	Traffic Stop Enforcement	Traffic Stop Enforcement
3	Motorist Assistance	Extra Patrol	Alarms	Alarms	Alarms
4	Extra Patrol	General Info	General Info	General Info	General Info
5	General Info	Motorist Assistance	Motorist Assistance	Motorist Assistance	Motorist Assistance
6	Office Unlock	Office Unlock	Office Unlock	Office Unlock	Office Unlock
7	Suspicious Behavior	Suspicious Behavior	Finger Printing	Suspicious Behavior	Suspicious Behavior
8	Follow Up	Finger Printing	Suspicious Behavior	Parking Enforcement/Complaint	Safety Escort
9	Mental Health Welfare Check	Follow Up	Follow Up	Follow Up	Parking Enforcement/Complaint
10	Outreach	Meeting Training	Meeting Training	Finger Printing	Follow Up

10 Most Offenses by Calendar Year

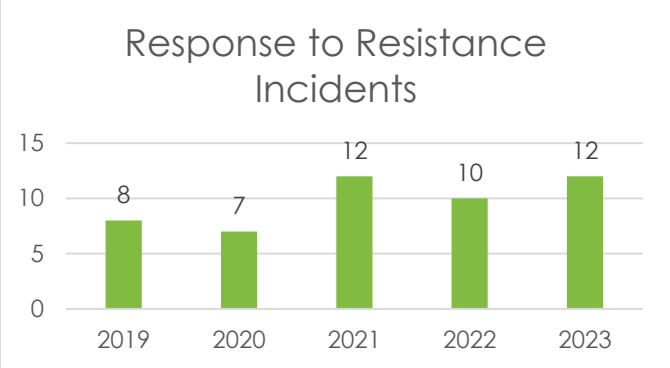
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Traffic/Driving Violations	Traffic/Driving Violations	Traffic/Driving Violations	Traffic/Driving Violations	Department Information
2	Alcohol Violations	Narcotic Violations	Alcohol Violations	Alcohol Violations	Traffic/Driving Violations
3	Accidents	Accidents	Accidents	OWI	Alcohol Violations
4	Narcotic Violations	Theft	Narcotic Violations	Theft	Accidents
5	Public Intoxication	Alcohol Violations	Theft	Narcotic Violations	Narcotic Violations
6	Theft	Vandalism Criminal Mischief	Vandalism Criminal Mischief	Department Information	OWI
7	Welfare Check/Mental Health	Welfare Check/Mental Health	Welfare Check/Mental Health	Vandalism Criminal Mischief	Vandalism Criminal Mischief
8	Harassment	Public Intoxication	Department Information	Accidents	Theft
9	Vandalism Criminal Mischief	Harassment	Harassment	Public Intoxication	Public Intoxication
10	Department Information	Department Information	Public Intoxication	Welfare Check/Mental Health	Harassment

10 Most Charges by Calendar Year

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Traffic/Driving Violations	Traffic/Driving Violations	Alcohol Violations	Alcohol Violations	Alcohol Violations
2	Alcohol Violations	Narcotic Violations	Traffic/Driving Violations	Traffic/Driving Violations	Traffic/Driving Violations
3	Narcotic Violations	Alcohol Violations	Narcotic Violations	OWI	Narcotic Violations
4	Public Intoxication	OWI	OWI	Narcotic Violations	OWI
5	OWI	Public Intoxication	Public Intoxication	Public Intoxication	Public Intoxication
6	Unlawful Use of License	Theft	Trespass	Interference with Official Acts	Criminal Mischief
7	Theft	Unlawful Use of License	Failure to Appear	Unlawful Use of License	Criminal Trespass
8	Interference with Official Acts	Interference with Official Acts	Theft	Criminal Trespass	Interference with Official Acts
9	Failure to Appear	Burglary	Unlawful Use of License	Weapons Violations	Unlawful Use of License
10	Providing False Identification Information	Non-Payment of Iowa Fine	Interference with Official Acts	Theft Criminal Mischief Failure to Appear	Harassment

Response to Resistance Incidents by Year

Response to resistance incidents are available for the years 2019-2023, however, information on an individual's race is not always available.

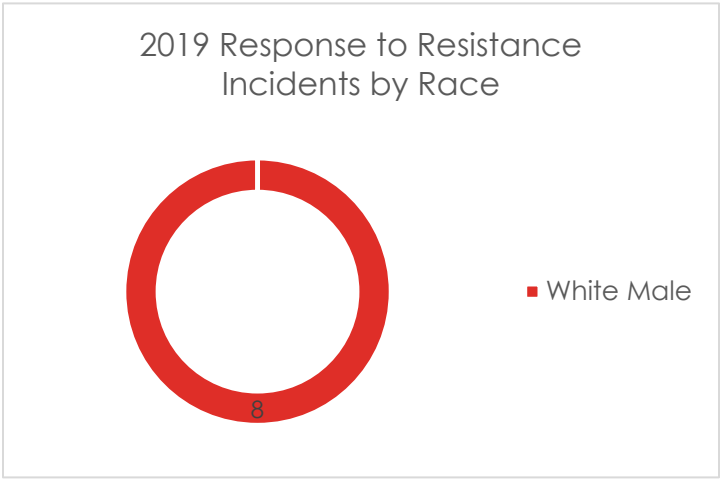


The following table shows the number of calls for service and arrests for the calendar years 2019-2023 and what percentage of these were response to resistance incidents.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Calls for Service	21,494	15,468	18,474	25,100	33,815
Arrests	793	452	512	742	736
Response to Resistance Incidents	8	7	12	10	12
% of Resistance Incidents/Calls for Service	0.037%	0.045%	0.065%	.040%	.035%
% of Resistance Incidents/Arrests	1.009%	1.549%	2.344%	1.348%	1.630%

Graphs on the following pages show various aspects of response to resistance incidents for the years 2019-2023 including breakouts by race of the individuals involved in the incident, incident circumstances, timing by shift, whether the incident was on campus, if the incident was in conjunction with assisting another agency, and the type of force used in the incident.

2019


2019 Response to Resistance Incidents by Race
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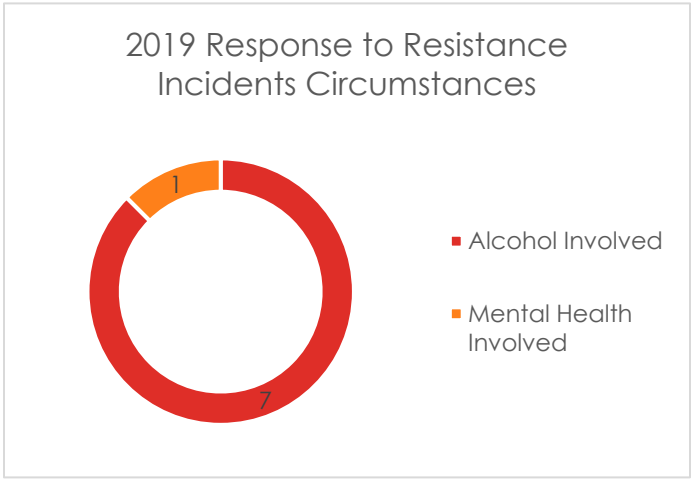
White Male


2019 Response to Resistance Incidents Circumstances
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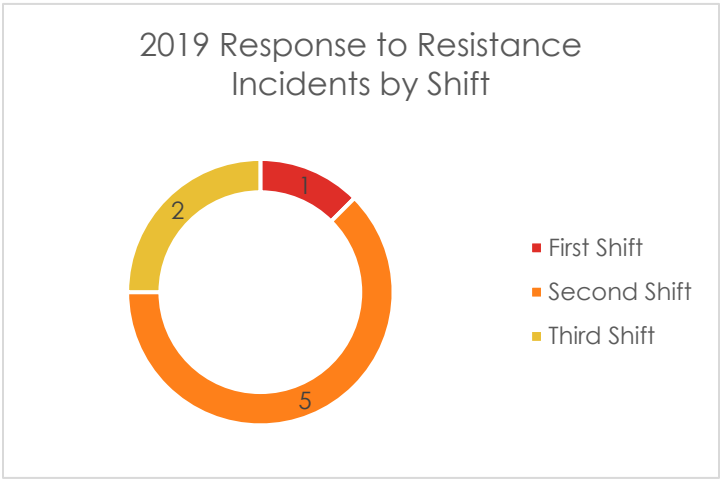
Alcohol Involved
Mental Health Involved


2019 Response to Resistance Incidents by Shift
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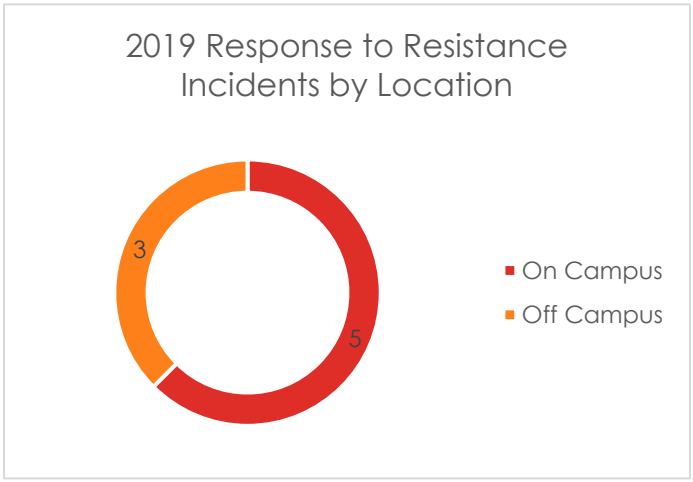
First Shift
Second Shift
Third Shift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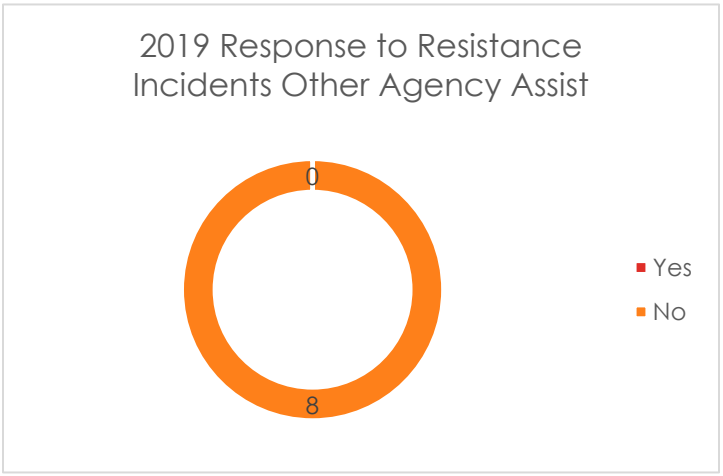
On Campus
Off Campus


2019 Response to Resistance Incidents Other Agency Assist
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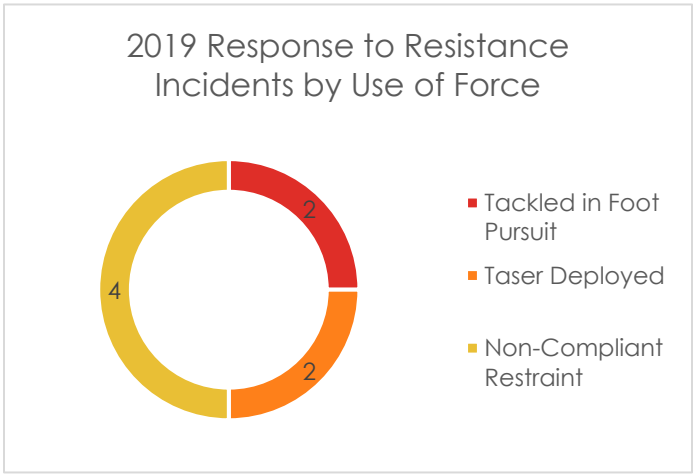
No


2019 Response to Resistance Incidents by Use of Force
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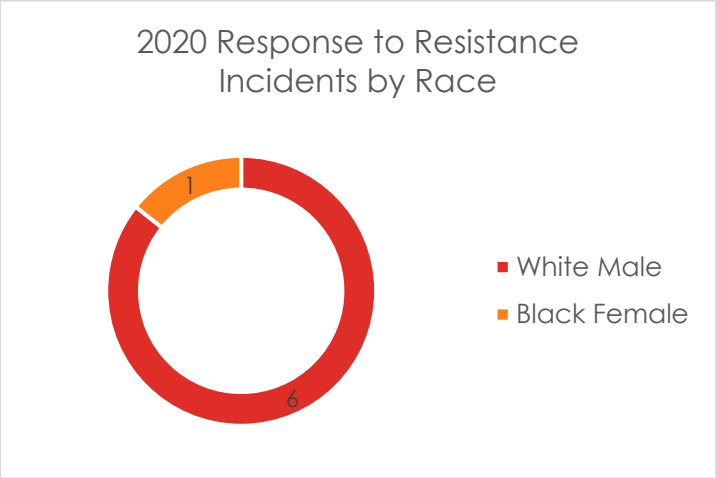
Tackled in Foot Pursuit
Taser Deployed
Non-Compliant Restraint

2020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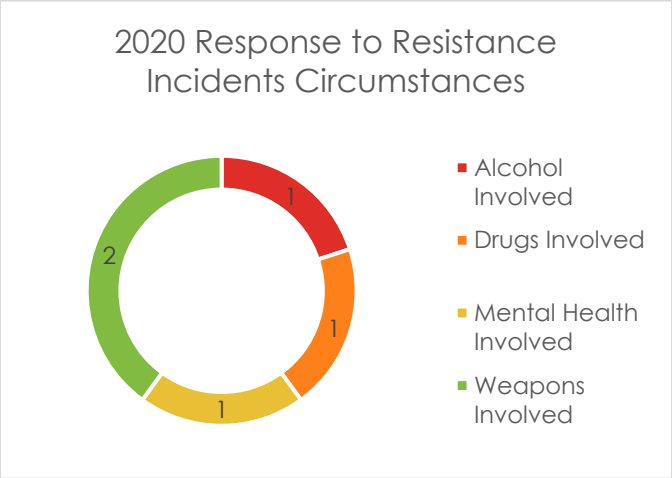
Black Female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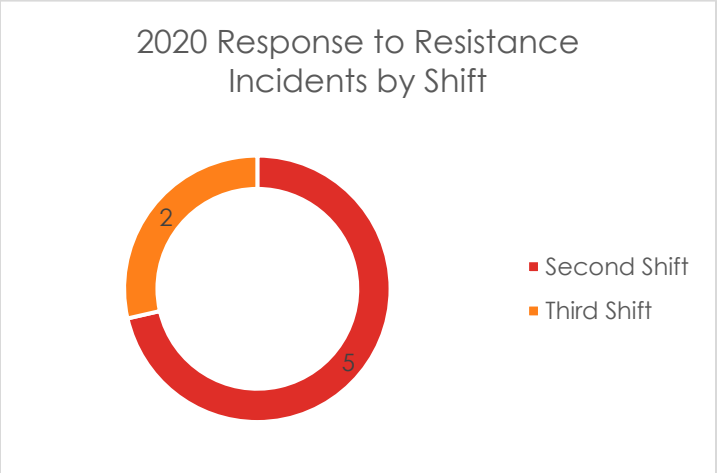
Alcohol Involved
Drugs Involved
Mental Health Involved
Weapons Involved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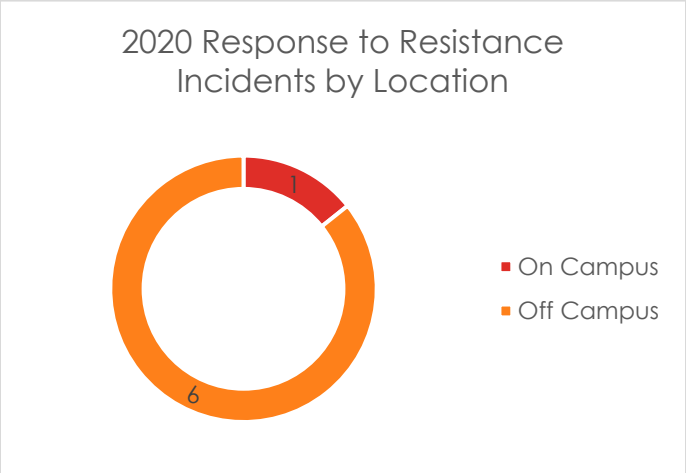
Second Shift
Third Shift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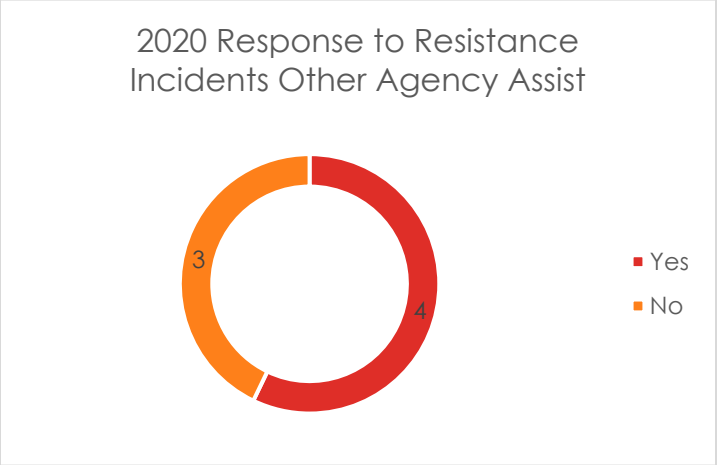
On Campus
Off Campus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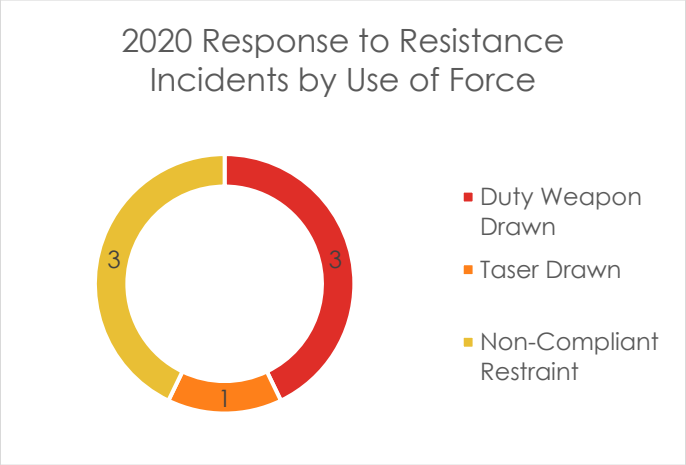
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Duty Weapon Drawn
Taser Drawn
Non-Compliant Restraint

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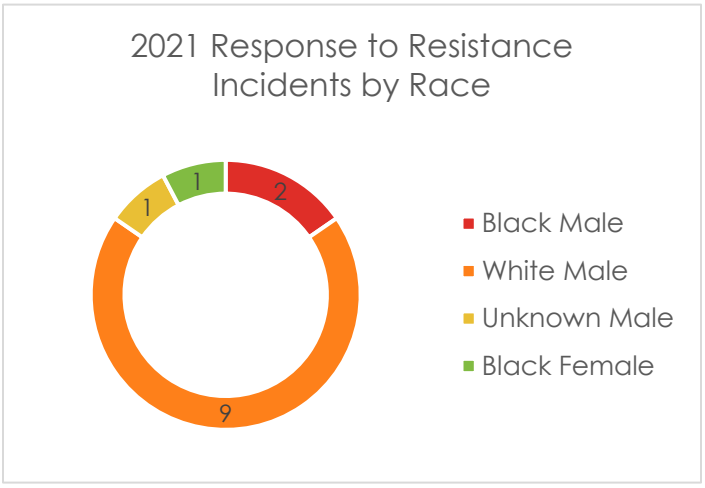
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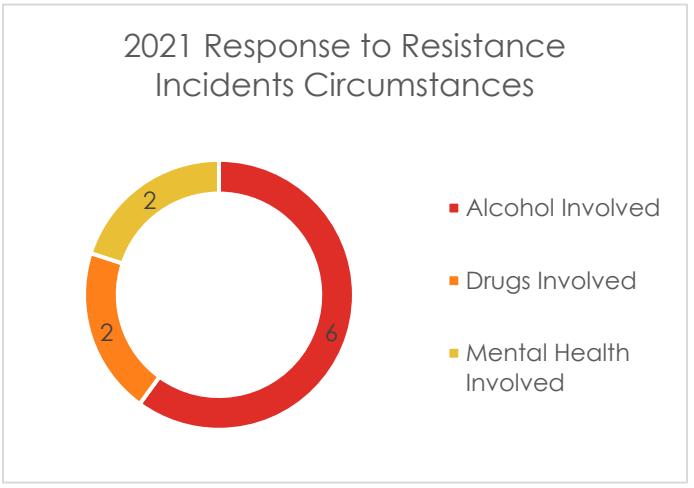
White Male
Unknown Male
Black Female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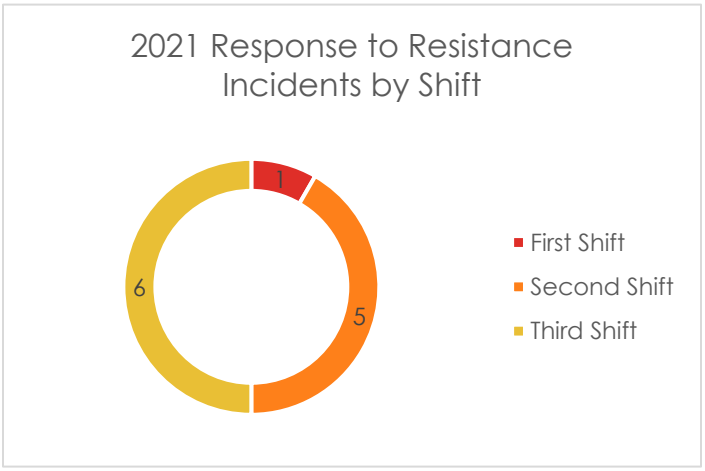
Drugs Involved
Mental Health Involved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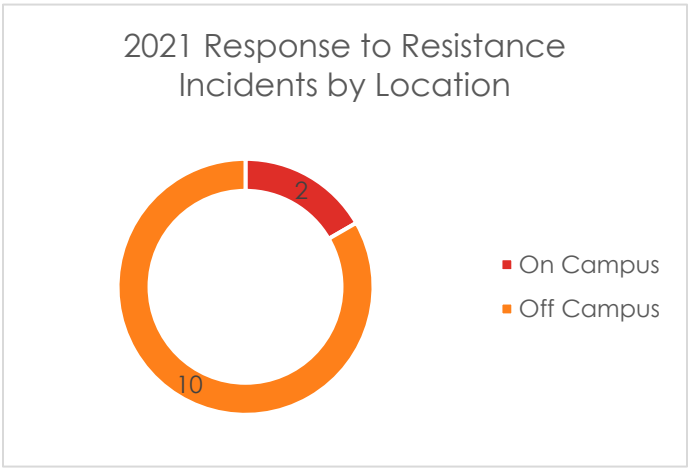
First Shift
Second Shift
Third Shift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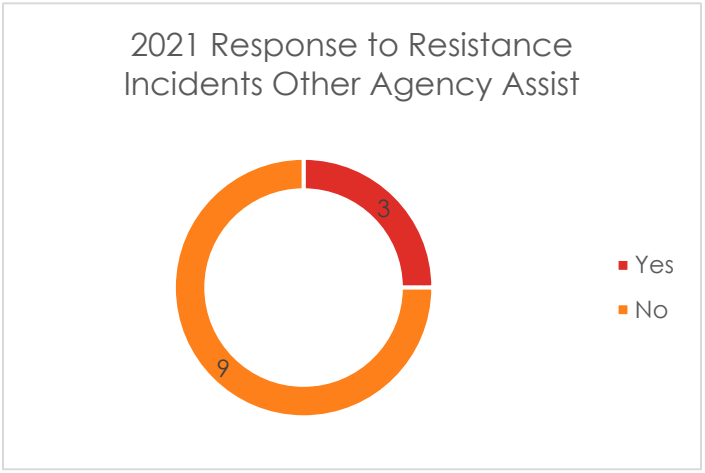
On Campus
Off Campus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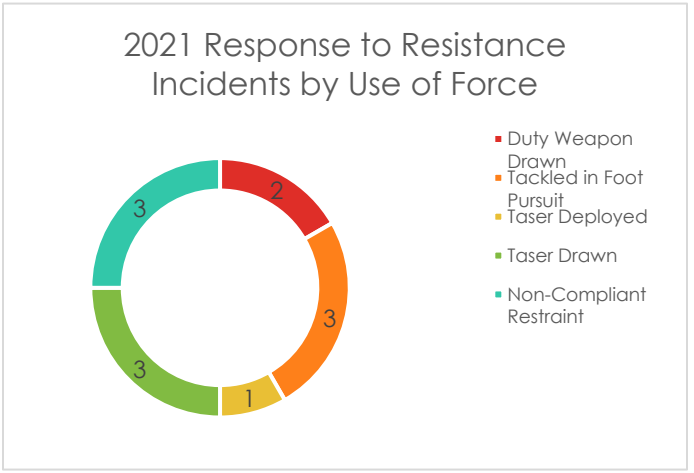
2021 Response to Resistance Incidents by Use of Force
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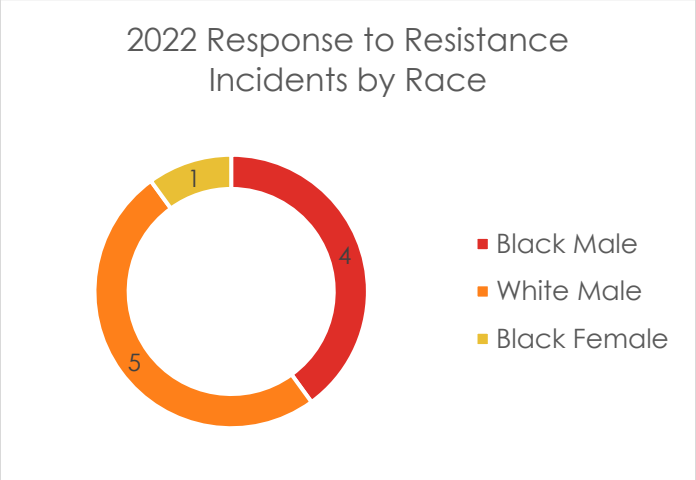
Tackled in Foot Pursuit
Taser Deployed
Taser Drawn
Non-Compliant Restraint

2022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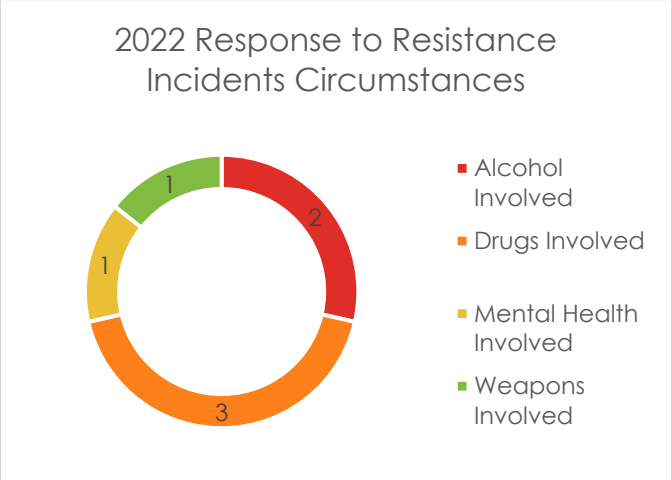
Black Male
White Male
Black Female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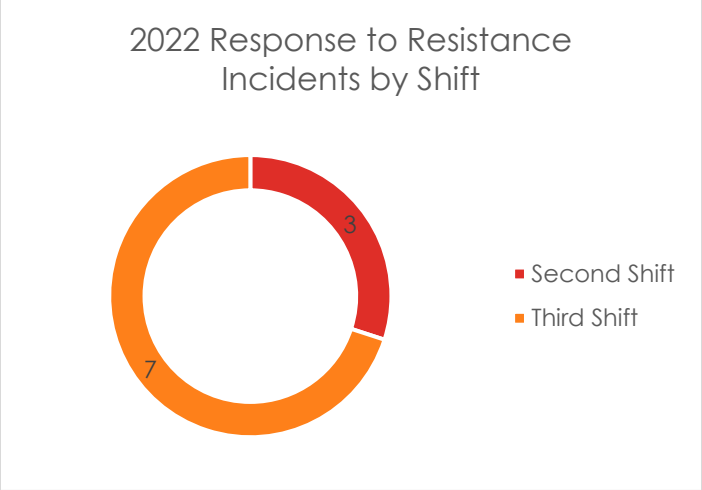
Alcohol Involved
Drugs Involved
Mental Health Involved
Weapons Involved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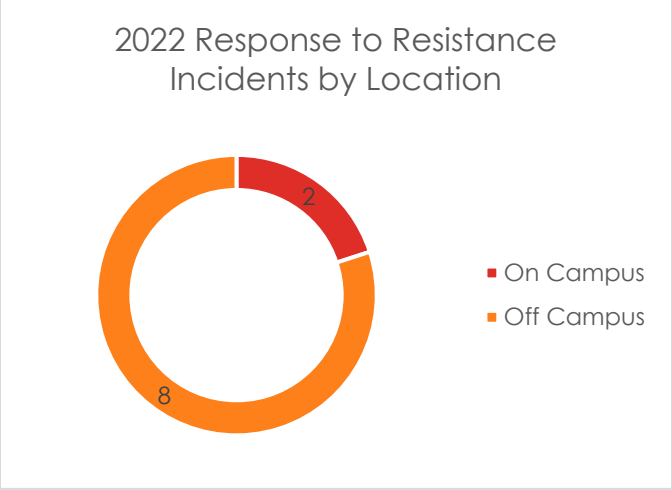
Second Shift
Third Shift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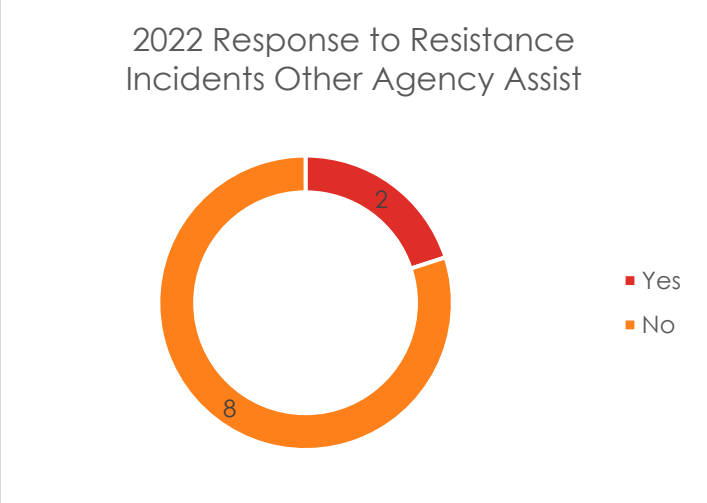
On Campus
Off Campus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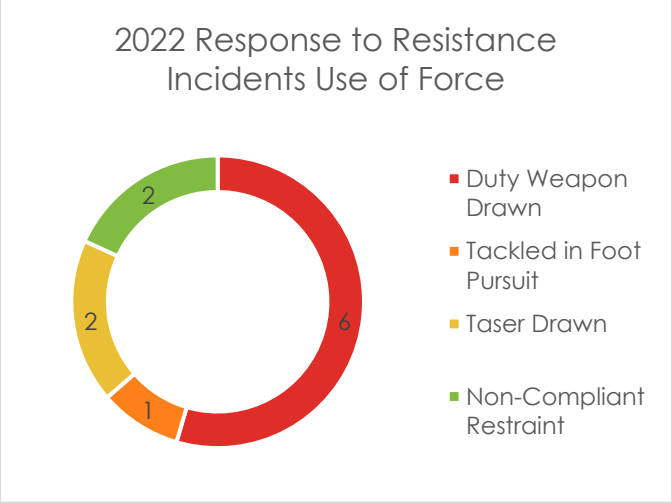
2022 Response to Resistance Incidents Use of Force
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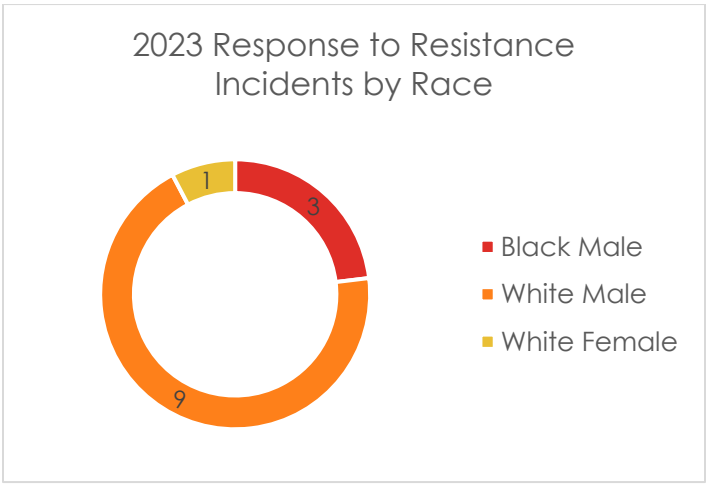
Duty Weapon Drawn
Tackled in Foot Pursuit
Taser Drawn
Non-Compliant Restraint

2023


2023 Response to Resistance Incidents by Race
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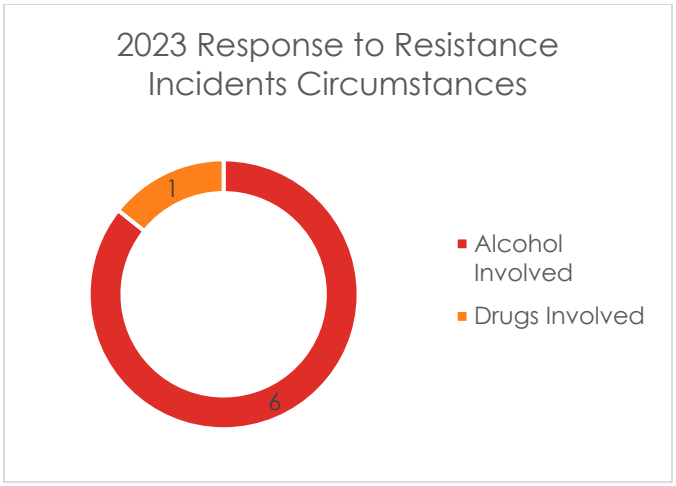
Black Male
White Male
White Female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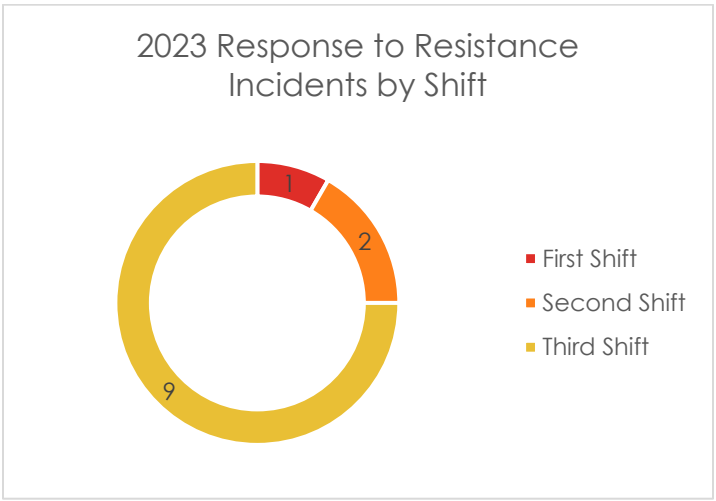
Alcohol Involved
Drugs Involved


2023 Response to Resistance Incidents by Shift
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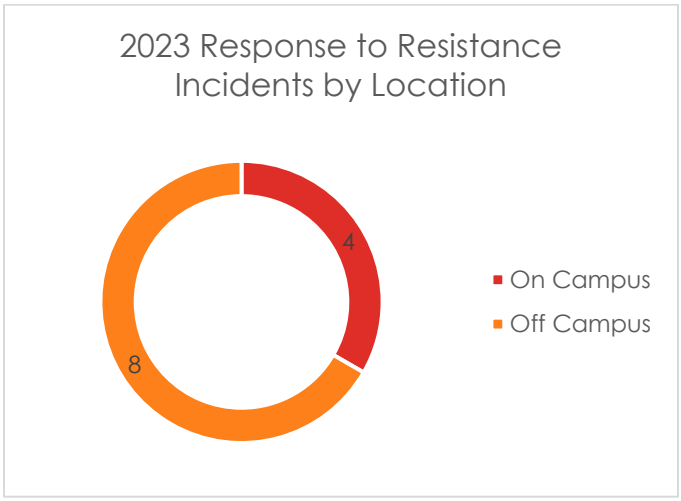
First Shift
Second Shift
Third Shift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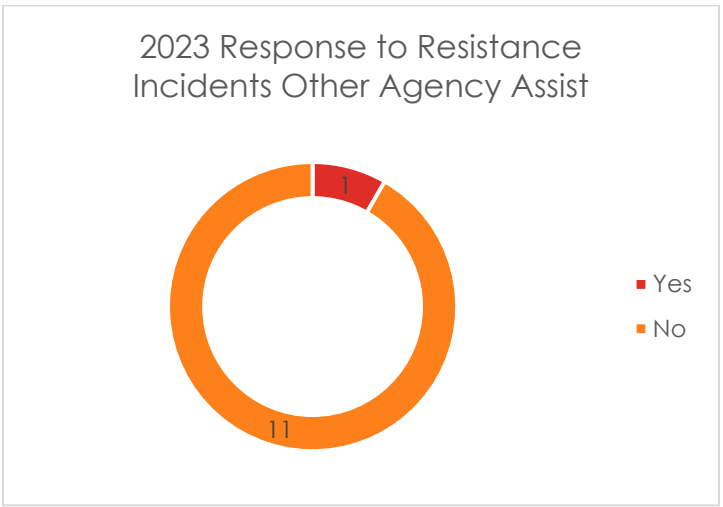
On Campus
Off Campus


2023 Response to Resistance Incidents Other Agency Assist
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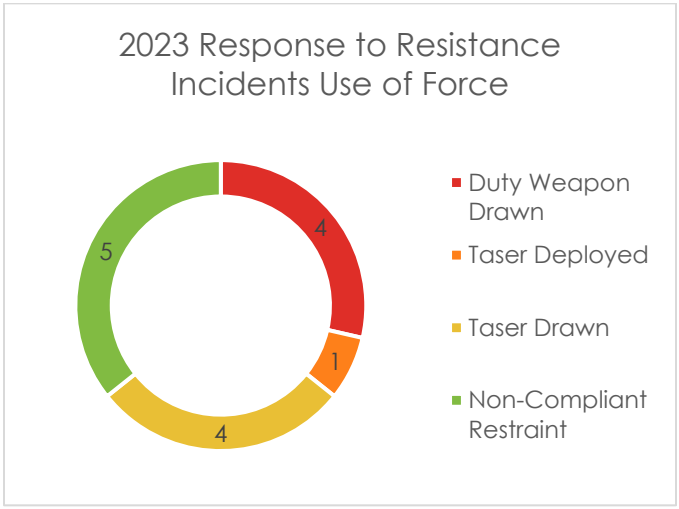
2023 Response to Resistance Incidents Use of Force
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Duty Weapon Drawn
Taser Deployed
Taser Drawn
Non-Compliant Restraint

Closing Comments

- Activity for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic school years was definitely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic because of fewer students being on campus.
- The most CAD events in the years 2019, 2021, and 2023 occurred on Fridays. In 2022 the most CAD events were entered on Saturdays.
- The highest number of reports are written by the ISU PD on Saturdays, probably in relation to football game tailgating and other Saturday special events.
- The highest number of CAD events, consistently for the last four years, were extra patrols, traffic stops, and alarms.
- The highest number of charges, consistently for 2021-2023, were alcohol violations, traffic/driving violations, narcotic violations and OWIs.
- Harassment was in the ten most charges for 2023. This is the first time since the compilation of this report began that harassment has been at this level and reflects the increase in individuals filing harassment reports.
- Most incidents requiring a response to resistance occurred during the third shift and off campus.
- In 58.3% of response to resistance incidents in 2023, drug and/or alcohol usage was a factor.
- Tasers were drawn in four separate response to resistance incidents in 2023 but deployed only once.