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**UFPD MEMORANDUM: 26-006**

**DATE:** January 9th, 2026  
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**CC:** Office of Accreditation, file  
**SUBJECT:** Annual Analysis of Response to Resistance for the 2025 Calendar Year

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In compliance with CALEA Standard 4.2.4, I analyzed the 2025 response to resistance activities, policies, and practices. In the 2025 calendar year, nine (9) reviews of response to resistance incidents were conducted. Of the nine, five (5) involved the display of a Conducted Energy Weapon (TASER), four (4) involved the display of a firearm (including a patrol rifle), two (2) involved hard empty-hand control, one (1) involved soft empty-hand control, and one (1) incident involved a subject injury requiring EMS transport. No firearm discharges, TASER deployments, OC deployments, baton strikes, less-lethal impact munitions, or leg restraints were reported during these reviewed incidents.

Reviews and Data

The number of reviews reflects the number of incident reports in which officers used force in response to a subject's resistance. More than one type of response may have been used in the same incident, causing a discrepancy between the total number of reviews and the total number of times different responses were utilized.

For reporting clarity, the primary trend table below reflects the most recent four years (2022–2025). Historical totals for 2020–2021 are maintained by the Training Division and are provided in Appendix A for reference.

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	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>TOTAL REVIEWS</b>	3	10	6	9
<b>Firearm Discharged</b>				
<b>Firearm Displayed</b>	2	5	3	4
<b>Taser Deployed</b>			0	
<b>Taser Displayed</b>			1	5
<b>OC Deployed</b>				
<b>Baton Strike</b>				
<b>Hard Hand Control</b>				2
<b>Soft Hand Control</b>		2	1	1
<b>Less Lethal Impact</b>				
<b>Leg Restraint</b>	1	3		
<b>Suspect Injured</b>		1		1

A review of the four incidents where **officers displayed firearms** (to include a patrol rifle) revealed the following information:

- 03/02/2025 @ 1605 hrs - CR 25-0295 - Sgt. Pardue conducted a high-risk stop of a reported stolen vehicle. Sgt. Pardue and responding officers displayed department-issued firearms until the subject was secured. Pardue and Ofc. Williams (#151) transitioned to TASER display while other officers maintained lethal coverage. The subject was compliant and was handcuffed without further incident.
- 09/29/2025 - UFPD received a UF ALERT regarding a possible active shooter at Smathers Library. Sgt. Mueth deployed a department-issued Sig Sauer 516 patrol rifle. Sgt. Pardue deployed his Glock 45 handgun and a department-issued shield, and Ofc. Lewis deployed his Glock 45 handgun. Officers cleared the building, located no active threat, and secured/holstered or returned weapons once the scene was determined safe.
- 11/20/2025 @ 0235 hrs - High-risk stop of a reported stolen vehicle at 300 SW 13th Street (outside UFPD jurisdiction). Sgt. Pardue, Sgt. Mueth, Ofc. Mayall, Ofc. Robson, and Ofc. B. Williams displayed department-issued firearms in view of the public to safely detain unknown occupants. Weapons were re-holstered once the suspects were secured and the vehicle was cleared. Two suspects were arrested for Grand Theft Auto.
- 11/30/2025 @ 0239 hrs - Officers responded to a possible burglary in progress at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity involving a locked, unresponsive room. Prior to key-assisted entry, Sgt. Pardue and Sgt. Mueth displayed department-issued firearms in the



presence of the House Dad due to unknown occupancy and threat level. The room was unoccupied and firearms were re-holstered once the scene was cleared. It was later clarified that Ofc. McGill briefly drew her firearm inside the room to clear a raised bedding area; the firearm was not displayed in view of the public. Officers Mayall and Robson did not draw their firearms during the incident.

A review of the five incidents where **officers displayed a TASER** revealed the following information:

- 03/02/2025 @ 1605 hrs - CR 25-0295 - During a felony stop on a reported stolen vehicle, Pardue and Ofc. Williams (#151) transitioned from firearm display to TASER display while other officers maintained lethal coverage. No TASER was deployed.
- 03/08/2025 @ 0611 hrs - R2R 25-0336 - During an arrest of an aggressive subject following a domestic battery investigation, Ofc. Carmichael and Ofc. Rowe displayed TASERs and provided clear verbal commands. Due to the dynamic, close-quarters environment, neither TASER was deployed. The subject was detained in handcuffs and the TASERs were re-holstered.
- 08/02/2025 - CR 25-0844 - During a bicycle stop for a lighting violation, the subject resisted and assumed a fighting stance. Ofc. Wanzenberg displayed his TASER and issued verbal commands. With assistance from Sgt. Gordon's verbal de-escalation, the subject ultimately complied and the TASER was re-holstered without deployment.
- 08/23/2025 - Officers contacted Dayan Chaviana Rodriguez, previously trespassed from campus, who refused lawful commands and actively resisted by tensing his arms during handcuffing. Ofc. Kizzar displayed and activated his TASER (display-only) while officers continued verbal de-escalation. The subject calmed and was handcuffed without TASER deployment; the TASER was re-holstered.
- 10/10/2025 @ 0400 hrs - Officers responded to Shands North Atrium for an intoxicated, verbally aggressive subject refusing to leave. The subject advanced toward Ofc. Lewis, who displayed his TASER in a display-only manner, gaining compliance until backup arrived. The TASER was not activated or discharged and was secured/holstered once the subject was detained.

A review of the incidents involving **empty-hand control** revealed the following information:

- 08/06/2025 @ 0523 hrs - Officers detained a subject at SW Recreation Center who provided false identifying information and actively resisted detention by pushing, pulling, and attempting to flee. Officers utilized a two-officer takedown (hard empty-hand control) to gain control and apply handcuffs. The subject complained of elbow pain and was transported to Shands ER; an involved officer sustained minor abrasions.
- 10/10/2025 @ 0400 hrs - After initial compliance was gained through TASER display, officers utilized empty-hand control techniques to assist the subject to the ground and secure him due to continued resistance (Shands North Atrium incident).



**Comparison of 2024 and 2025 incident factors:**

INCIDENT FACTORS	2024(6)	2025(9)
UF Student	0	0
Call for Service	2	7
Proactive Response	3	2
Traffic Stop	1	3
Stolen Vehicle	1	2
Burglary Response	0	1
Fighting	0	1
Drugs/Alcohol	0	1
Excited Delirium	0	0
Weapons	3	4

**UFPD Use of Taser Statistics 2001-2025**

METHOD	TOTAL			TOTAL		TOTAL	
	2001-2025	2025		2025		2001-2025	%
UF Students							
Drive Stun	7	0		0		7	50.00%
Darts Fired	7	1		1		7	50.00%
FACTORS DOCUMENTED FOR TASER INCIDENT							
Active Resistance	9	0		0		9	71.43%
Fighting	5	0		0		5	42.86%
Suicidal	2	0		0		2	14.29%
Drugs	0	0		0		0	0.00%
Alcohol	7	0		0		7	50.00%
Weapon	4	0		0		4	28.57%
Excited Delirium	0	0		0		0	0.00%
Injuries	0	0		0		0	0.00%
Non-Students							
Drive Stun	14	0		0		13	52.00%
Darts Fired	12	0		0		12	48.00%
FACTORS DOCUMENTED FOR TASER INCIDENT							
Active Resistance	18	0		0		18	50.00%
Fighting	13	0		0		13	36.00%



Suicidal	0	0		0		0	0.00%
Drugs	5	0		0		5	13.8%
Alcohol	8	0		0		8	22.2%
Weapon	2	0		0		2	5.5%
Excited Delirium	2	0		0		2	4.17%
Injuries	0	0		0		0	0.00%

In 2025, there were 5 Taser displays and 0 Taser deployments. No Taser cartridges were deployed and no drive-stun deployments occurred in the incidents reviewed. Any accidental discharge during routine daily Taser function checks is tracked separately and is not counted as a response to resistance incident.

### Analysis

An analysis of the UFPD data from 2025 revealed the following trends/patterns:

The reviewed incidents were primarily display-only responses (firearms or TASER) used to gain compliance and maintain officer and public safety during uncertain or rapidly evolving circumstances. No firearm discharges or TASER deployments occurred in the incidents reviewed.

Two incidents originated from proactive enforcement actions (bicycle equipment violation and contact with a previously trespassed subject). Two incidents involved reported stolen vehicles requiring felony-stop tactics. One incident involved a UF ALERT for a reported active shooter, requiring rapid deployment and clearing procedures.

One incident resulted in a subject injury requiring EMS transport for medical evaluation (reported elbow injury/dislocation) and one minor officer abrasion. All other reviewed incidents reported no injuries.

Subject demographics were reviewed for incidents in which an identifiable resisting subject was involved. Two (2) of the nine (9) Response to Resistance reports involved no identifiable subject (UF ALERT clearing procedures and a burglary response in which the location was unoccupied). Of the eight (8) identifiable subjects, seven (7) were male (87.5%) and one (1) was female (12.5%). Five (5) subjects were Black (62.5%) and three (3) were White (37.5%). The minimum age was fourteen (14) and the maximum age was forty-one (41), providing an average age of twenty-seven (27). All subjects were not students (100%).

Impact of Findings (Policies, Practices, Equipment, and Training): Based on the incidents reviewed, Directive 4000 and current response-to-resistance procedures continue to provide



adequate guidance for officer response options, including the display and timely securing/holstering of firearms and Conducted Energy Weapons when the threat level permits. Training will continue to emphasize de-escalation, communication, and sound decision-making, with supervisory review as appropriate. No changes to issued equipment or equipment allotments are recommended at this time; the current inventory and deployment of department-issued firearms, patrol rifles, and TASERs is adequate based on the 2025 findings. No misconduct or policy violations were identified in the incidents reviewed; no additional training or remediation is recommended based on this analysis.

### Results

Based on the incidents reviewed for calendar year 2025, the Training Division will continue emphasizing de-escalation, communication, and sound decision-making in response to resistance events. This includes reinforcing Directive 4000 guidance on the display and timely securing/holstering of firearms and Conducted Energy Weapons when the threat level permits. No trends were identified that require corrective action beyond existing training and supervisory review practices.

### Policy Review/Modifications

I conducted a review of Department Standards Directive 4000 (Response to Resistance) and found it continues to provide adequate guidance for officer response options, including the display of firearms and Conducted Energy Weapons and the requirement to de-escalate when feasible. No changes to directives or procedures are recommended at this time based on the 2025 annual review.

### **Appendix A – Historical Totals (2020–2021)**

The following table is provided as historical reference and is not included in the primary 2022–2025 trend table.

	2020	2021
<b>TOTAL REVIEWS</b>	5	4
<b>Firearm Discharged</b>		
<b>Firearm Displayed</b>	2	3
<b>Taser Deployed</b>	0	
<b>Taser Displayed</b>	1	
<b>OC Deployed</b>		
<b>Baton Strike</b>		
<b>Hard Hand Control</b>		
<b>Soft Hand Control</b>		
<b>Less Lethal Impact</b>		
<b>Leg Restraint</b>		1
<b>Suspect Injured</b>		



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