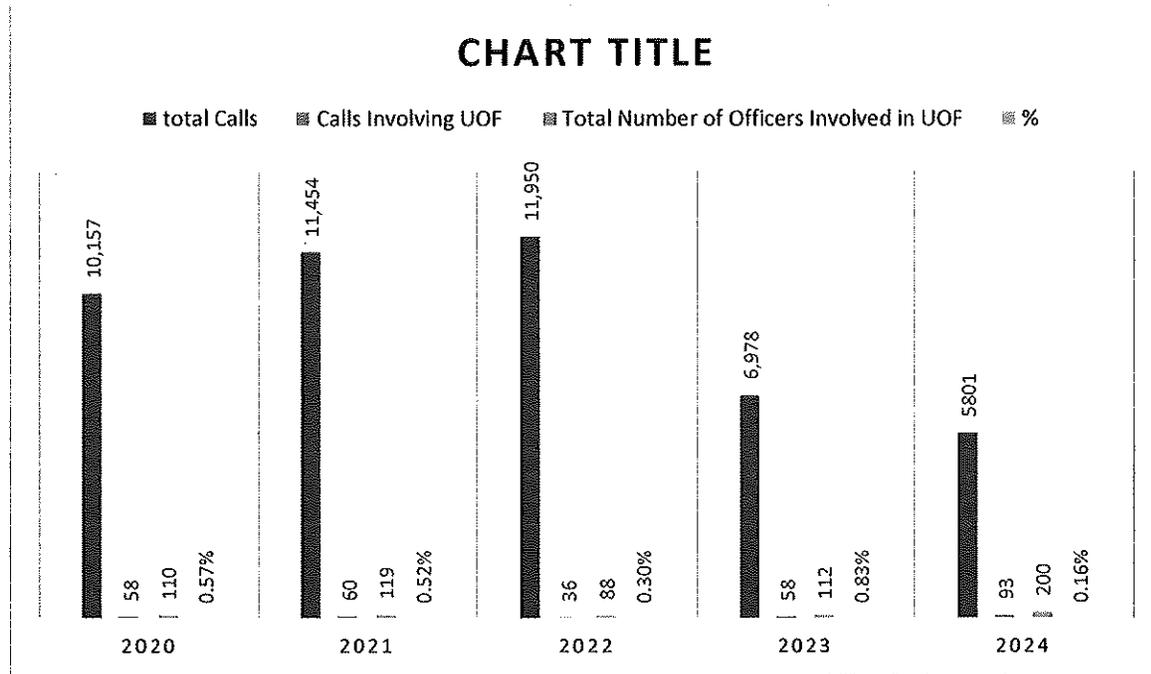




Malden Police 2024 Use of Force Report

January 1st, 2024 – December 31st, 2024

Calls for Service Results in Use-Of-Force



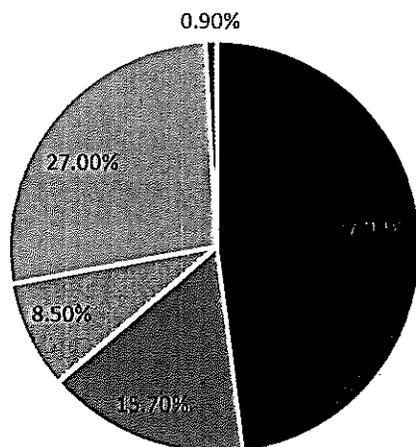
To enhance transparency and feature more department data, the Malden Police Department has published a summary of its Use of Force incidents for 2024. The report is available to the public by City of Malden’s website.

The report’s graphs depiction includes an overview of:

- Total number of use of force incidents by year: 93
- Percentage of incidents resulting in use of force:
- Types of incidents resulting in the use of force: Including, but not limited to; Disturbances, Sec.12, DV, WMS, Mental Health, Trespass, A&B, and Traffic Stops
- Number of officers involved in use of force incidents: 200
- Demographics of those involved in use of force incidents (gender, race, and ethnicity):



Malden Demographics



■ White ■ Black or African American ■ Hispanic ■ Asian ■ Unknown ■

2020 – 60 Black; 80 White; 4 Asian; 11 Unknown; 121 Males; 33 Females;
 2021 – 24 Black; 26 White; 2 Asian; 8 Unknown; 46 Males; 14 Female
 2022 – 17 Black; 15 White; 2 Asian; 2 Unknown; 32 Males; 4 Female
 2023 – 22 Black; 36 White; 2 Asian; 2 Unknown; 52 Males; 8 Female
 2024 - 34 Black; 46 White; 8 Hispanic; 9 Asian; 4 Unknown; 70 Males; 21 Female; 1 Unk.

This report provides an in-depth analysis at the preceding year and year to date of data relating to the use of force by Malden police officers allowing the community to yearly figures and trends. In some cases, more historical data is also available on the city website.

Explanation of the graph

In 2024, the Malden Police Department continues to respond to calls for service with a high degree of consideration for all parties involved, unwavering patience and a strong sympathetic approach to the needs of both the victims and suspects in all situations. The Malden Police Department strongly encourages the use of verbal de-escalation techniques, an approach to mediation and the utilizing of fair and impartial judgement to contribute to an Officer’s response and actions when responding to various conditions and circumstances. The Malden Police Department remains committed to reviewing all of the available facts of an event and will look for alternatives to on site arrests and will frequently, when appropriate, pursue criminal charges at the complaint level. In addition, the Malden Police Department, when responding to incidents of individuals suffering from a mental health crisis, will provide immediate medical attention prior to the contemplation of the advancement of any pending criminal justice processing.



Types of incidents resulting in Use of Force:

In 2024, the Malden Police Department responding to, and self-initiated, 59,319 documented incidents for service. The incidents, which varied in calls, include, but is not limited to, requests for non-criminal assistance to the public, encountering “in progress” and past events of persons engaged in acts of criminal conduct, responses to medical aids and mental health crisis, and providing assistance during motor vehicle accidents. As a result, in 2024, the Malden Police Department completed 5,801 incident reports and conducted 562 arrests for violations of the Massachusetts General Laws (MGL).

As a result of the Malden Police Department’s commitment to transparency and commitment to ensure the public’s trust and support, the department has implemented policy requiring a written report to be completed anytime Officers use force in the performance of their duties. All Use of Force incidents are reviewed by the individual Officer’s immediate Supervisor, and the force used is evaluated and assessed in order to confirm the Officer’s actions were conducted within the departmental guidelines and standards. After a supervisor reviews the incident, a Shift or Unit Commander will further analysis the incident and they will also validate that the Officer’s use of force was necessary, reasonable and proportionate to the accomplishment of achieving the lawful objectives and that attempts were made to de-escalate the situation, without force, whenever feasible. Ultimately, all Use of Force events are reviewed and evaluated by the Chief of Police, and any failures to adhere to the standards, practices, policies and procedures of the Malden Police Department will be addressed and corrected.

A thorough review of the 2024 documented 87 Use of Force incidents, has revealed that the majority of the events involved White Male parties who were suffering from a Mental Health Crisis. It is important to clarify this statistic and to note that the Malden Police Department’s involvement in these specific cases frequently comprise of a coordinated joint response to a scene, and Officers worked in conjunction with members of the Malden Fire Department and Cataldo Ambulance Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). During these events, the Malden Police Department’s primary responsibility is to ensure scene safety and the protection of all of the individuals at the incident, including the party in distress, their friends and family, the public and all of the emergency personal who responded to the scene. It is further important to explain that, in most of the reviewed cases, the Malden Police Department’s involvement in these matter commences with the department being provided with an “Application for an Authorization of Temporary Involuntary Hospitalization” (MGL.Ch.123, S.12 (a) and (b)), which has been reviewed and completed by an independent board certified medical professional, who has firsthand knowledge of the party in crisis, and who has determined based upon their professional option that the party in crisis requires hospitalization in order “to avoid the likelihood of a serious harm by reason of mental illness”. In these instances, the record reveals the Officers who have used forced have done so with the use of their hands and that it was necessary in order for restrain the subject for their own safety.



The Malden Police Department is committed to the ensuring that all Officers perform their duties in manner that inspires public confidence and that we continue providing impartial, unbiased and uninfluenced service in order to foster a positive relationship with the community we serve.