

# Use of Force Procedures and Standards

## I. Procedures

- (A) On March 1, 2022, Missouri will begin collecting Use of Force data in accordance with section 590.1265, RSMo. Use of Force data will be submitted to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) via the Missouri Crime Insight web portal.
- (B) The requirement to submit Use of Force data applies to all law enforcement agencies in Missouri. Data submissions shall be reported monthly in one of two ways, manual entry or a file upload to Crime Insight. If an agency does not have a qualifying Use of Force incident within the reporting period, they must submit a zero-report indicating such. Zero reports will also be reported to Crime Insight in the same manner as incidents.

## II. Standards

- (A) Use of Force is defined as any one of the following:
  - 1. A fatality occurs that is connected to a use of force by a peace officer;
  - 2. Serious bodily injury occurs that is connected to a use of force by a peace officer; or
  - 3. In the absence of death or serious physical injury, a peace officer discharges a firearm at, or in the direction of, a person.
- (B) The required data collection for Use of Force submission are comprised of three elements as listed below:
  - 1. **Incident Information**
    - a. Date and time
    - b. Total number of officers who applied force
    - c. Number of officers from reporting agency who applied force
    - d. Location
    - e. Location type (street, business, home, etc.)
    - f. Did the officer(s) approach the subjects?
    - g. Was it an ambush incident?
    - h. Was a supervisor or senior officer consulted during the incident?
    - i. Reason for initial contact (routine patrol, traffic stop, etc.)
    - j. If the initial contact was due to unlawful activity, what was the most serious offense the individual was suspected of?
    - k. If applicable, the reporting agency will include the Missouri Incident-Based Reporting System record or local incident number of the report detailing criminal incident information on the subject and/or assault or homicide of a law enforcement officer.
    - l. If the incident involved multiple agencies, the reporting agency should provide case numbers for the other agencies' incident reports
  - 2. **Subject Information**
    - a. Age, sex, race, ethnicity, height, and weight
    - b. Injury/death of subject

- c. Type of force used
- d. Did the subject direct a threat to the officer or another person?
- e. Did the subject resist?
- f. Types of resistance or weapon involvement (threats, active aggression, firearms, etc.)
- g. Did the subject have a known or apparent impairment, such as mental health condition or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
- h. Was the subject believed to have a weapon?

**3. Officer Information**

- a. Age, sex, race, ethnicity, height, and weight
- b. Years of service in law enforcement
- c. Was the officer a full-time employee?
- d. Was the officer on duty?
- e. Did the officer discharge a firearm?
- f. Was the officer injured?
- g. If so, what was the officer's injury type?

(C) Use of Force data submitted to DPS via Crime insight will be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which will remove the need for agencies to submit incidents via the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal.

(D) All standards and procedures developed by DPS for Use of Force data reporting are intended to be consistent with the requirements, definitions, and methods of the National Use of Force Data Collection administered by the FBI. The FBI's standards and procedures shall be controlling in the event of any conflict. Additional information may be found at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/use-of-force>.

**III. Additional Information**

(A) The Missouri State Highway Patrol Criminal Justice Information Services Division is developing training for agencies on Use of Force submissions and requirements. This training will include how to designate an agency Use of Force point of contact who will be given access to create or upload submissions. The training guidelines and specifications will be released no later than February 1, 2022. You will be notified when you can access the Use of Force reporting system, which will be found at <https://showmecrime.mo.gov>.

(B) Procedures for agencies that submit use of force data manually will be issued no later than February 1, 2022 and made available at <https://showmecrime.mo.gov>.