



## **Annual Review of Use of Force & Vehicle Pursuit Incidents**

This submission is made in accordance with Sections 7.6 and 7.7 of the Attorney General's Use of Force Policy (April 2022) ("Use of Force Policy"), and Sections 12.2 and 12.3 of Addendum B to the Attorney General's Use of Force Policy (April 2022) ("Vehicular Pursuit Policy").

**County:** State or Other Agency

**Law Enforcement Agency:** Delaware River & Bay Authority PD

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**Year of Data Covered in this Report:** 2025

☒ **Report has been reviewed by and endorsed by the agency's law enforcement executive:** Yes

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## Use of Force Annual Review: Written Report

### Section One: BWC/Video Audit

***Your review must include a brief description of your agency's random and risk-based audit process (e.g., how videos are selected, who reviews the videos, etc.). If your agency did not conduct a risk-based and/or random BWC/video audit last year, please indicate how you plan to remedy that in the coming year.***

\*To the attention of the Salem County Prosecutor's Office (Brian.hogan@salemcountynj.gov) and the attention of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office (psu@cmcpers.net).

The Delaware River and Bay Authority is a bi-state government agency, created by federal compact in 1962, serving the citizens of New Jersey and Delaware. The DRBA Police Department has 4 Troops located at the Delaware Memorial Bridge (Troop 1), Cape May NJ (Troop 2), Lewes DE (Troop 3), and our Airports (Troop 4). The administrative headquarters is located at Troop 1 DMB. Our agency currently employs 53 full-time sworn officers, 10 full-time civilian personnel including 8 Dispatchers and 28 part-time/casual civilian security officers. Our command staff consists of a Colonel, Lt. Colonel, Captain, Lieutenant PSU, and 4 Troop Operations Officers Lieutenants. There are 9 Sergeants, 7 of which are in the operations division and 2 in the administrative division.

The DRBA Police Department is a CALEA Accredited Gold-Standard agency. The department is committed to public service, crime prevention, homeland security, and highway safety. We ended the 2025 calendar year with 28,079 calls for service; the highest CFS types were security checks (8,284), traffic stops (4,484), and foot passenger screenings (3,995).

Our agency conducted a total of 166 random body worn camera reviews for the year 2025, which were conducted on a monthly basis by supervisors of their shift subordinates. Supervisors were randomly reviewed by the Operations Officer Lieutenants. These random video reviews by supervisors were above and beyond the review of any and all video reviews for every single UORF and motor vehicle pursuit incidents, required to conduct the meaningful review processes. Additionally, this agency conducted random weekly body worn camera video inspections to identify policy and safety issues during the year.



## **Section Two: Internal Affairs Complaints**

***Your analysis must include a review of internal affairs complaints related to use of force incidents and must include the following:***

- 1. Number of IA complaints filed related to use of force incidents***
- 2. Number of such complaints filed by civilians***
- 3. Number of such complaints initiated by the agency***
- 4. Number of such complaints sustained***
- 5. Number of such complaints still pending***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any Use of Reasonable Force related complaints filed by either citizens or initiated internally by this agency for Salem County or Cape May County during this period.



### **Section Three: Meaningful Review of Individual Uses of Force**

***Section 7.5 of the Attorney General's Use of Force Policy requires that every use of force must undergo a meaningful command level review. Your annual review should include a brief description of your agency's meaningful review policy. If your agency was not able to conduct a meaningful review of each use of force incident, please explain why you were unable to do so and please indicate how you plan to do so going forward.***

DRBAPD is a bi-state government agency, created by federal compact in 1962, serving the citizens of New Jersey and Delaware. Our agency has one Troop located in Cape May County with a limited jurisdictional area on the DBRA property and limited area outside of the Cape May property. Our agency also has limited jurisdictional area on the north side of the Delaware Memorial Bridge in Salem County. Our UORF policy requires a review of the incident by the shift supervisor prior to approval and submission of all related documents. The Troop Operations Lieutenant reviews and submits all documentation to the Professional Standards Officer's Office for a comprehensive review. The PSO conducts a review of all submitted documentation, including a review of all body worn cameras (BWC) and in car mobile camera (MVR) recorded footage. Once completed, each incident case is presented and reviewed by the Police Administrator/Colonel for approval. Quarterly, Semi-Quarterly and Annual reports are submitted to the Police Administrator/Colonel as well for review and approval. All Use of Reasonable Force files are secured in the PSU Office. During 2025, the DRBAPD reviewed one (1) incident report for Cape May County and did not review any incident reports for Salem County.

The UOF incident on 09/24/25 at 1745 hours and resulted from an assault on a DRBAPD Security Officer (SO) during the loading of the Cape May / Lewes Ferry, involving a bicyclist who rode onto the ferry as it was being loaded with vehicles. A DRBAPD officer responded and escorted the subject off the ferry for further investigation. The SO asked the subject for his ticket at which time he became belligerent and intentionally headbutted the SO in the face with his forehead, breaking SO's glasses and causing him to fall to the ground. The subject then kicked the SO in his left leg, while he was on the ground. The DRBAPD officer administered compliance techniques to subject's right arm and took him to the ground. Once on the ground, the subject complied with the officer's commands as another officer assisted with taking him into custody and properly securing him in handcuffs, without further incident. The SO sustained minor injuries to his nose, cheek and left leg, and his glasses were broken. The SO received medical treatment at the scene by EMS personnel but refused transport to a medical facility. There were no reported or observed injuries to the subject resulting from this incident.

As the result of the PSO's review of these incidents, the officers' Use of Reasonable Force, handcuffing procedures and de-escalation techniques were in accordance with all agency policies, directives, and procedures.



#### **Section Four: Non-Discriminatory Application of Force**

***Your review must include an explanation of how you concluded whether force was applied in a non- discriminatory manner based on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic. Your analysis should include a review of your community's demographics and demographic data from the Use of Force portal. If you conclude that any use of force was applied in a discriminatory manner, please explain what steps you have taken and will take to address this conclusion.***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any Use of Reasonable Force incidents in Salem County and reviewed one incident in Cape May County during this period, as described in Section Three of this report. The Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department consists of a transit based jurisdictional demographic area. There was no use of reasonable force application that resulted in a discriminatory manner resulting from this isolated incident.



## Section Five: Overall Review of Use of Force

***Please utilize as much space as needed to conduct a thorough review of your agency's use of force during the preceding calendar year. Your review should evaluate whether force was used in compliance with the Attorney General's Use of Force Policy and your agency's policy. Even if the use of force itself was compliant with those policies, your review should include any recommendations for training, equipment, or room for improvement (e.g., additional de-escalation efforts could have been made).***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any Use of Reasonable Force incidents in Salem County and reviewed one incident in Cape May County during this period, as described in Section Three of this report.

During 2024, the DRBAPD did not review any UORF Reports for Cape May County and reviewed three incident reports for Salem County.

The first incident occurred on 05/27/24 at 1624 hours and resulted from officers intervening with a suicidal subject that was experiencing a mental health episode while riding a bicycle within the southbound lanes of travel of I-295 on the Delaware Memorial Bridge, south of NJ RT #4, Pennsville, NJ. Two DRBAPD officers administered compliance and de-escalation techniques to assist with safely handcuffing the subject. The subject was safely secured, handcuffed, transported to a medical facility for evaluation, and subsequently committed for further mental health evaluations. There were no injuries observed or reported from this incident.

The second incident occurred on 10/22/24 at 1455 hours and resulted from officers intervening with a suicidal subject that made threats of jumping off the northbound span of I-295 Delaware Memorial Bridge, south of NJ RT #4, Pennsville, NJ. Six DRBAPD officers administered compliance and de-escalation techniques to assist with safely handcuffing the subject once he calmed down and eventually complied with the officer's commands. The subject was safely secured, handcuffed, transported to a medical facility for evaluation, and subsequently committed for further mental health evaluations. Five DRBAPD officers, and the suicidal subject sustained minor injuries resulting from this incident.

The third incident occurred on 11/16/24, at 2151 hours and resulted from a resisting arrest during a DWI motor vehicle stop that occurred on I-295 northbound, just south of NJ RT #4, Pennsville, NJ. The operator refused to comply with the officer's commands and multiple requests to exit from within his vehicle. The operator was asked multiple times to exit his vehicle and continued to refuse to comply with the officers' instructions and commands. Three DRBAPD officers used their hands to forcibly remove the operator from within the vehicle as he continued to resist. The operator continued to resist and was taken to the ground to be restrained and properly handcuffed. The operator was safely secured, transported to the Pennsville Police Department, Pennsville, NJ and processed for DWI. There were no injuries observed or reported from this incident.

As the result of the PSO's review of these incidents, the officers' Use of Reasonable Force, handcuffing procedures and de-escalation techniques were in accordance with all agency policies, directives, and procedures.

The Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department consists of a transit based jurisdictional demographic area that has limited and restrictive jurisdiction areas in two counties. The DRBAPD continuously reviews all UORF incidents thoroughly at multiple levels. During the review of the past four years, there were no recommendations for training, equipment, or other areas for improvement. There were no trends identified resulting from the total force incident reviews.



## Section Six: Further Action

***Please explain what further action your agency has taken, or will take, to implement any changes in departmental structure, policy, training, or equipment you have deemed appropriate. These actions can include department-wide changes, or changes applicable to specific officers or divisions.***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any Use of Reasonable Force incidents in Salem County and reviewed one incident in Cape May County. As the result of the Professional Standards Officer's review of that incident, it was determined that the members' use of reasonable force, handcuffing procedures and de-escalation techniques were in accordance with the agency policies, procedures, and Directive 4.1 (Use of Reasonable Force). There are no anticipated changes, however our agency will continue to monitor Delaware and New Jersey Attorney General changes and guidelines, CALEA requirements and make necessary adjustments when/where needed by our Police Administrator/Colonel.



## Vehicle Pursuit Annual Review: Written Report

### Section One: BWC/Video Audit

***Your review must include a brief description of your agency's random and risk-based audit process (e.g., how videos are selected, who reviews the videos, etc.). If your agency did not conduct a risk-based and/or random BWC/video audit last year, please indicate how you plan to remedy that in the coming year.***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department was not involved in any motor vehicle pursuit incidents in Cape May County and was involved in one motor vehicle pursuit in Salem County during this period. Our agency conducted a total of 166 random body worn camera reviews for the year 2025, conducted on a monthly basis by supervisors of their shift subordinates. Supervisors were randomly reviewed by the Operations Officer Lieutenants. These random video reviews by supervisors were above and beyond the review of any and all video reviews for every single UORF and motor vehicle pursuit incidents, required to conduct the meaningful review processes. Additionally, this agency conducted random weekly body worn camera video inspections to identify policy and safety issues during the year.





## **Section Two: Internal Affairs Complaints**

***Your analysis must include a review of internal affairs complaints related to vehicle pursuit incidents and must include the following:***

- 1. Number of IA complaints filed related to vehicle pursuit incidents***
- 2. Number of such complaints filed by civilians***
- 3. Number of such complaints initiated by the agency***
- 4. Number of such complaints sustained***
- 5. Number of such complaints still pending***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any Motor Vehicle Pursuit related complaints filed by either citizens or initiated internally by this agency for Salem County or Cape May County during this period.



### Section Three: Meaningful Review of Individual Pursuits

***Section 12.1 of the Attorney General's Vehicular Pursuit Policy requires that every vehicle pursuit must undergo a meaningful command level review. Your annual review should include a brief description of your agency's meaningful review policy. If your agency was not able to conduct a meaningful review of each vehicle pursuit incident, please explain why you were unable to do so and please indicate how you plan to do so going forward.***

The DRBAPD is a bi-state government agency, created by federal compact in 1962, serving the citizens of New Jersey and Delaware. Our agency has one Troop located in Cape May County with a limited jurisdictional area on the DBRA property and limited area outside of the Cape May property. Our agency also has limited jurisdictional area on the north side of the Delaware Memorial Bridge in Salem County. Our Pursuit policy requires a review of the incident by the shift supervisor prior to approval and submission of all related documents. The Troop Operations Lieutenant completes a comprehensive review report and submits all documentation to the Professional Standards Officer's Office for a second comprehensive review. The Operations Lieutenant and PSO conduct a review of all submitted documentation, including a review of all body worn cameras (BWC) and in car mobile camera (MVR) recorded footage. Once completed, each incident case is presented and reviewed by the Police Administrator/Colonel for approval. Quarterly, Semi-Quarterly and Annual reports are submitted to the Police Administrator/Colonel as well for his review and approval. All Use of Reasonable Force files are secured in the PSU Office. During 2025, the DRBAPD did not review any Motor Vehicle Pursuit Reports for Cape May County and reviewed one Motor Vehicle Pursuit Report for Salem County during this period.

The motor vehicle pursuit incident occurred on 06/30/25 at 0406 hours and resulted from a request from another agency (Delaware State Police) to join a pursuit of a fleeing vehicle with an armed murder suspect that was entering DRBAPD jurisdictional area. The pursuit was traveling northbound on I-295 as it entered DRBAPD jurisdictional area from I-95 northbound. A DRBAPD officer observed the active pursuit as it approached his location, activated his patrol vehicle emergency equipment (lights and siren) and body worn camera (BWC), notified the Communications Center dispatcher that he was entering the pursuit and followed the pursuit vehicles northbound across the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The shift supervisor monitored the pursuit and authorized the pursuit to continue due to the reason for the pursuit and request from the outside agency. The pursuit continued northbound onto the New Jersey Turnpike until the suspect's vehicle pulled over onto the right shoulder area near NJTP northbound mile marker 26.3 to surrender, which terminated the active pursuit. The DRBAPD officer pulled over onto the left shoulder area of the NJTP, deactivated the patrol vehicle siren, attempted to assist DSP and NJSP Troopers with taking the suspect into custody but the troopers already had him handcuffed so the DRBAPD officer and one (1) DSP Trooper unholstered their service firearms and conducted a check of the suspect vehicle, which resulted with negative additional occupants. These actions were determined via review of WatchGuard (MVR/BWC 845) and VERINT Insight Center radio transmissions review software.

As the result of the PSO's review of this incident, the motor vehicle pursuit was determined to be authorized, justified and within the guidelines of the New Jersey State requirements.



## **Section Four: Analysis of Non-Compliant Reports**

***Your review must include an analysis of all pursuits determined to not be in compliance with the Attorney General's Vehicular Pursuit Policy, or agency policy, and the steps taken to address the non-compliance. Please indicate whether all non-compliant pursuits were referred to the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability or the County Prosecutor in compliance with Section 12.1(e) of the Attorney General's Vehicular Pursuit Policy.***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any Motor Vehicle Pursuit reports for Cape May County and reviewed one Motor Vehicle Pursuit report for Salem County during this period as described in Section 3 of this report.

As the result of the PSO's review of this incident, the motor vehicle pursuit was determined to be authorized, justified and within the guidelines of the New Jersey State requirements.



## Section Five: Non-Discriminatory Pursuits

***Your review must include an explanation of how you concluded whether vehicular pursuits were conducted in a non-discriminatory manner based on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic. Your analysis should include a review of your community's demographics and demographic data from the Use of Force portal. If you conclude that any pursuit was conducted in a discriminatory manner, please explain what steps you have taken and will take to address this conclusion.***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any Motor Vehicle Pursuit reports for Cape May County and reviewed one report for Salem County during this period, as described in Section three of this report. The DRBAPD consists of a transit based jurisdictional demographic area. There was no motor vehicle pursuits conducted in a discriminatory manner during this period.



## **Section Six: Overall Review of Vehicle Pursuit Analysis**

***Please utilize as much space as needed to conduct a thorough review of your agency's vehicle pursuit incidents during the preceding calendar year. Your review should include but is not limited to: the reason the pursuit was initiated; the number of officers who engaged in pursuits; whether supervisors approved or terminated pursuits; role of any outside agencies; length of pursuits by time and distance; top speeds reached; nature of any injuries, crashes, or property damage; reason for termination (if terminated), and the outcome of pursuits. Your review should evaluate whether pursuits were compliant with the Attorney General's Vehicular Pursuit Policy and your agency's policy. Even if pursuits were compliant with those policies, your review should include any recommendations for training, equipment, or room for improvement.***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any Motor Vehicle Pursuit reports for Cape May County and reviewed one report for Salem County during this period. There are no anticipated changes, however our agency will continue to monitor Delaware and New Jersey Attorney General changes and guidelines, CALEA requirements and make necessary adjustments when/where needed by our Police Administrator/Colonel.



## Section Seven: Further Action

***Please explain what further action your agency has taken, or will take, to implement any changes in departmental structure, policy, training, or equipment you have deemed appropriate. These actions can include department-wide changes, or changes applicable to specific officers.***

In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department did not receive or review any motor vehicle pursuit incidents in Cape May County and reviewed one incident in Salem County during this period. There are no anticipated changes, however our agency will continue to monitor Delaware and New Jersey Attorney General changes and guidelines, CALEA requirements and make necessary adjustments when/where needed by our Police Administrator/Colonel.