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The following are some of the most notable results of the analysis of the Florence Township Police Use of Force Reports from 2024:

- 22 Use of Force reports were completed by officers for 9 incidents that required force; a decrease of 1% from 2023.
- Resisting arrest remained the most common action of the suspect which led to the officer's use of force. All of the incident reports, listed resisting arrest/police officer control as the suspect's primary action leading to the use of force.
- Most incidents were the result of the officers responding to a call of a mental health incident.
- In 2024, two of the incidents involved an emotionally disturbed person.
- Most suspects actively resist arrest by "stiffening up", attempting to flee, and/or attacking the officer.
- The most common force applied was using arms/hands and take-downs.
- In the majority of the incident officers were dispatched to a call for service as a reason for the interaction.
- In 2024, there was one reported incident of suspect injury, up from none in 2023. The injuries reported consisted of various types, including abrasions, lacerations, puncture wounds, pain complaints, and bruises.
- There was a notable increase in officer injuries during arrests, with four incidents reported in 2024, a rise from the single incident reported in 2023.
- One internal affairs complaint against an officer for a demeanor complaint was made during 2024.



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