The Chicago Police Department today released the next installment in a series of public interactive dashboards aimed at increasing transparency with Chicago communities.

The Use of Force Dashboard, developed by the Department’s Strategic Data Analytics Division, displays aggregate use of force incident data from information stored in CPD databases.

The dashboard is released during a period of near record-low use of force incidents, due largely to the Department’s investment in force mitigation and de-escalation training.

“We know how important creating a culture of transparency is when it comes to restoring faith and trust with the communities we protect and serve on a daily basis,” said Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie T. Johnson. “We also are encouraged to see that the dashboard reflects our ongoing commitment to de-escalating volatile situations, and mitigating force whenever possible.”

The Use of Force Dashboard, updated monthly, displays the most frequent types of use of force utilized by the Chicago Police Department. Dashboard visitors can sort and filter by race, gender, year, police district and use of force options, and can also view multiple time periods, dating back to 2015.

“Our data analytics team worked tirelessly over the last six months to ensure the Use of Force Dashboard provides not only an optimal user experience, but also the most current and accurate set of data related to the Department’s use of force,” said Bureau of Technical Services Deputy Chief Sabih Khan, who oversees the Strategic Data Analytics Division.

The dashboard is a central component of the Department’s ongoing efforts toward police reform and transparency, and facilitated by the consent decree, which required CPD to collect and maintain the data and records necessary to accurately evaluate its use of force practices, and to facilitate transparency and accountability regarding those practices.

The Department launched a Gun Offender Dashboard, displaying public information related to adult arrestees with at least one felony firearms-related charge, in August. An Accountability
Dashboard featuring interactive data analytics related to officer complaints will be published in the near future.


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