



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Burlington Police Department made public the [monthly Chief's Report to the Burlington Police Commission](#) for March on the BPD's website. The BPD also posted the most recent use-of-force report, covering February. And the BPD released its ["Use of Force Training" informational video](#). This training video is the first of its kind for the department created by the newly hired Redaction Specialist, Shanshan Chen. As stated in Department Directive—DD05 Statewide Policy on Police Use of Force, "This agency believes in the sanctity of every human life and in the value of deescalation and effective communication." The video describes new methods of safely using force, when lawful and necessary, to take custody and control of resisting subjects.

"Here at the department, we've taken great strides and will continue to make further strides forward to make sure that officers have better training" said Officer Sergio Caldieri. Officer Caldieri is the Head Defensive Tactics Instructor and has been instrumental in introducing Brazilian Ji Jitsu tactics. "We're looking at the way that use of force and the way that defensive tactics have evolved over time."

The video can be viewed on the [Burlington Police Department's YouTube channel](#).

Continuing Steps towards Transparency and Data

- The training video builds on the Burlington Police Department's [Use of Force Incidents and Information](#).
- [Use-of-Force February Report](#)
- [Chief's Reports to the Burlington Police Commission](#)

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