



**NEW JERSEY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
USE OF FORCE REPORTING PORTAL UPDATES- January 2022**



To meet requirements under the Attorney General’s Use of Force policy, which goes into effect on January 1, 2022, the Use of Force Portal has been updated. Visit [www.njoag.gov/force](http://www.njoag.gov/force) for policy information.

**WHAT’S NEW**

**Show of Force Form**

“Incident Type” is now “Reason for Initial Contact”  
Specify the *initial* classification of the event, not final

Separate Race and Ethnicity Fields

Juvenile Subject Indicator

De-escalation Tactics & Methods

Revised Subject Resistance Response Options

Revised and Additional Force Response Options

Field to indicate subject fatality

“Other” Response Options

**MUTUAL AID CLARIFICATION**

When an officer uses force in another jurisdiction as part of a mutual aid response, the use of force report shall be completed in the officer’s home agency.

If an officer is acting as an agent of another agency, in the case of an assignment to a County or State Task Force, the County or State agency coordinating the Task Force shall create a separate account in the Use of Force Portal for those officers. Any force used while the officer is serving their role as part of the Task Force shall be recorded in the County or State agency account, not the home agency account. This shall include assignments to Regional SWAT Teams, Entry Teams, Civil Disorder Response Teams, etc.

At this time, officers serving in a federal capacity are not required to complete a use of force report in this portal.

**Do I complete a Show of Force or Use of Force Form?**

Pointing Firearm or CED Spark Display



Firearm or CED discharge or other physical/mechanical force?

YES

NO

Use of Force Form

Show of Force Form

**REMINDERS**

Log in to <https://bms.benchmarkonline.app> using your agency email address.

**UPDATE BENCHMARK PROFILE EVERY TIME YOU LOG IN.**

Every Officer who used force must complete a separate report.

Fill out the report for **YOUR ACTIONS ONLY**. ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED.

**REPORTING USE OF FORCE IN BENCHMARK DOES NOT REPLACE CED OR DEADLY FORCE NOTIFICATION REPORTS.**

**QUESTIONS:**

**Technical**

Forgot password? Click the link on the sign in page [support@benchmarkanalytics.com](mailto:support@benchmarkanalytics.com)

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