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Audits into Use of Deadly Force Investigations (UDFI)



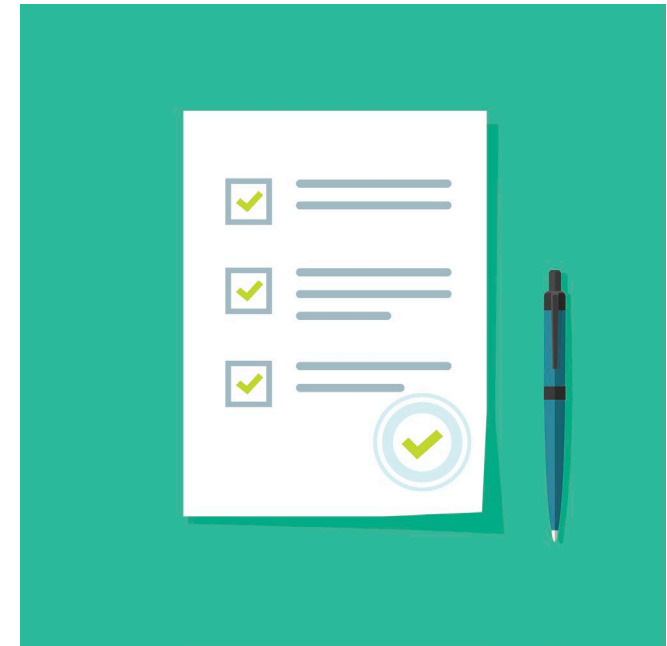
- New audits established by voter-approved Initiative 940 and the Legislature in 2021
- Audits evaluate four aspects of independent investigations into police use of deadly force:
 - Was it credible?
 - Was it independent?
 - Was it transparent?
 - Was it communicated to the public and affected people?





Roadmap

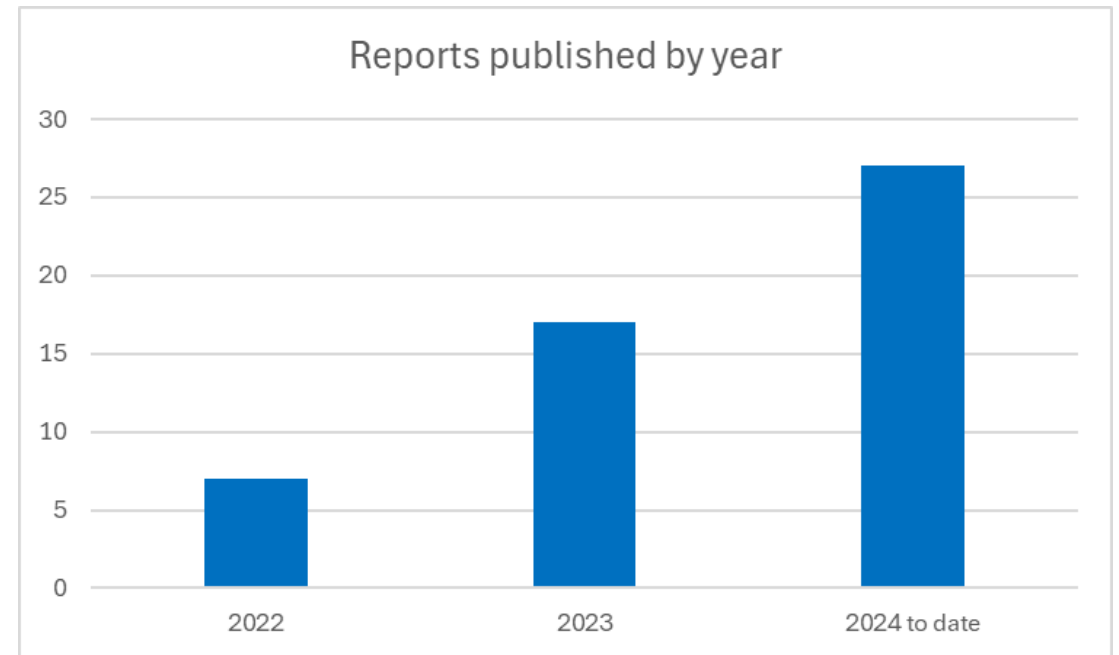
- An overview of the work we've completed so far
- Noncompliance trends
- What's ahead: Second capstone report





Work We've Completed So Far

- Since January 2020, at least 190 investigations have been started
- As of September 29, 2024, our Office has published 50 UDFI reports
- 10 audits in progress
- Several more audits ready to start





Selection and Training Requirements

- Some WAC requirements are not related to the immediate response and investigation
 - Consist of training and selection criteria for members of independent investigation teams
- We have published three of these reports this past year





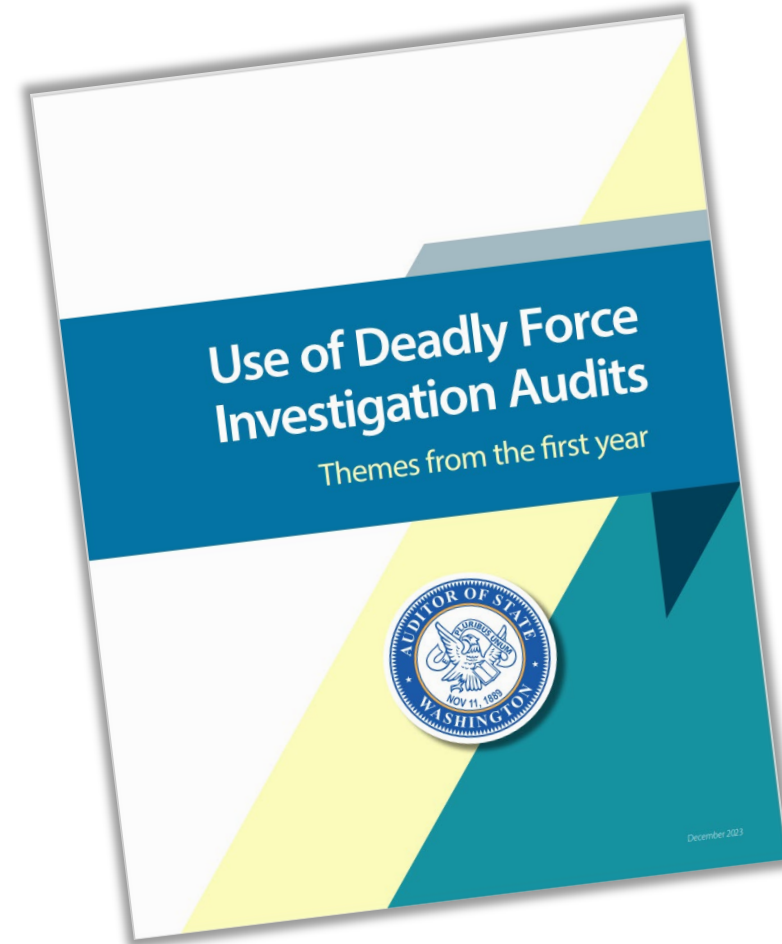
Noncompliance Trends

- Conflict of interest assessments
- Advanced media notifications
- Involved and witness officer discussions
- Case file restrictions
- Investigator selection process

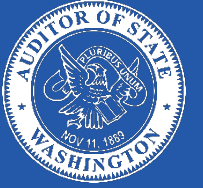


First Capstone Report

- December 2023
- Published a report summarizing common areas of noncompliance and recommendations



What's Ahead: Second Capstone Report



- We plan to publish a second capstone report in late 2024 that summarizes noncompliance trends and other requirements that need clarification.



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