

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTABLE RESPONSE RESISTANCE PROJECT



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Use of Reportable Response Resistance (Force) Data Collection

Despite Fresno police officers routine use of verbal commands, and attempts to negotiate peaceful solutions when involved in adversarial situations, there are times when physical force is necessary to make an arrest, prevent an escape, overcome resistance, or defend against injury to officers or citizens. Officers use force as a last resort, with the vast majority of confrontations resolved with very little, if any, force applied. On rare occasions, deadly force must be used; however, the public is often unaware of the vast majority of potentially deadly confrontations that are peacefully resolved without resorting to deadly force.

Closely monitoring our officers assures management oversight and helps to build public trust. In order to accomplish this, we require a review of each reportable use of force by field supervisors. Data is collected by the supervisors, forwarded through the department chain of command and reviewed at each level of supervision, to include Deputy Chiefs of Police.

After staff review is complete, the Professional Standards Unit reviews police reports and other force data for comparative analysis and composite reporting. This information is used to determine effectiveness and necessity of the force used, reliability of equipment, training needs, policy modifications, etc.

The Department defines reportable force as any force when:

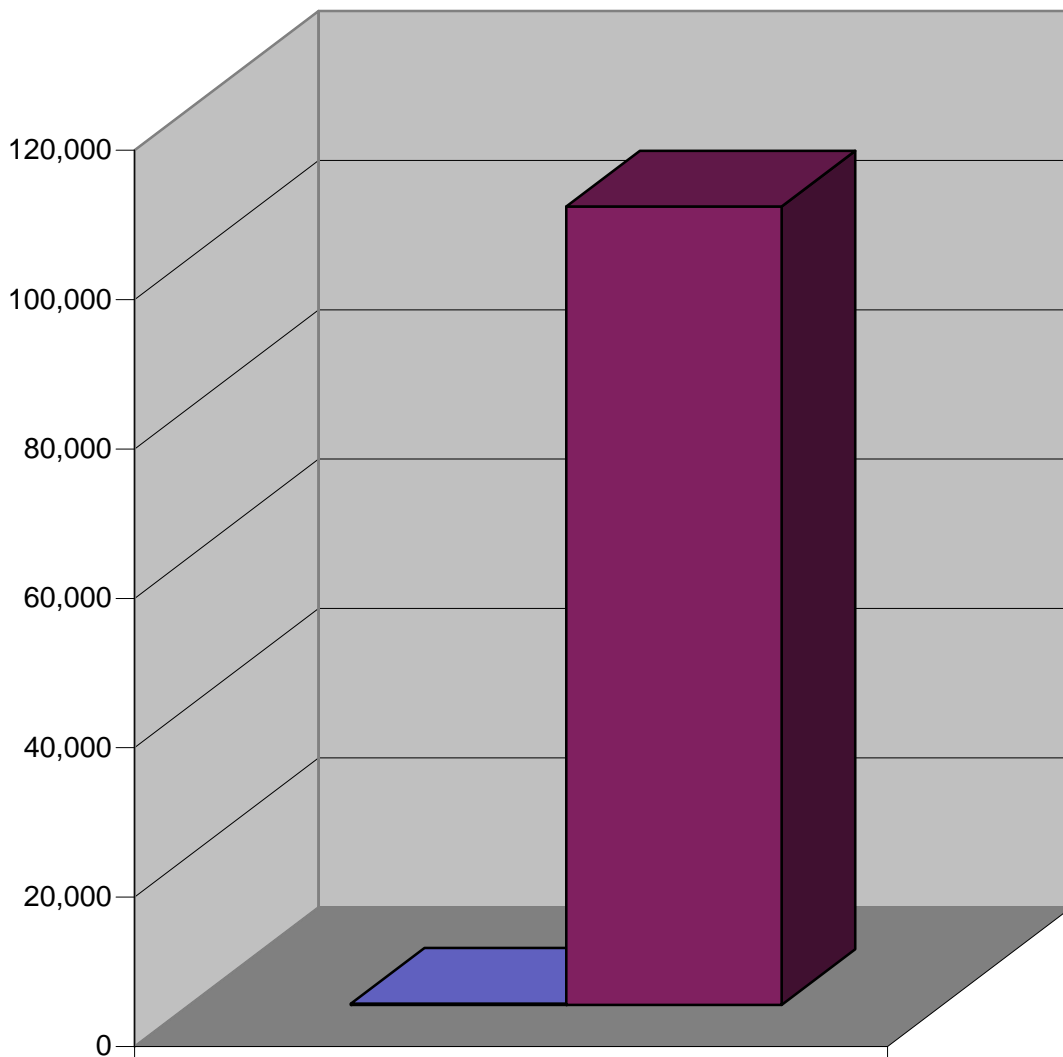
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (i.e. fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (i.e. flashlight, clipboard, etc); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display) a department issued weapon (i.e. electronic immobilizing device, less-lethal impact projectile, chemical agents, baton, firearm, etc.).

Fresno police officers applied force in 139 incidents while responding to 106,877 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in less than one-eighth of one percent (0.13%) of all calls for service for this reporting period.

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Calls For Service (CFS) vs. Reportable Response Resistance (Force) Incidents



	Total
FORCE USED	139
CALLS FOR SERVICE	106,877

CFS does not include events handled telephonically.
0.13% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

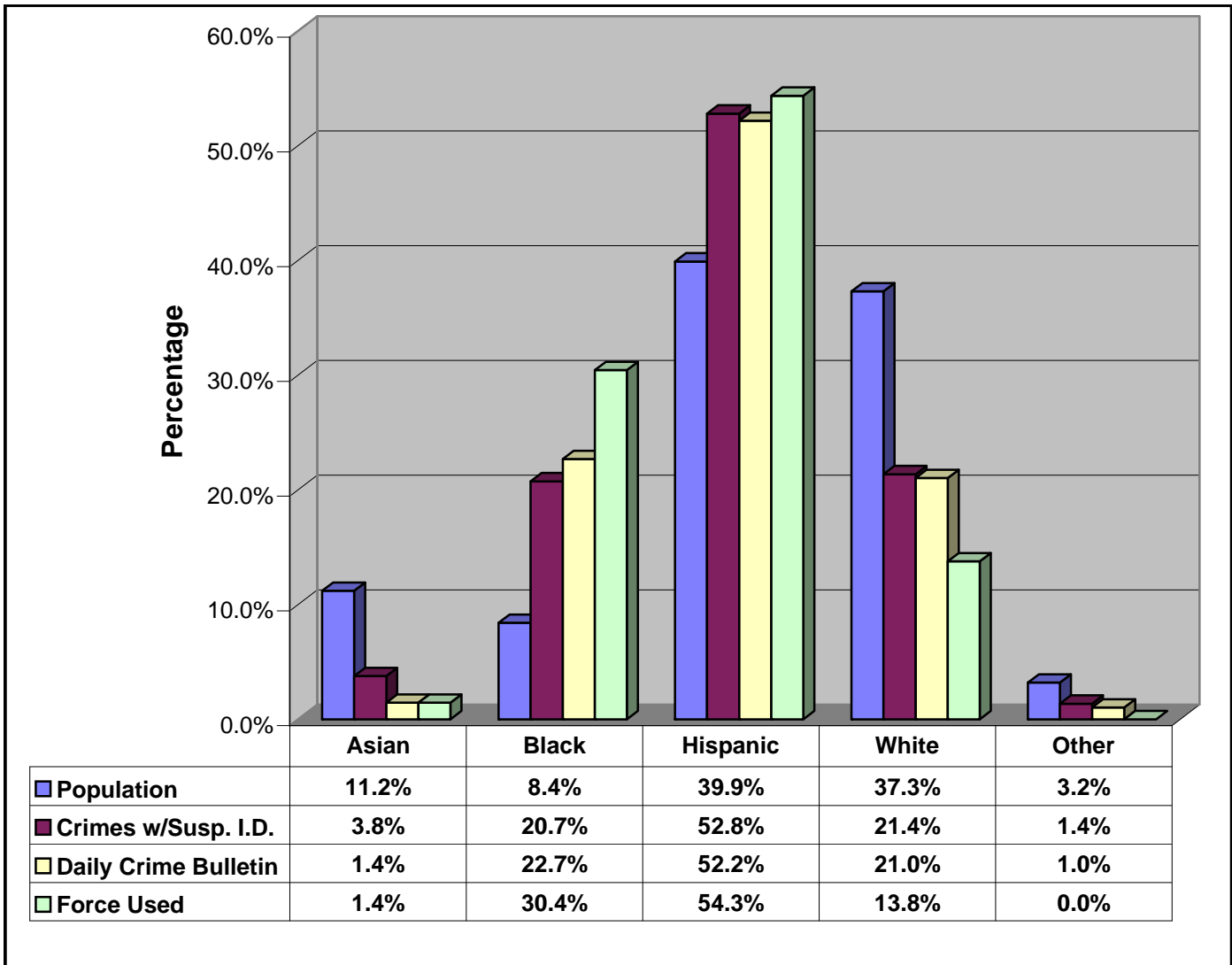
Suspect Demographics

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
City of Fresno Pop. (427,652)*	48,028	35,763	170,520	159,473	13,868
Percentage	11.2%	8.4%	39.9%	37.3%	3.2%
Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (13,960)	525	2,895	7,370	2,981	189
Percentage	3.8%	20.7%	52.8%	21.4%	1.4%
Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (477)**	7	110	253	102	5
Percentage	1.4%	22.7%	52.2%	21.0%	1.0%
Force Applications (138)***	2	42	75	19	0
Percentage	1.4%	30.4%	54.3%	13.8%	0.0%

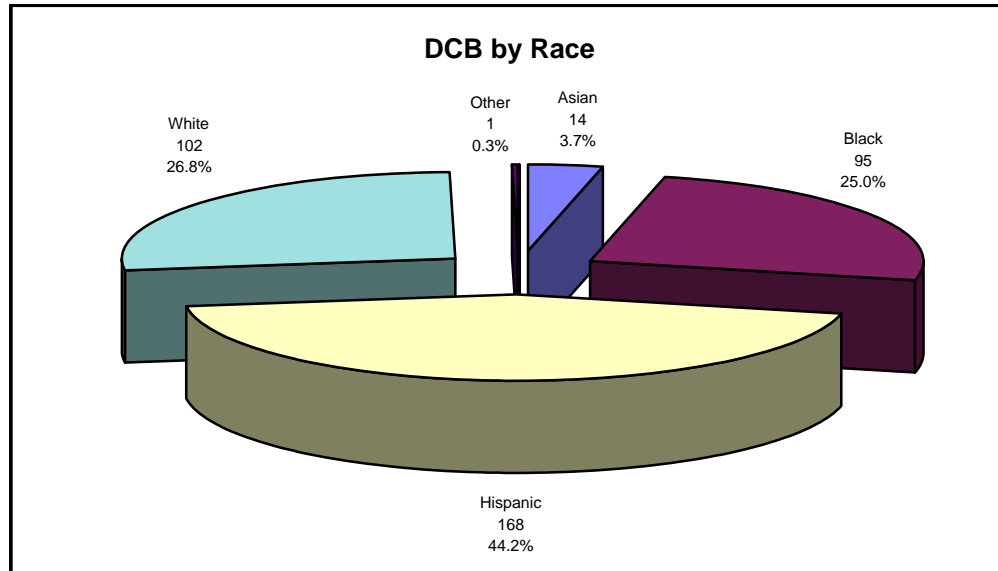
* 2000 Census

** 8 persons or 1.6% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

*** Of the 139 reportable force cases, 1 had no age or race data available



DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 485

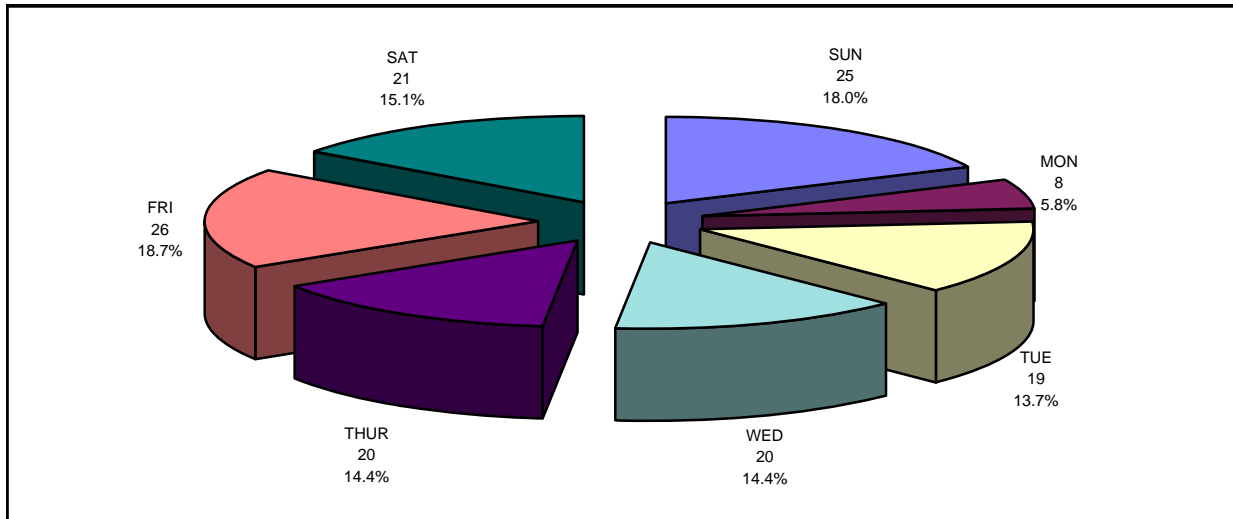


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	44.2%
	White	-	26.8%
	Black	-	25.0%
	Asian	-	3.7%
	Other	-	0.3%
	Unknown	-	0.0%

The Daily Crime Bulletin (DCB) is a restricted, law enforcement use only document, issued department wide to all sworn personnel and twelve other local/state agencies to assist in locating/arresting suspects and wanted persons. The DCB is issued seven days a week and typically contains the following information:

- 1) Felonies with known, at-large, suspects
- 2) Wanted parolees
- 3) Officer safety information (vehicle occupants in possession of firearms, possible armed subjects, etc.)

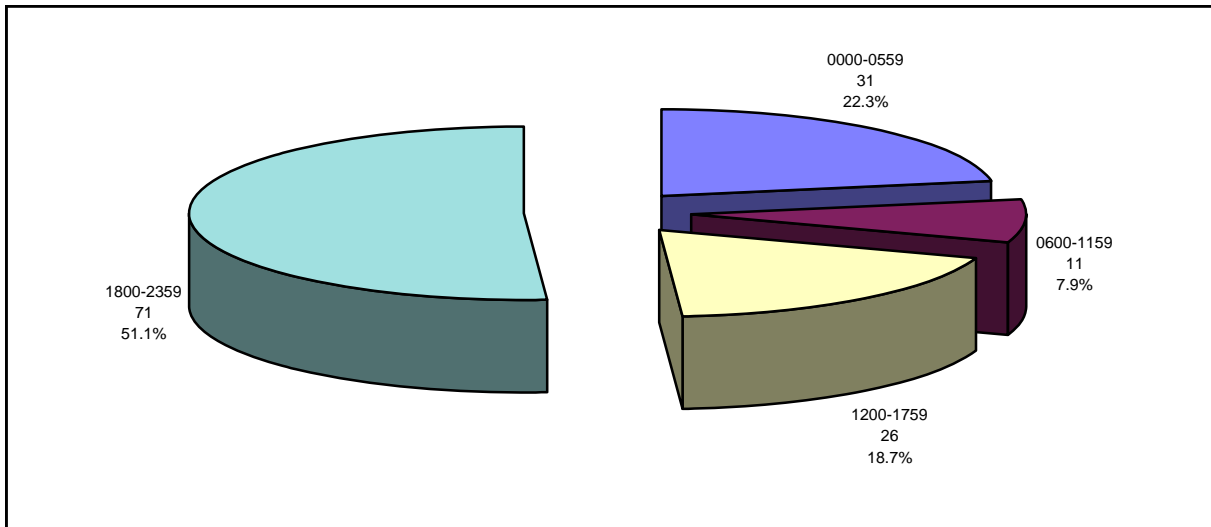
FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Friday	-	18.7%
Sunday	-	18.0%
Saturday	-	15.1%
Thursday	-	14.4%
Wednesday	-	14.4%
Tuesday	-	13.7%
Monday	-	5.8%

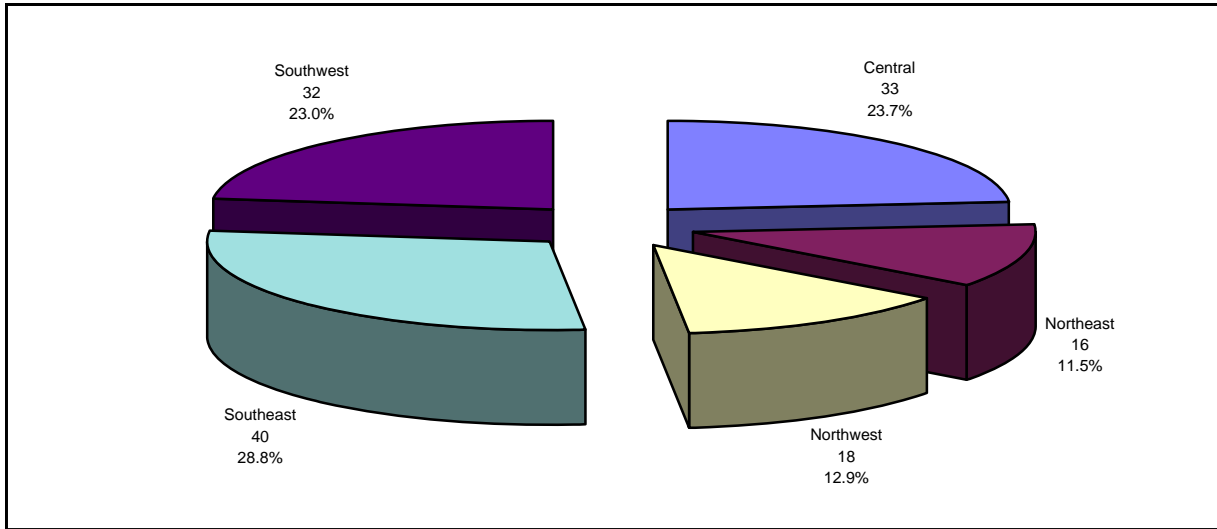
FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	51.1%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	22.3%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	18.7%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	7.9%

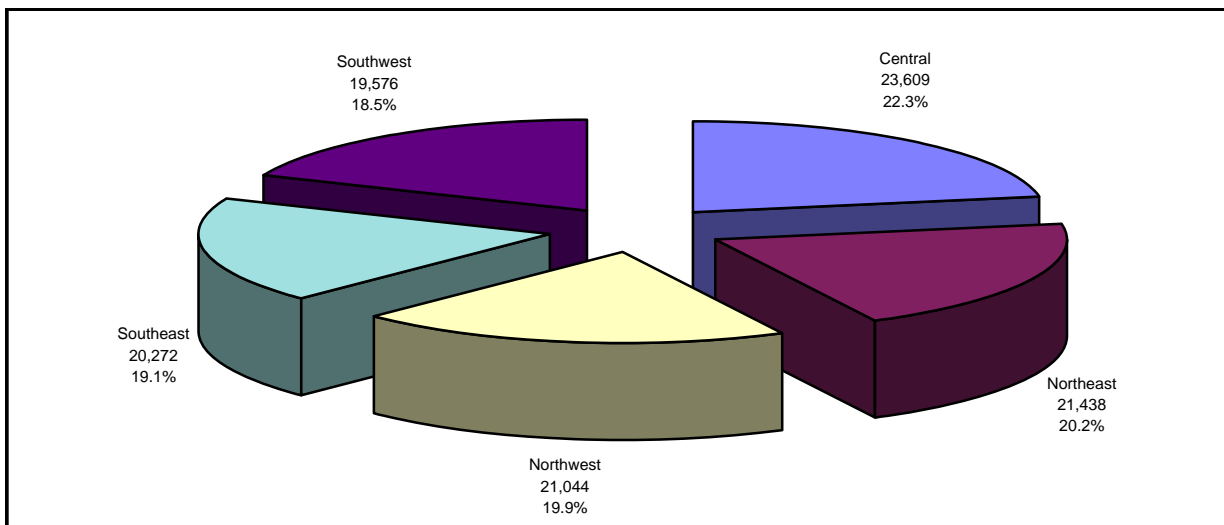
FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT*



Of the 139 force incidents, 0 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	Southeast	-	28.8%
	Central	-	23.7%
	Southwest	-	23.0%
	Northwest	-	12.9%
	Northeast	-	11.5%

ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY POLICING DISTRICT*

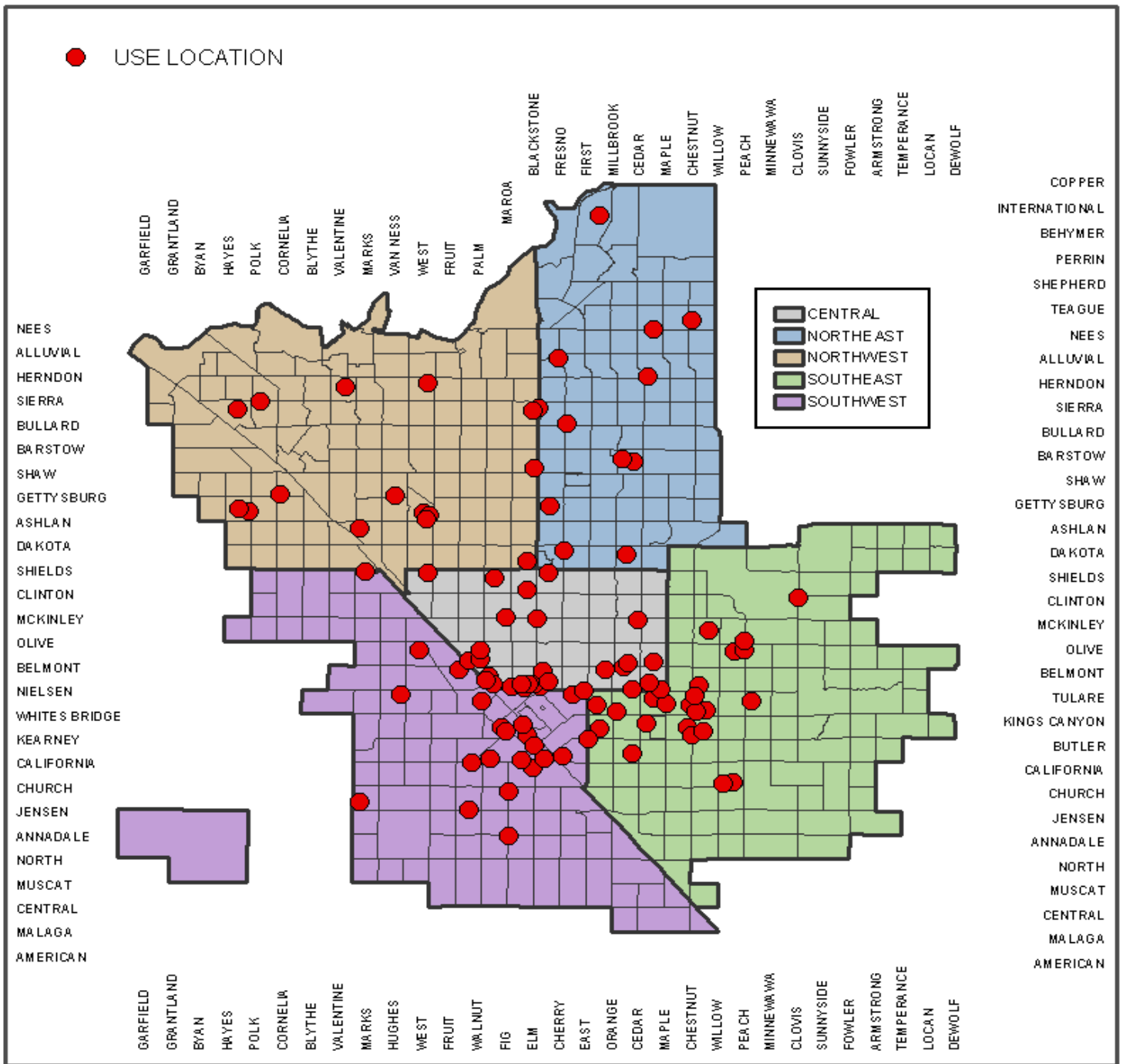


Of the 106,877 CFS, 938 were not assigned to a specific district.

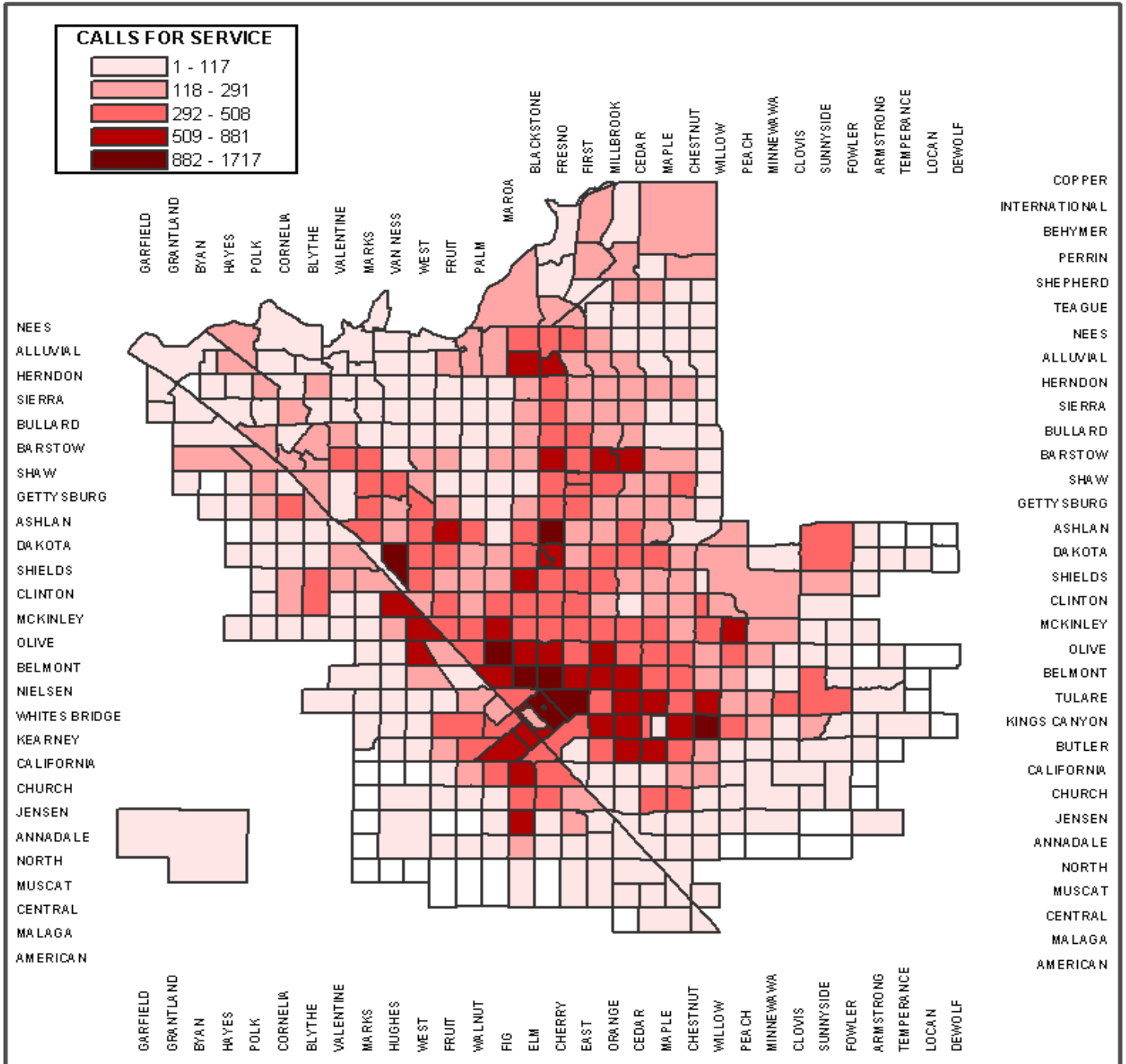
Order by District:	Central	-	22.3%
	Northeast	-	20.2%
	Northwest	-	19.9%
	Southeast	-	19.1%
	Southwest	-	18.5%

* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

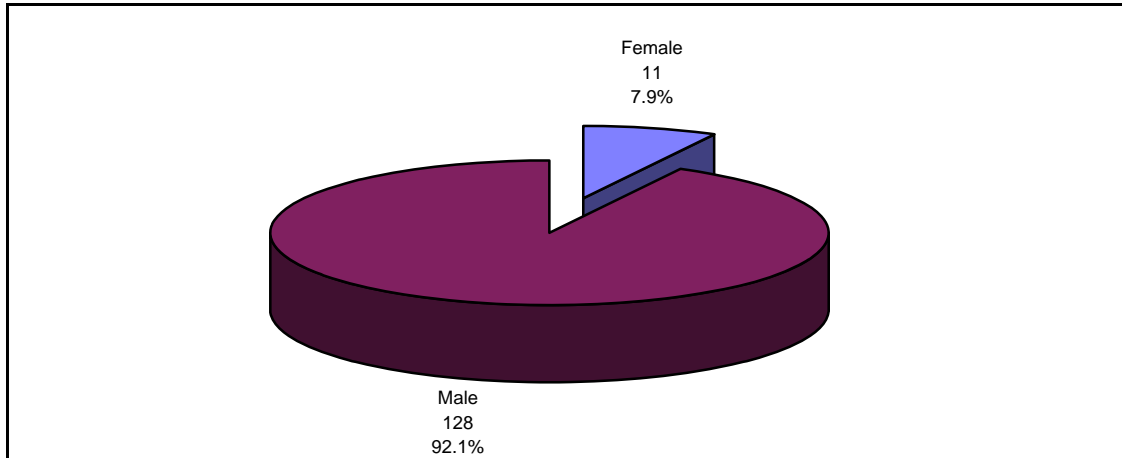
FORCE USED BY DISTRICT



PART I CRIMES BY ZONE



FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 139 force incidents, 0 had no gender data available.

REPORTED CRIMES BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	81	300	826	173	16	1,396
18-23	152	677	1,554	568	40	2,991
24-29	143	551	1,691	515	41	2,941
30-35	62	360	1,159	367	22	1,970
36-41	30	315	849	494	27	1,715
42-47	26	299	674	417	19	1,435
48-53	25	208	388	271	11	903
54-59	1	130	150	120	8	409
60-65	2	38	59	39	2	140
66 and Over	3	17	20	17	3	60
Total	525	2,895	7,370	2,981	189	13,960

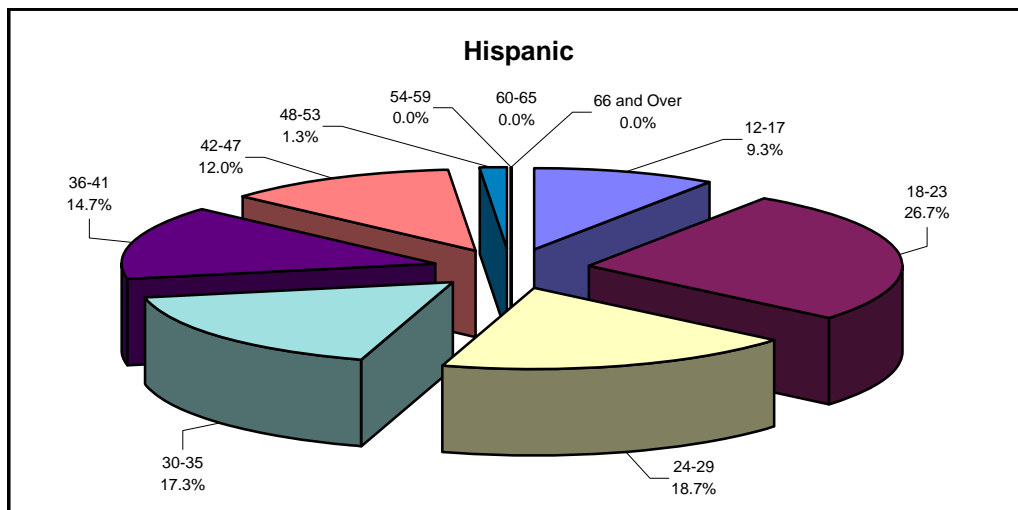
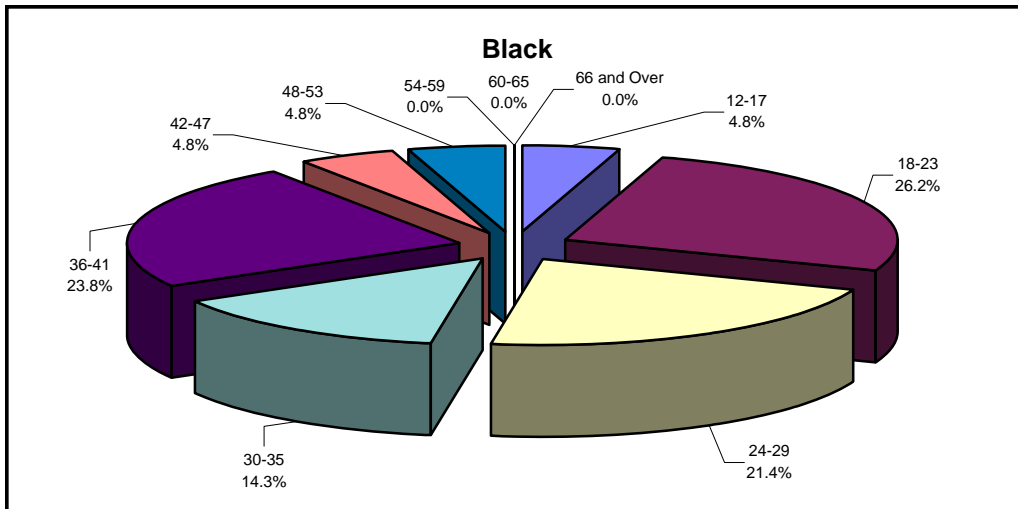
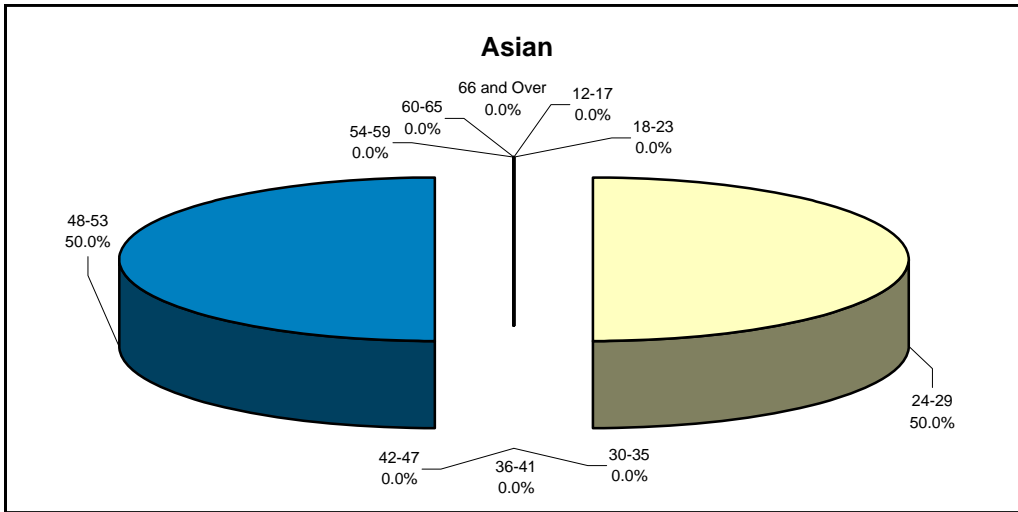
Of the 14,048 reported crime suspects, 13,960 had both age and race data.

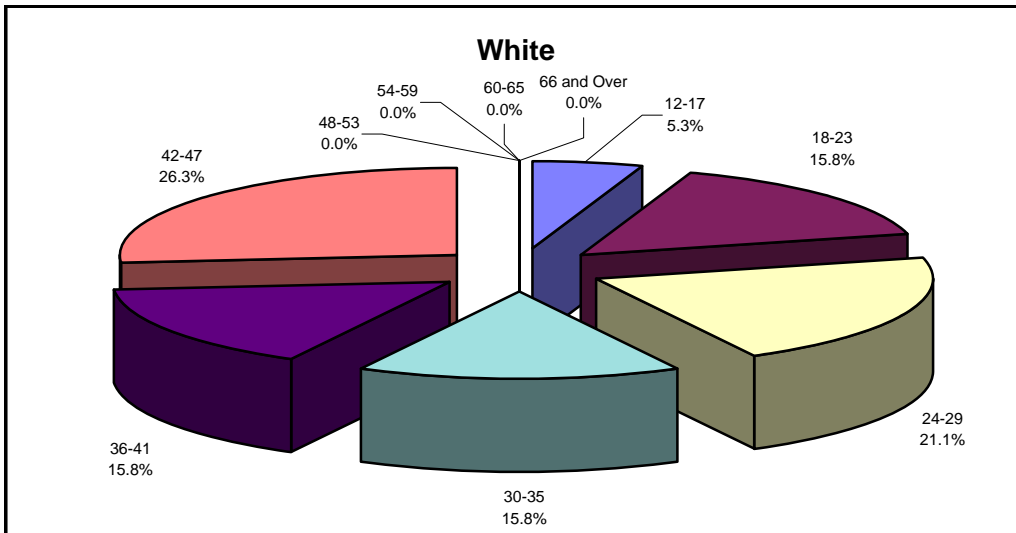
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17		2	7	1		10
18-23		11	20	3		34
24-29	1	9	14	4		28
30-35		6	13	3		22
36-41		10	11	3		24
42-47		2	9	5		16
48-53	1	2	1			4
54-59						0
60-65						0
66 and Over						0
Total	2	42	75	19	0	138

Of the 139 force incidents, 138 had both age and race data.

REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





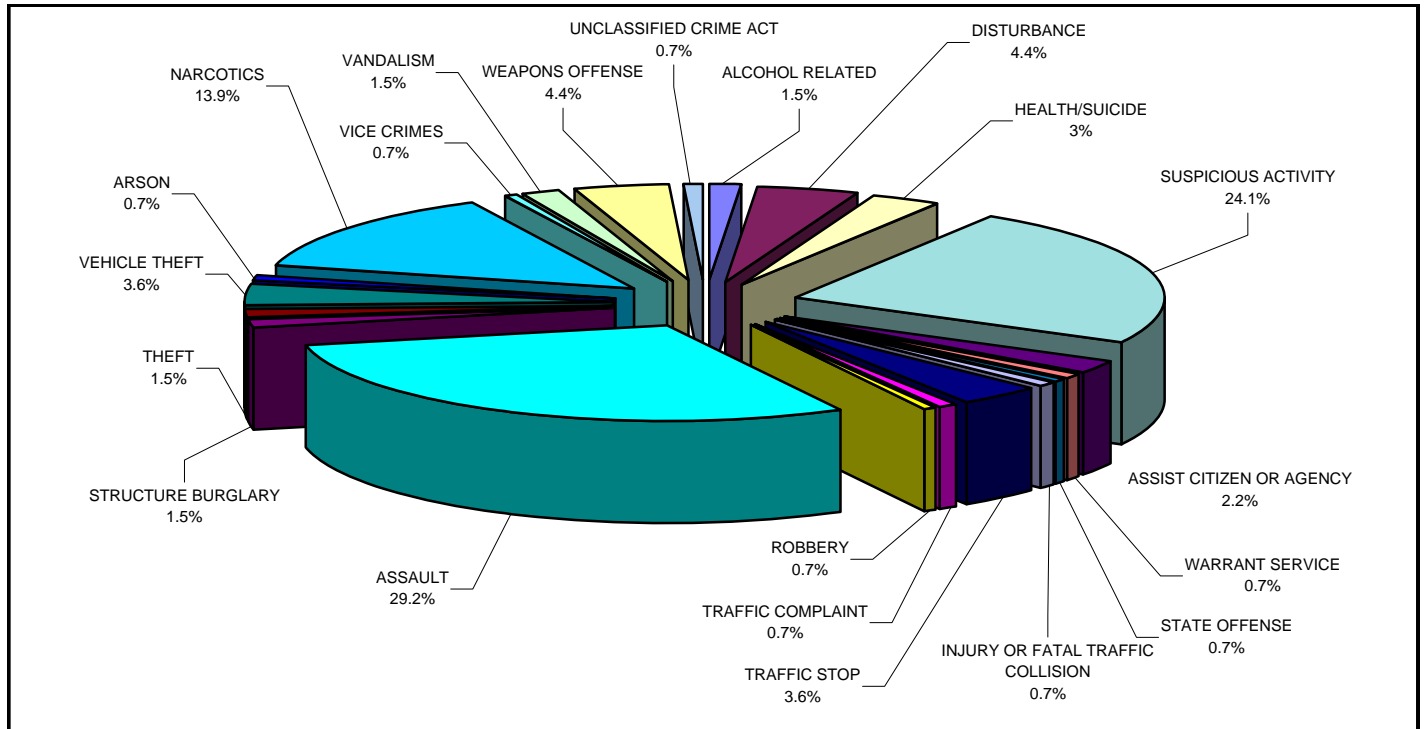
Other

No force incidents with Other suspects

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"Other" refers to persons whose race is not defined as Asian, Black, Hispanic or White, i.e. persons from the Pacific Islands, Mid-East, or India.

TYPE OF CFS RESULTING IN REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS



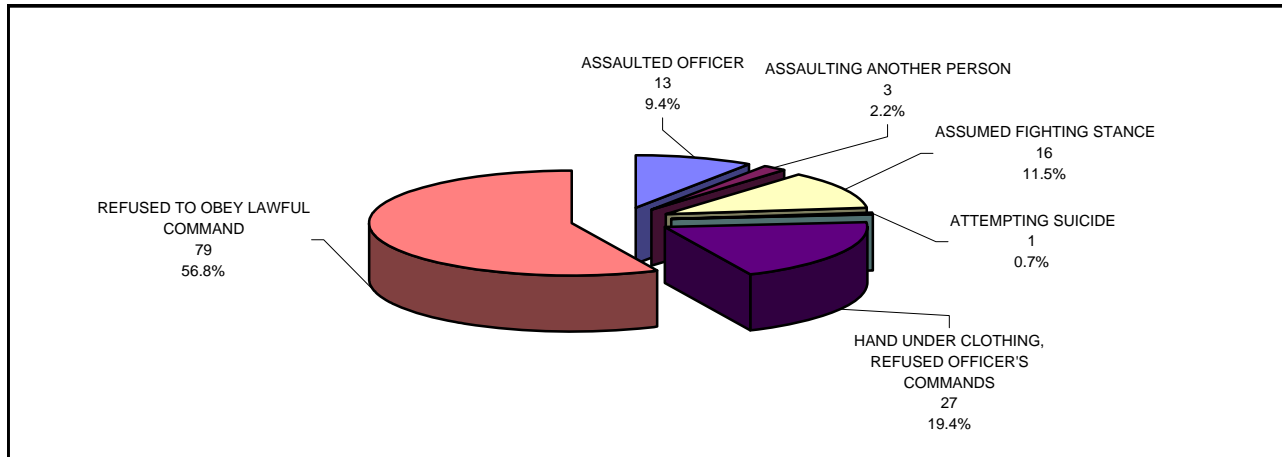
Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:

Force Incident	Force Incidents:	CFS Total:
ASSAULT	40	2063
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	33	20117
NARCOTICS	19	1395
DISTURBANCE	6	16428
WEAPONS OFFENSE	6	911
TRAFFIC STOP	5	17284
VEHICLE THEFT	5	2554
HEALTH/SUICIDE	4	3435
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	3	4360
ALCOHOL RELATED	2	1401
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	2	4895
THEFT	2	3161
VANDALISM	2	1547
WARRANT SERVICE	1	5429
STATE OFFENSE	1	1
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION	1	454
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	1	4441
ROBBERY	1	457
ARSON	1	53
VICE CRIMES	1	321
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	1	1130
TOTAL	137 **	

* Vice Crimes refers to acts of illegal gambling, prostitution, etc.

** 2 force incidents had wrong or no clearance codes.

SUSPECT'S ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



Order by Action:

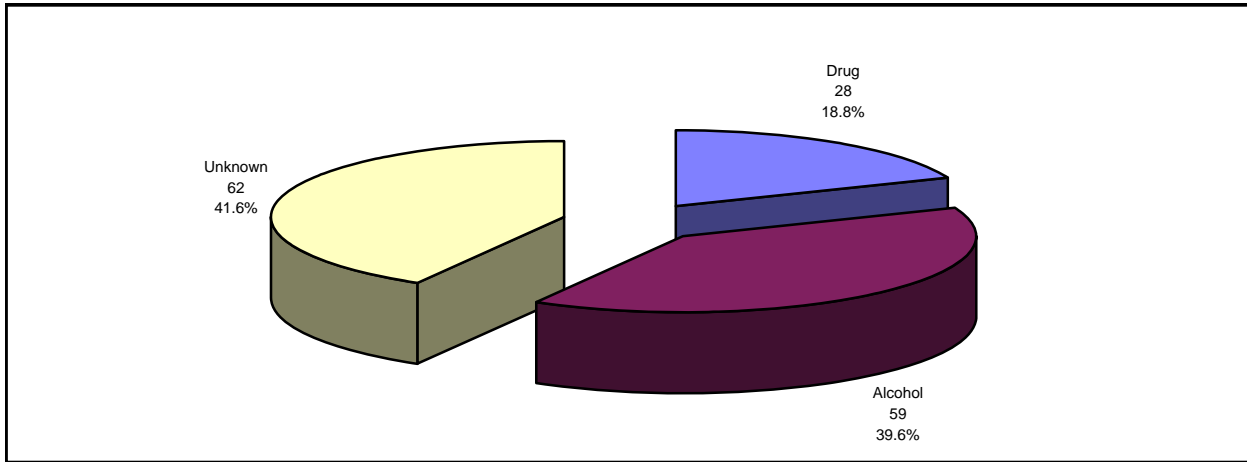
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	56.8%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	19.4%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	11.5%
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	9.4%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	2.2%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	0.7%

REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY TYPE OF CFS AND SUSPECT'S ACTION

TYPE OF CFS	ASSAULTED OFFICER	ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND
ALCOHOL RELATED	0	0	1	0	0	1
DISTURBANCE	0	1	1	0	2	2
HEALTH/SUICIDE	1	0	0	1	0	2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1	0	3	0	13	16
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	0	0	1	0	1	1
WARRANT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	1
STATE OFFENSE	0	0	0	0	0	1
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISIO	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC STOP	0	0	1	0	1	3
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0	1
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	1
ASSAULT	8	2	9	0	3	18
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	2
THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	2
VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	5
ARSON	0	0	0	0	1	0
NARCOTICS	1	0	0	0	5	13
VICE CRIMES	0	0	0	0	0	1
VANDALISM	0	0	0	0	0	2
WEAPONS OFFENSE	2	0	0	0	1	3
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	13	3	16	1	27	77

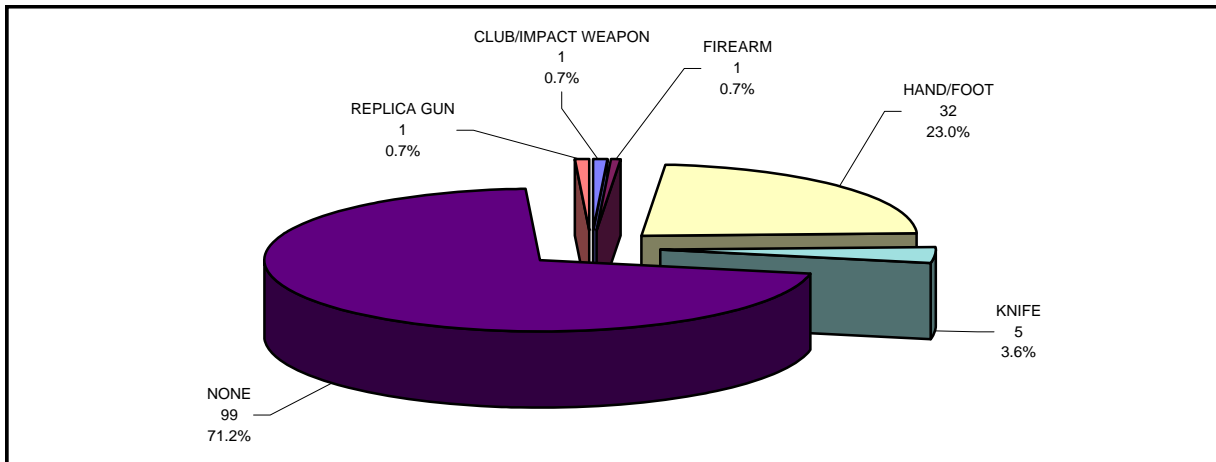
* 2 force incidents had wrong or no clearance codes (one for each category).

SUSPECT'S DRUG/ALCOHOL USE WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



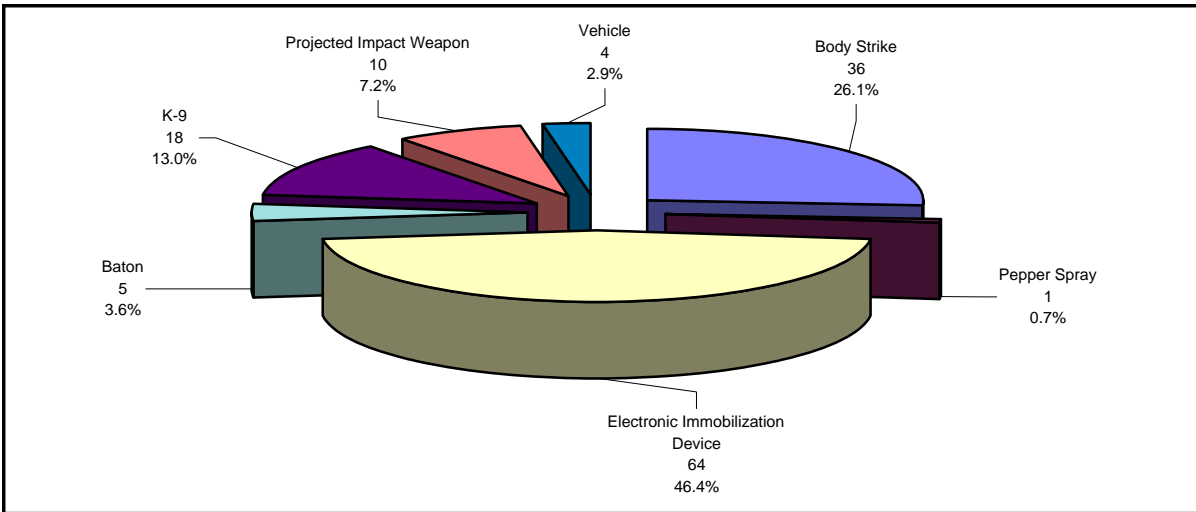
Some suspects were under the influence of both drugs and alcohol.

SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon:	NONE	-	71.2%
	HAND/FOOT	-	23.0%
	KNIFE	-	3.6%
	CLUB/IMPACT WEAPON	-	0.7%
	FIREARM	-	0.7%
	REPLICA GUN	-	0.7%

REPORTABLE FORCE USED BY OFFICERS



Some incidents require multiple applications of force to take a suspect into custody or stop an unlawful attack.

Order by Force:

Electronic Immobilization Device	-	46.4%
Body Strike	-	26.1%
K-9	-	13.0%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	7.2%
Baton	-	3.6%
Vehicle	-	2.9%
Pepper Spray	-	0.7%

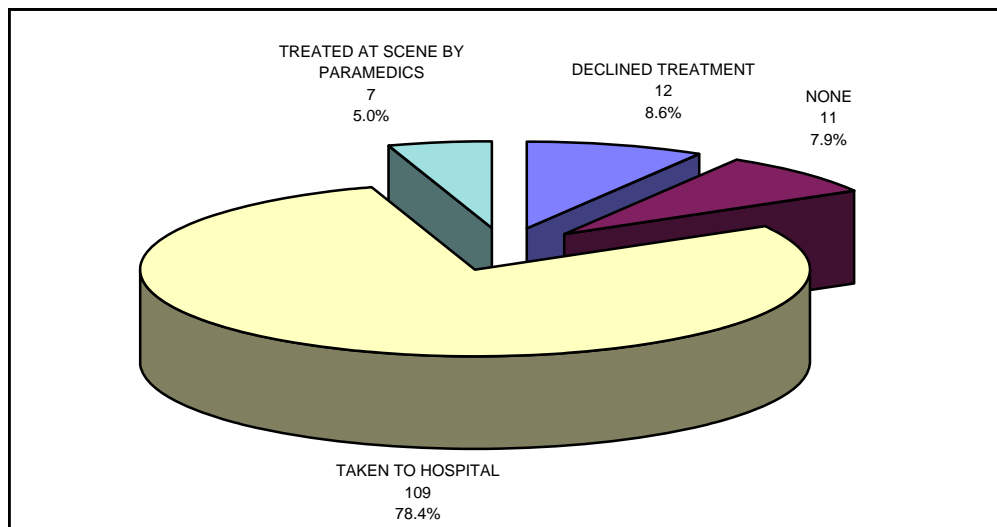
Note: Electronic Immobilization Device is also referred to as a Taser.

Projected Impact Weapon is also referred to as a Less Lethal Shotgun or bean bag gun.

OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES, WEAPON RETENTION

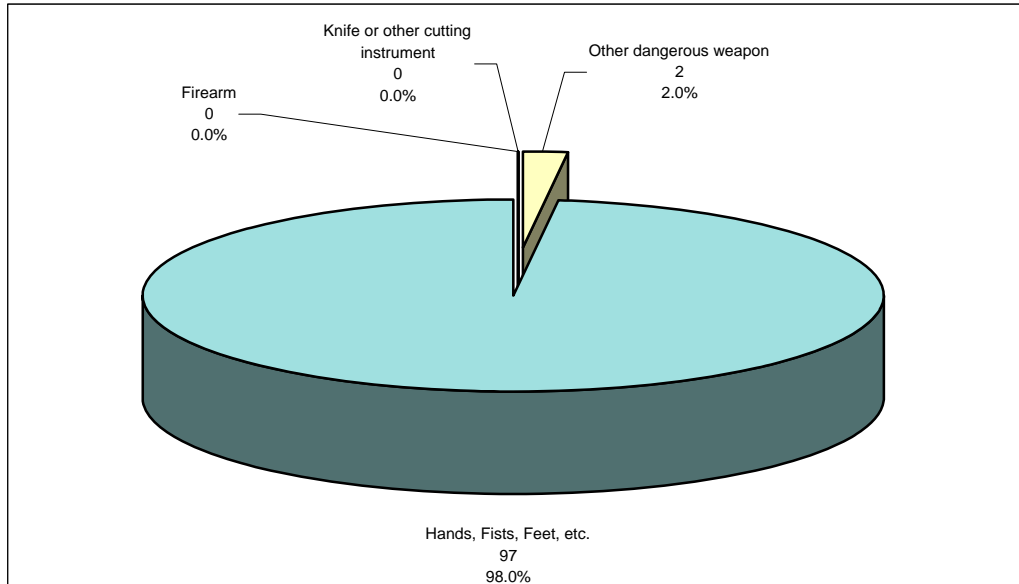
**No incidents occurred this quarter whereby a suspect attempted to remove, or did remove an officer's weapon.

SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



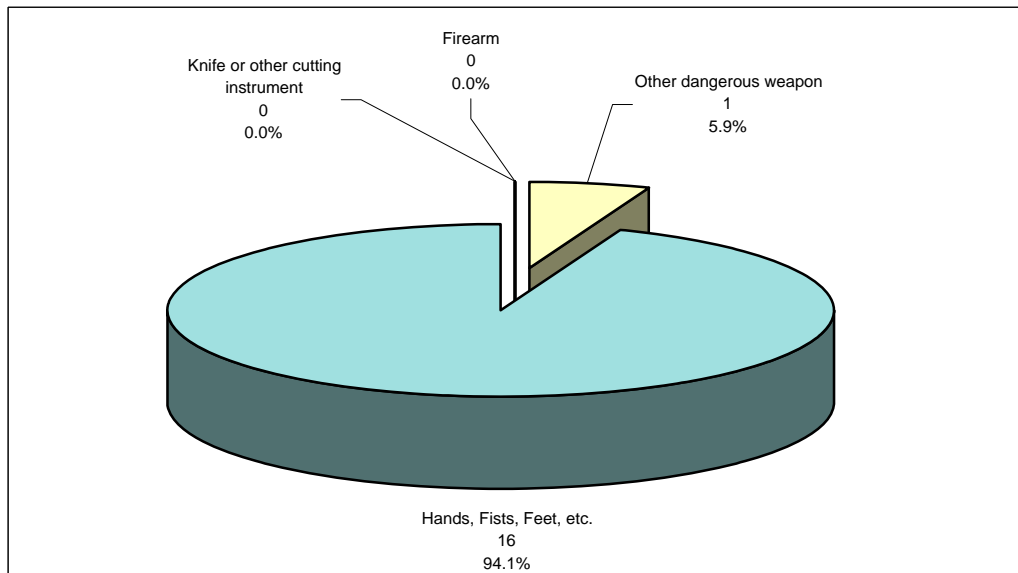
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically provided medical care by on-scene medical personnel or at a hospital.

OFFICER'S ASSAULTED *



99 officers were assaulted.

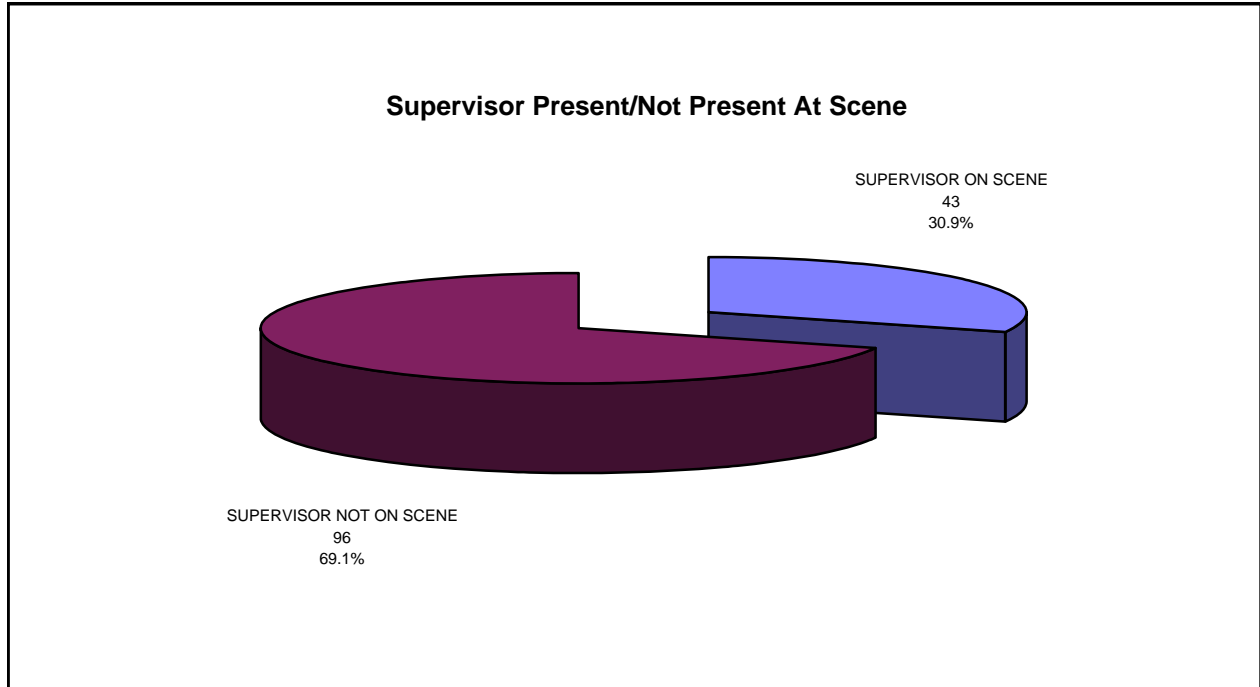
OFFICER'S INJURED *



17 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

* Data based on the 3rd Qtr 2008 LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted) report. Not all incidents, where an officer was injured, involved a use of reportable force, i.e. the suspect gives up after injuring an officer.

SUPERVISOR ON SCENE WHEN REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



A supervisor may be enroute to assist an officer on a call; however, the officer may be required to use reportable force prior to the supervisor's arrival. In these circumstances, the supervisor would be considered "not on scene."