

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:

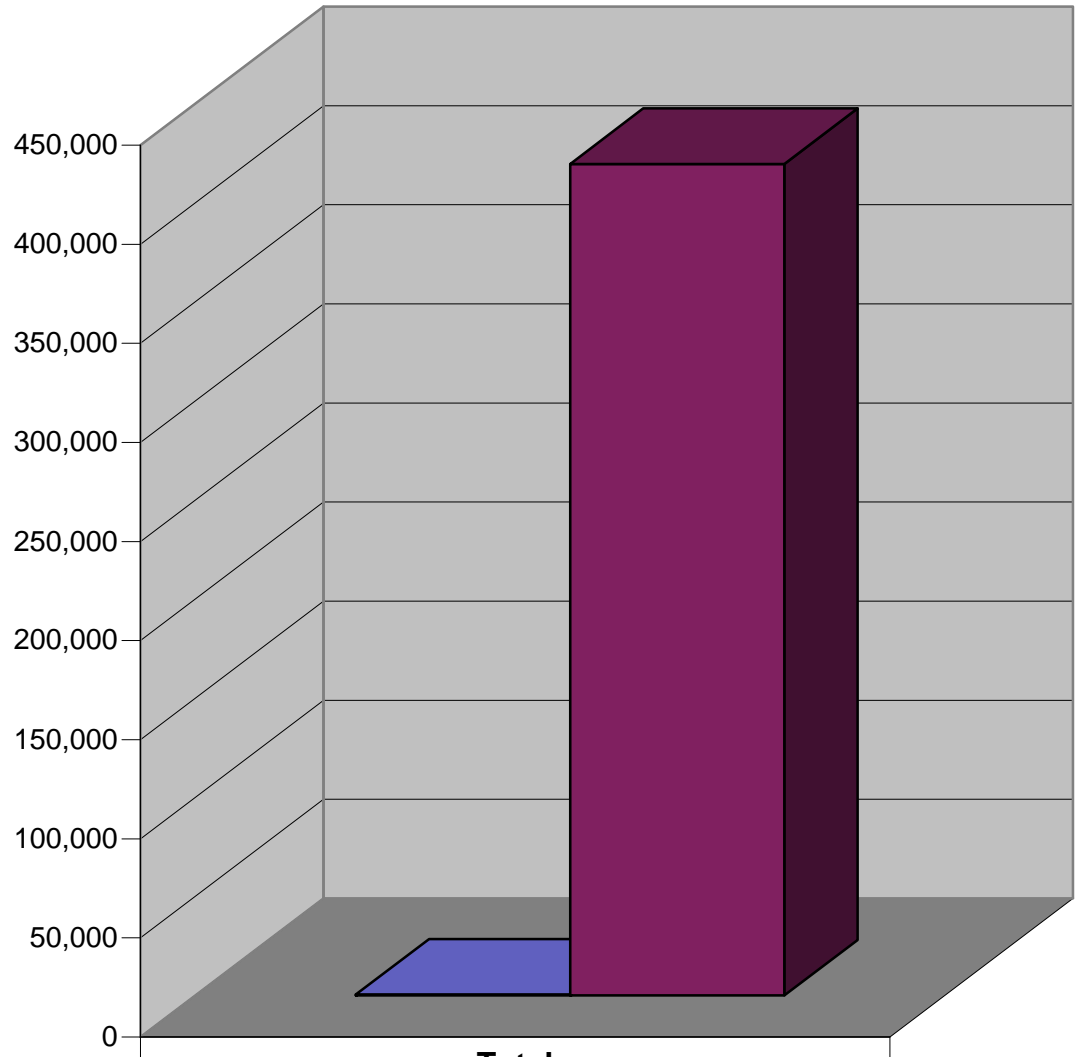
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (i.e. fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (i.e. flashlight, clipboard, etc); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display) a department issued weapon (i.e. electronic immobilizing device,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

Fresno police officers applied force in 457 incidents while responding to 419,598 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in less than one-eighth of one percent (0.109%) 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	457
■ CALLS FOR SERVICE	419,598

CFS does not include events handled telephonically.
0.11% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

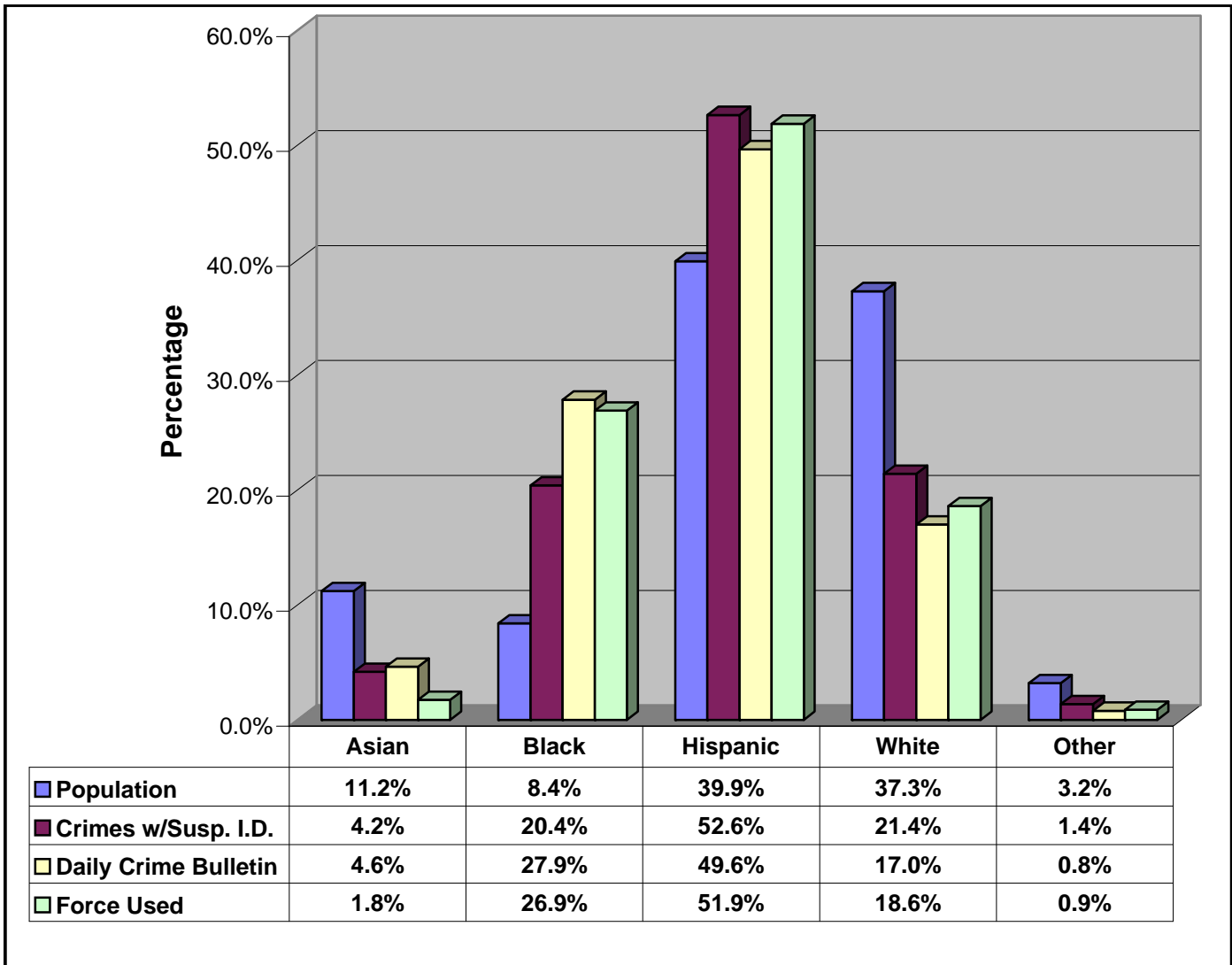
Suspect Demographics

	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 (54,961)	2,303	11,212	28,923	11,764	759
Percentage	4.2%	20.4%	52.6%	21.4%	1.4%
Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (1252)**	58	349	622	213	10
Percentage	4.6%	27.9%	49.6%	17.0%	0.8%
Force Applications (457)***	8	123	237	85	4
Percentage	1.8%	26.9%	51.9%	18.6%	0.9%

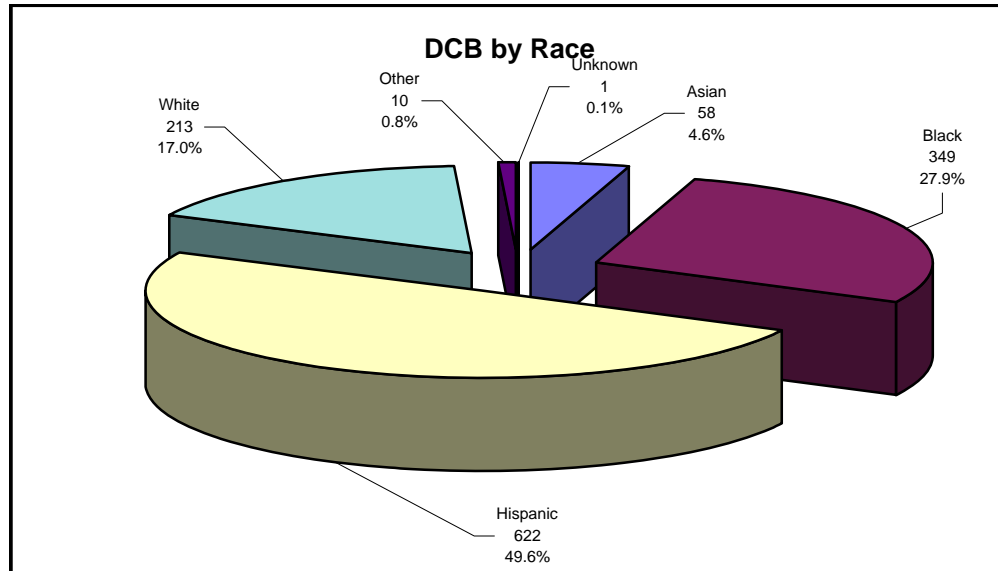
* 2000 Census

** 1 persons or 0.1% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

*** Of the 457 reportable force cases, 0 had no age or race data available



DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 1253

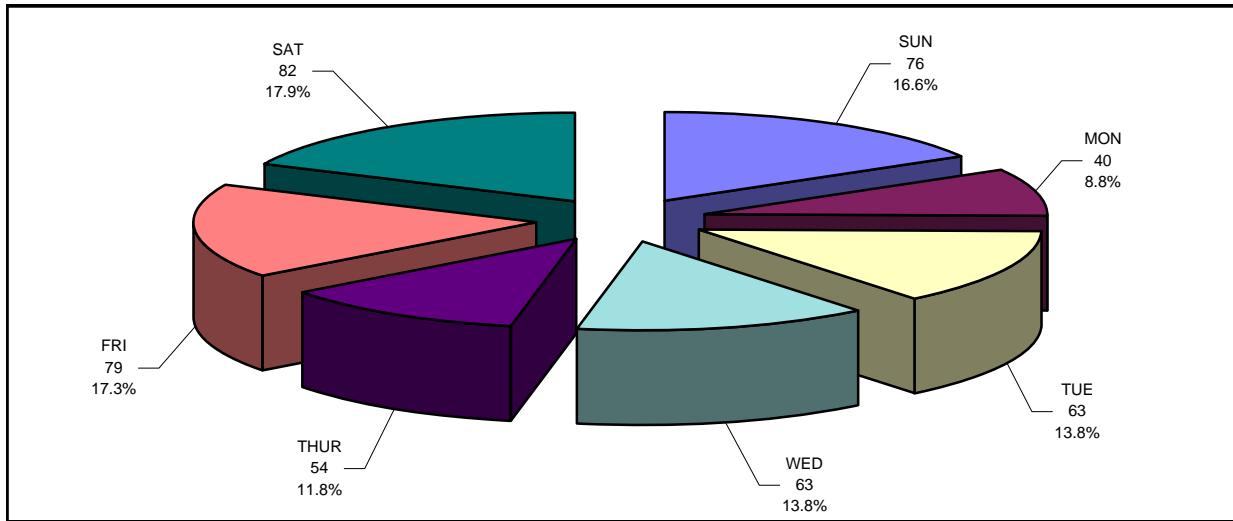


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	49.6%
	Black	-	27.9%
	White	-	17.0%
	Asian	-	4.6%
	Other	-	0.8%
	Unknown	-	0.1%

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.)

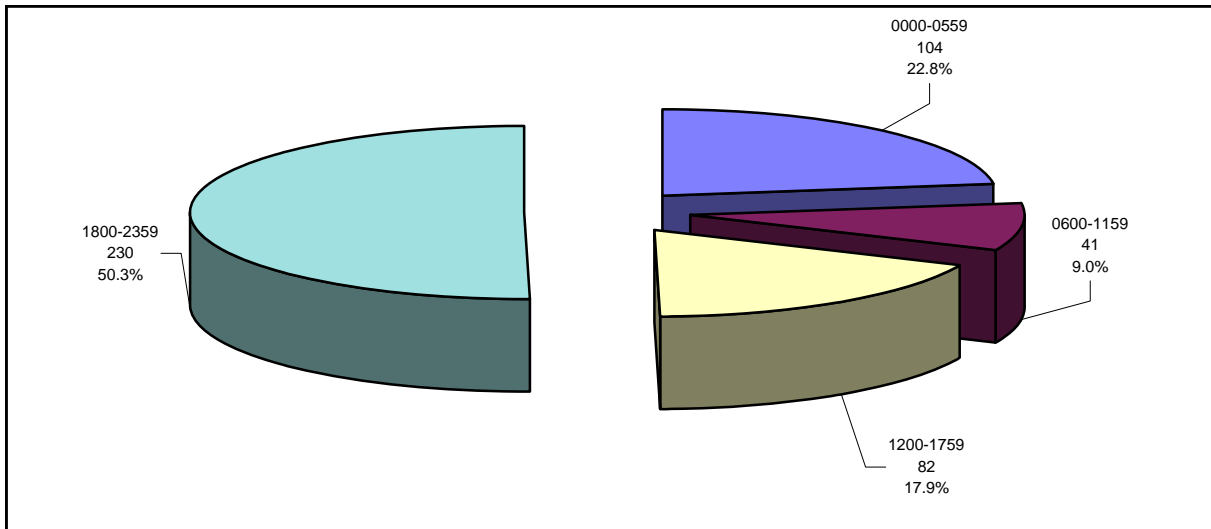
FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Saturday	-	17.9%
Friday	-	17.3%
Sunday	-	16.6%
Tuesday	-	13.8%
Wednesday	-	13.8%
Thursday	-	11.8%
Monday	-	8.8%

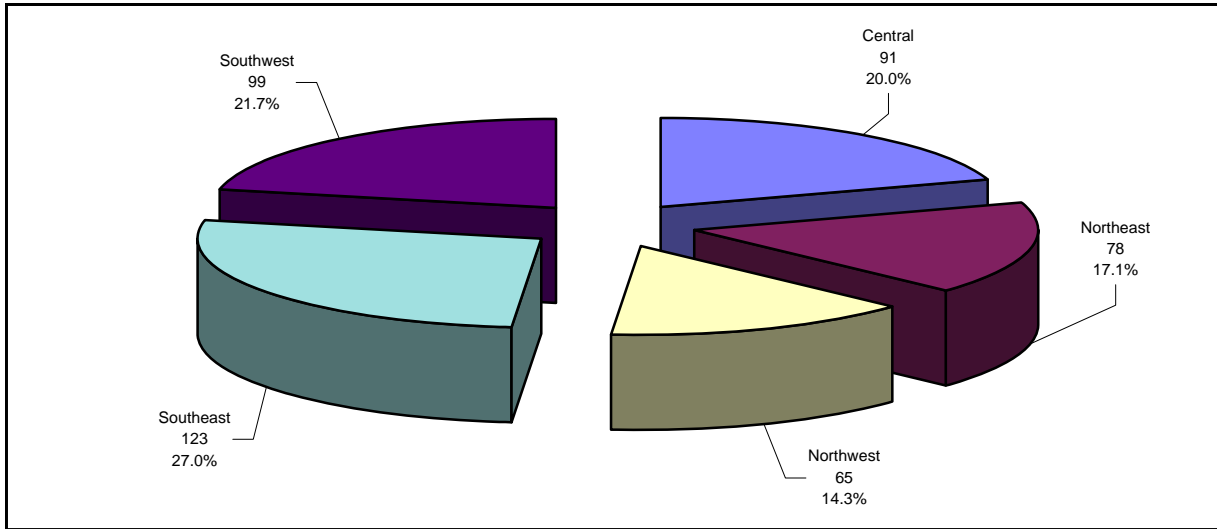
FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	50.3%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	22.8%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	17.9%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	9.0%

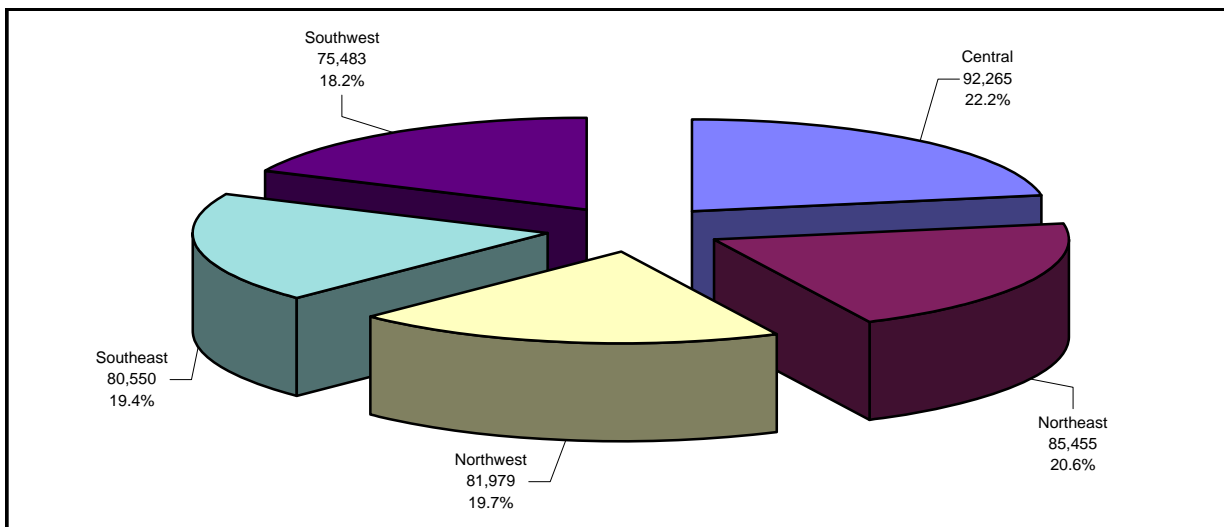
FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT*



Of the 457 force incidents, 1 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	Southeast	-	27.0%
	Southwest	-	21.7%
	Central	-	20.0%
	Northeast	-	17.1%
	Northwest	-	14.3%

ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY POLICING DISTRICT*

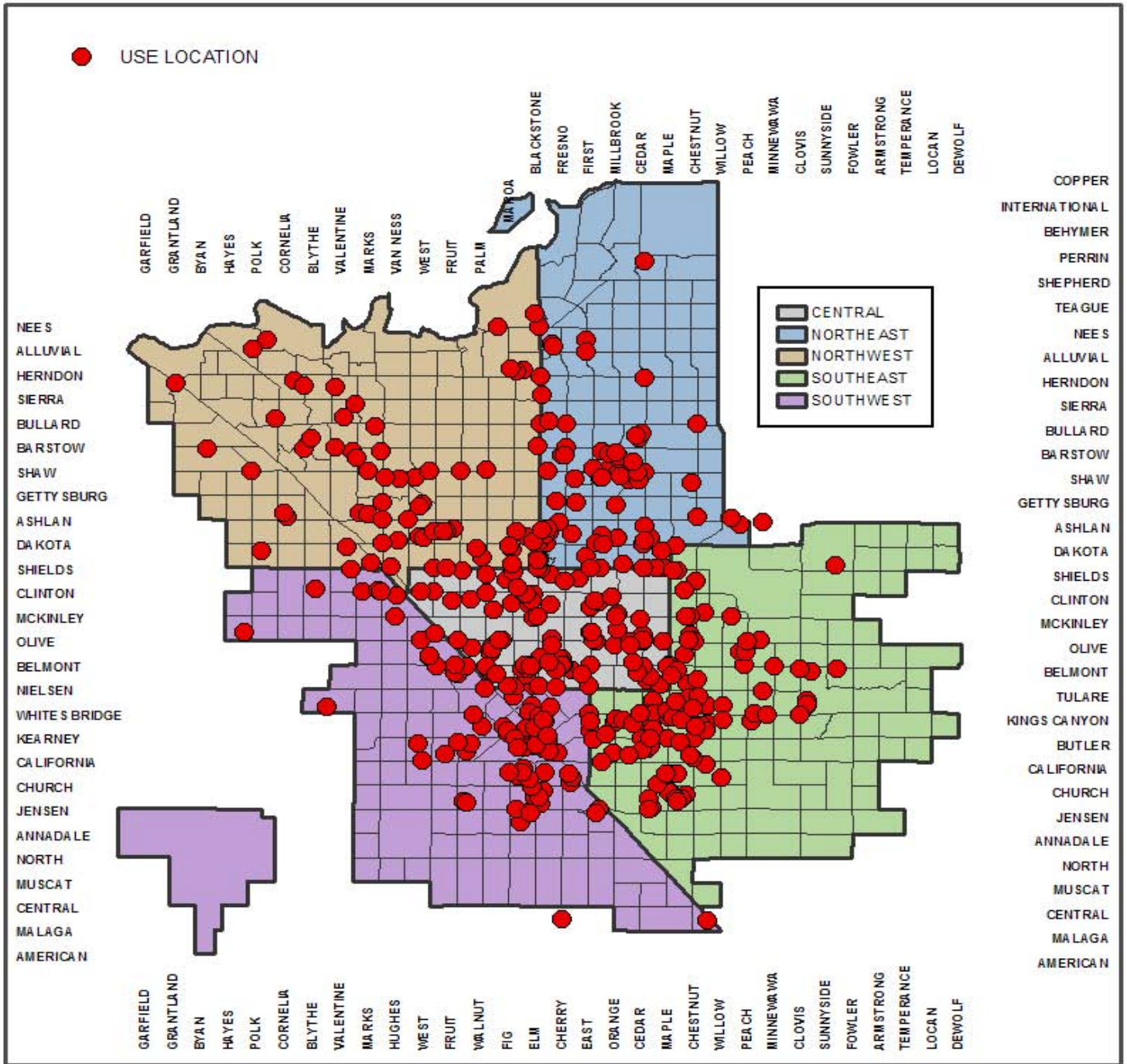


Of the 419,598 CFS, 3,866 were not assigned to a specific district.

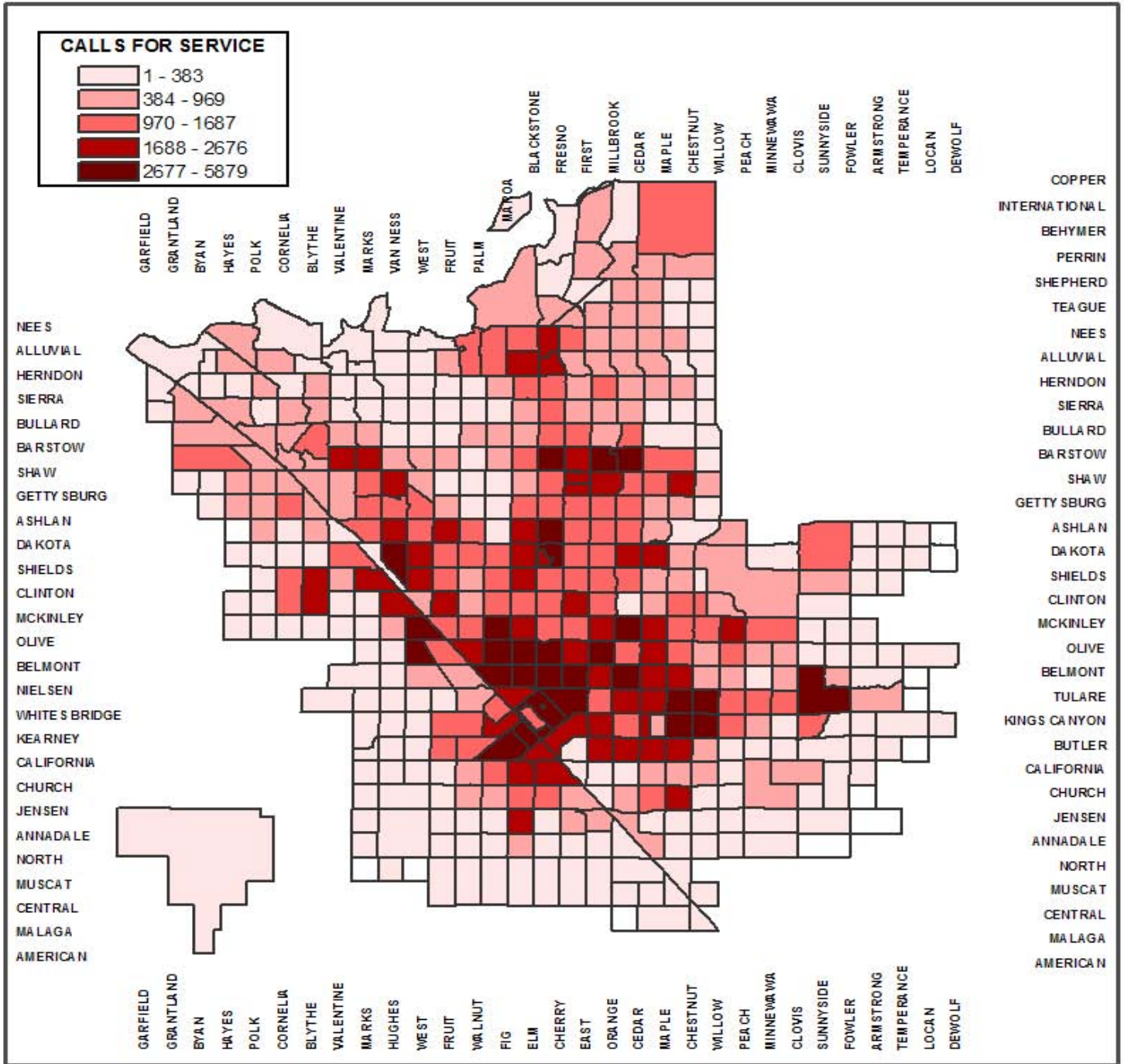
Order by District:	Central	-	22.2%
	Northeast	-	20.6%
	Northwest	-	19.7%
	Southeast	-	19.4%
	Southwest	-	18.2%

* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

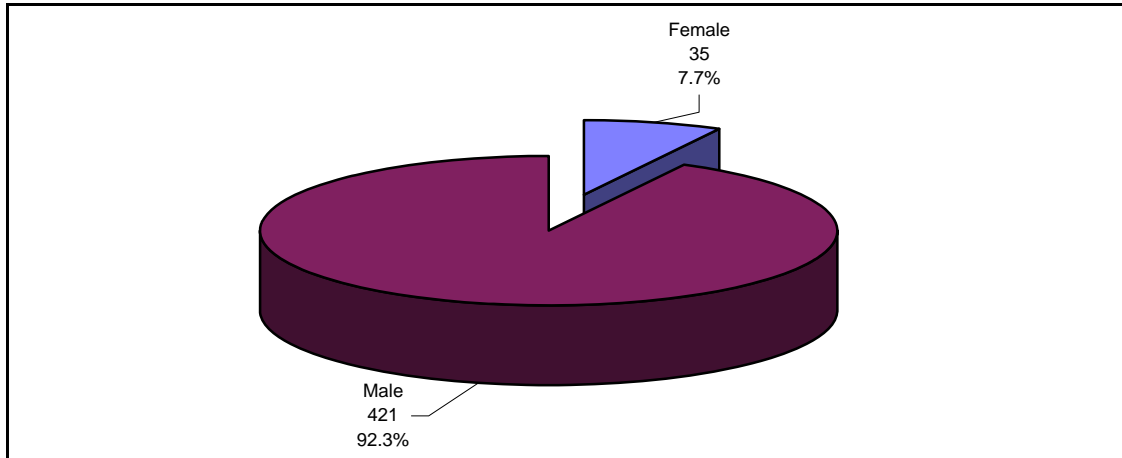
FORCE USED BY DISTRICT



PART I CRIMES BY ZONE



FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 457 force incidents, 1 had no gender data available.

REPORTED CRIMES BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

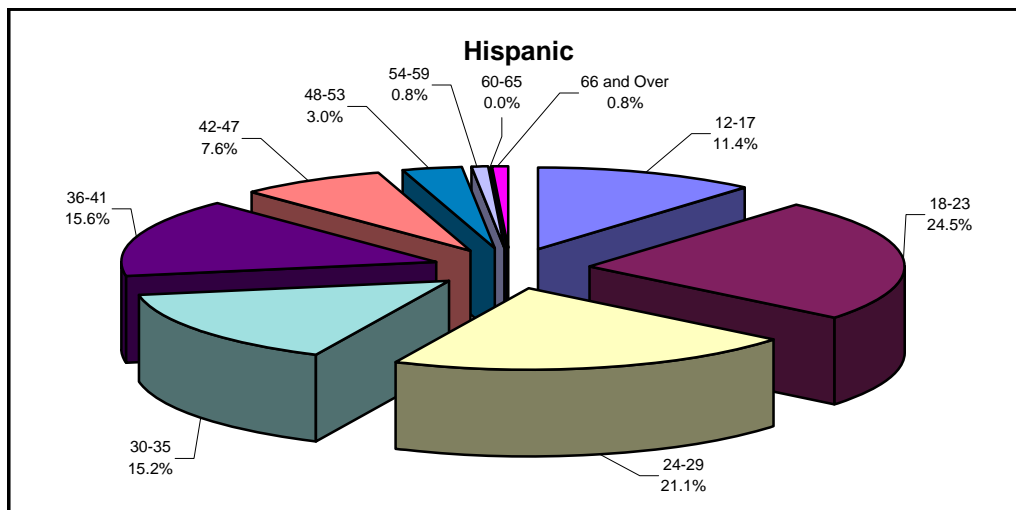
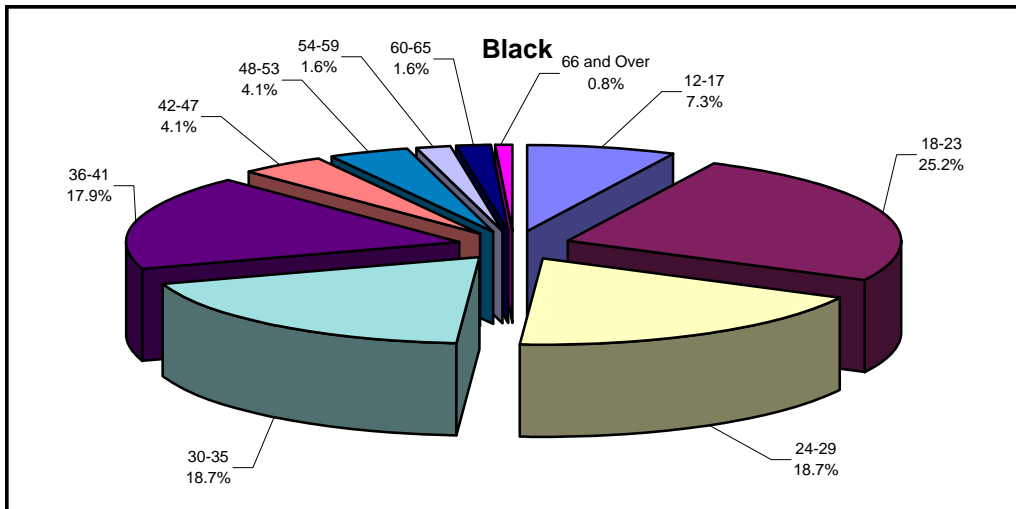
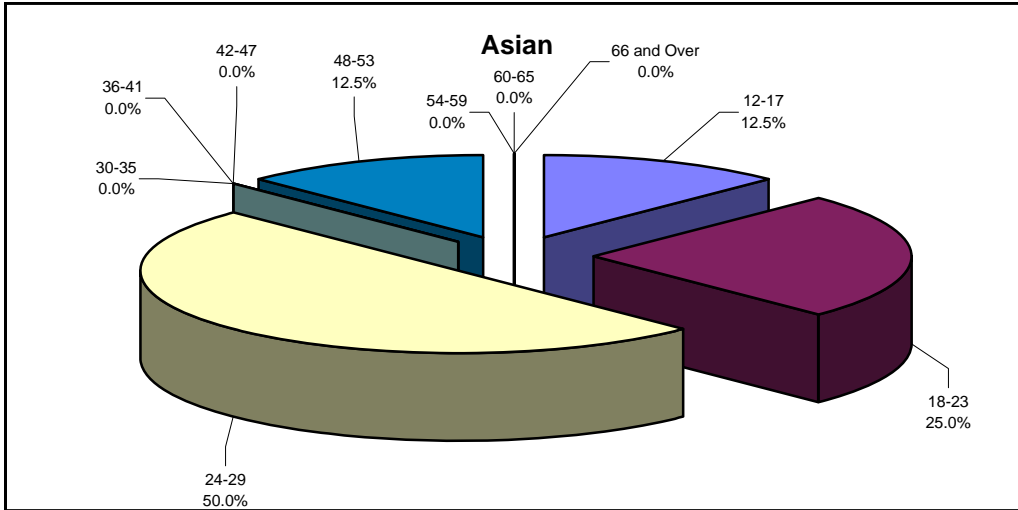
Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	392	1,341	3,879	743	75	6,430
18-23	792	2,500	6,348	2,151	191	11,982
24-29	560	2,014	6,446	2,173	151	11,344
30-35	233	1,376	4,367	1,491	109	7,576
36-41	125	1,253	3,204	1,879	94	6,555
42-47	86	1,222	2,446	1,606	62	5,422
48-53	74	876	1,389	1,024	43	3,406
54-59	18	461	562	488	23	1,552
60-65	12	115	195	127	3	452
66 and Over	11	54	87	82	8	242
Total	2,303	11,212	28,923	11,764	759	54,961

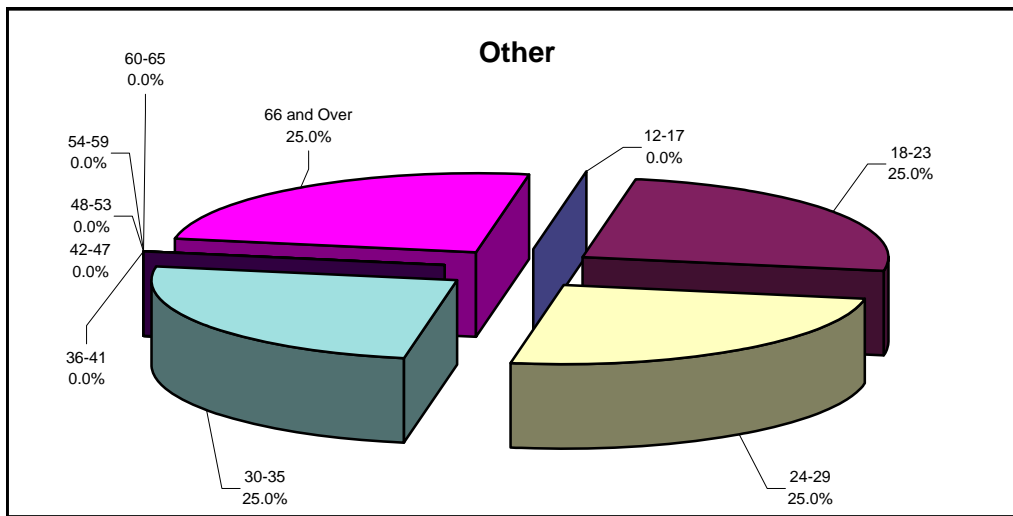
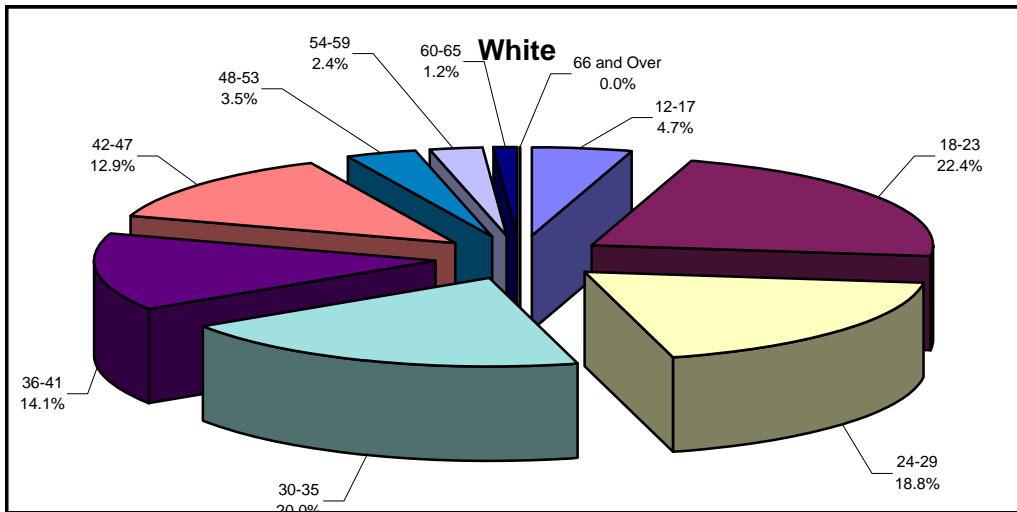
Of the 55,287 reported crime suspects, 54,961 had both age and race data.

REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	1	9	27	4		41
18-23	2	31	58	19	1	111
24-29	4	23	50	16	1	94
30-35		23	36	17	1	77
36-41		22	37	12		71
42-47		5	18	11		34
48-53	1	5	7	3		16
54-59		2	2	2		6
60-65		2		1		3
66 and Over		1	2		1	4
Total	8	123	237	85	4	457

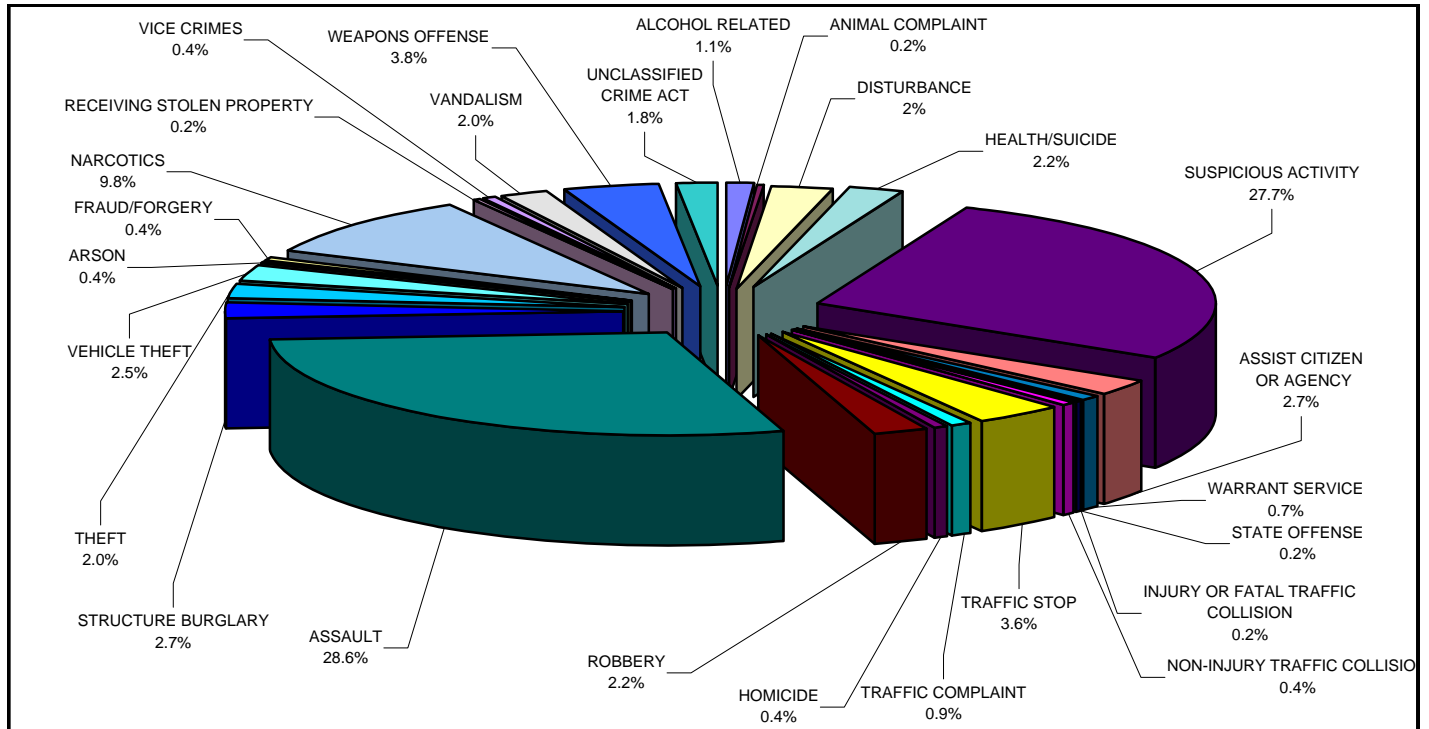
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





"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 Clearance Code	Force Incidents	CFS Total
ASSAULT	-	128
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	-	124
NARCOTICS	-	44
WEAPONS OFFENSE	-	17
TRAFFIC STOP	-	16
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	-	12
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	-	12
DISTURBANCE	-	11
VEHICLE THEFT	-	11
HEALTH/SUICIDE	-	10
ROBBERY	-	9
THEFT	-	9
VANDALISM	-	9
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	-	8
ALCOHOL RELATED	-	5
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	-	4
WARRANT SERVICE	-	3
NON-INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION	-	2
HOMICIDE	-	2
ARSON	-	2
FRAUD/FORGERY	-	2
VICE CRIMES*	-	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	-	1
STATE OFFENSE	-	1
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION	-	1
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	-	1
TOTAL		446 **

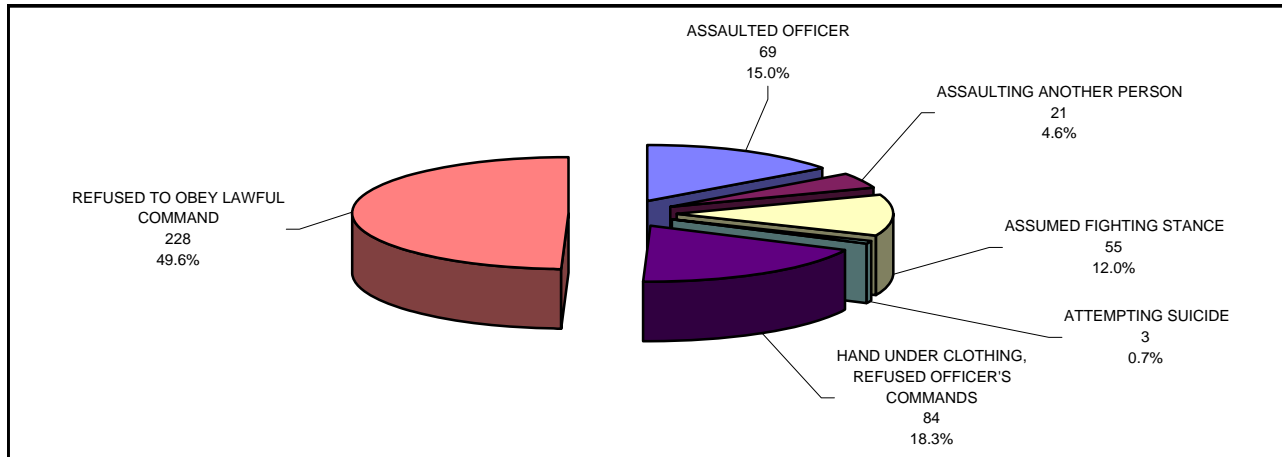
Force Incidents:

CFS Total:

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

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

SUSPECT'S ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



Order by Action:

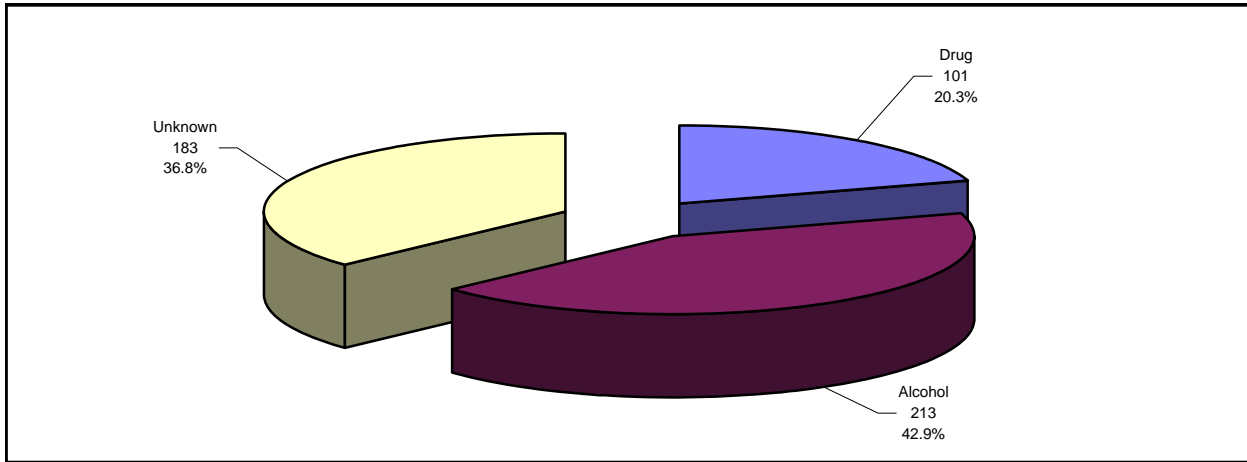
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	49.6%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	18.3%
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	15.0%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	12.0%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	4.6%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	0.7%

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	4
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	0	0	1	0	0	0
DISTURBANCE	0	5	1	0	2	3
HEALTH/SUICIDE	2	0	0	1	1	6
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	6	3	21	1	28	65
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	1	0	2	0	5	4
WARRANT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	2	1
STATE OFFENSE	0	0	0	0	0	1
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISIO	0	0	0	0	0	1
NON-INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION	0	0	0	0	0	2
TRAFFIC STOP	3	0	2	0	3	8
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0	4
HOMICIDE	2	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	1	0	3	5
ASSAULT	41	10	17	1	11	48
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	1	11
THEFT	0	0	0	0	4	5
VEHICLE THEFT	1	0	1	0	0	9
ARSON	0	0	0	0	1	1
FRAUD/FORGERY	1	0	0	0	0	1
NARCOTICS	5	0	1	0	11	27
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	0	0	1	0
VICE CRIMES	0	0	1	0	0	1
VANDALISM	0	0	1	0	2	6
WEAPONS OFFENSE	4	0	2	0	2	9
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	1	2	1	0	2	2

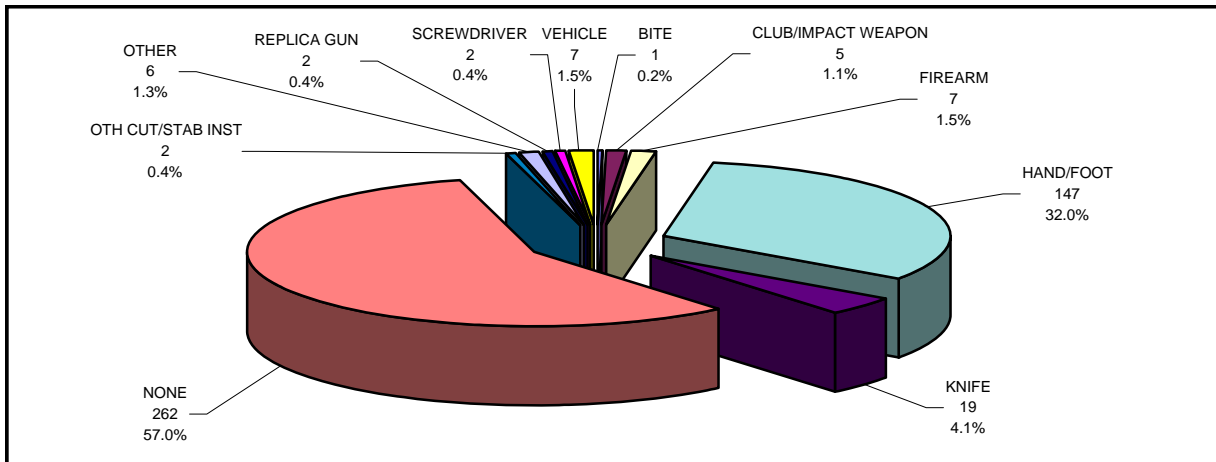
* 11 force incidents had wrong or no clearance codes (one for each category).

SUSPECT'S DRUG/ALCOHOL USE WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



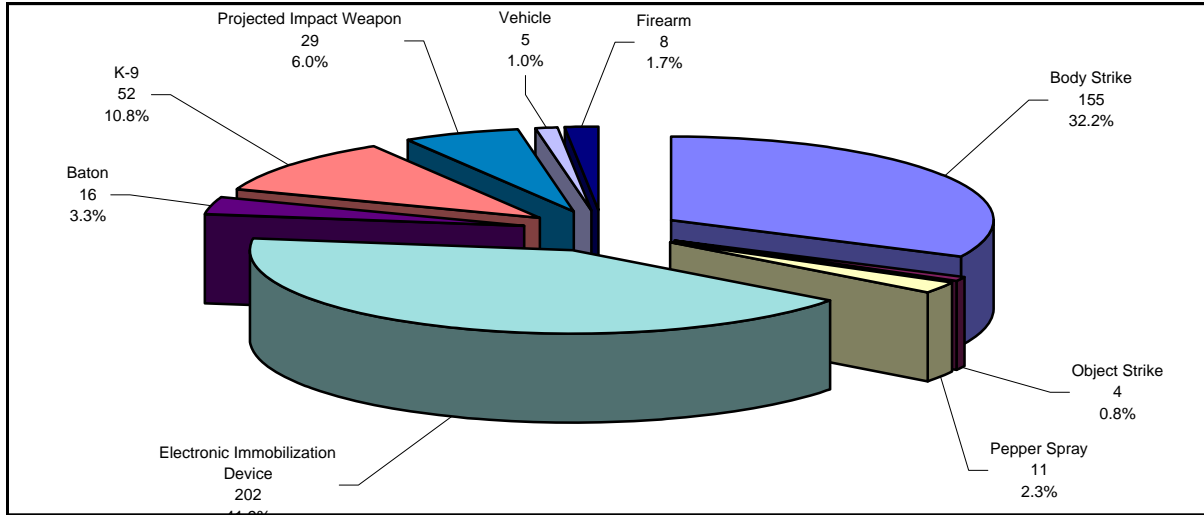
Some suspects were under the influence of both drugs and alcohol.

SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon:	NONE	-	57.0%
	HAND/FOOT	-	32.0%
	KNIFE	-	4.1%
	VEHICLE	-	1.5%
	FIREARM	-	1.5%
	OTHER	-	1.3%
	CLUB/IMPACT WEAPON	-	1.1%
	OTH CUT/STAB INST	-	0.4%
	REPLICA GUN	-	0.4%
	SCREWDRIVER	-	0.4%
	BITE	-	0.2%

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	-	41.9%
Body Strike	-	32.2%
K-9	-	10.8%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	6.0%
Baton	-	3.3%
Pepper Spray	-	2.3%
Firearm	-	1.7%
Vehicle	-	1.0%
Object Strike	-	0.8%

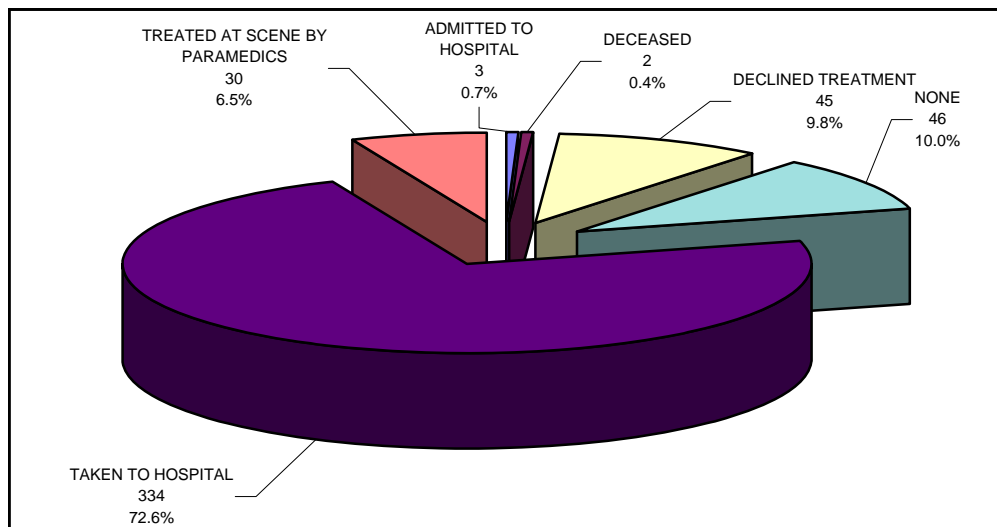
Note: Electronic Immobilization Device is also referred to as a Taser.

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

OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES, WEAPON RETENTION

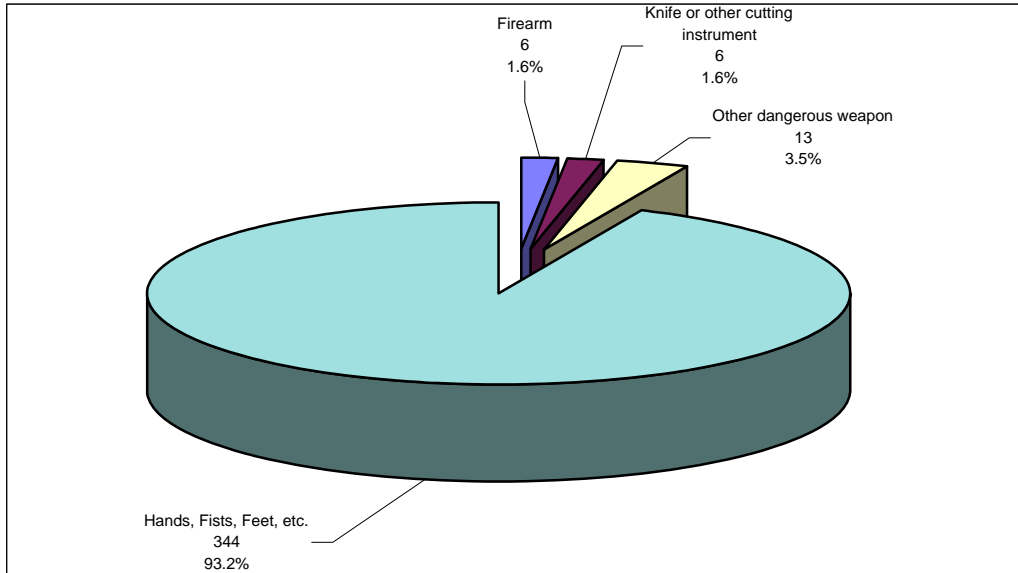
* No incidents occurred during the year whereby a suspect attempted to remove, or removed, an officer's weapon.

SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



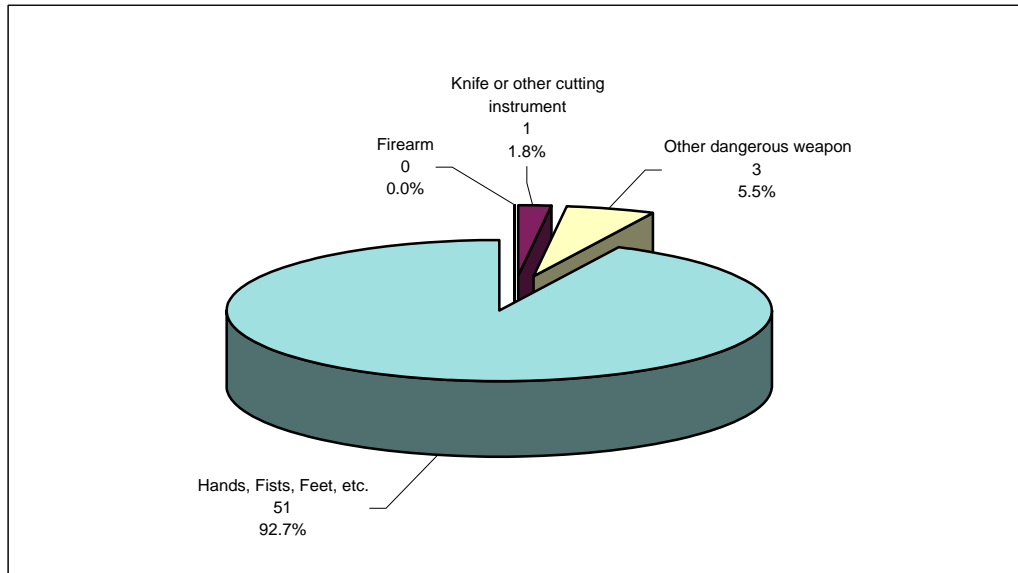
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically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

OFFICER'S ASSAULTED *



369 officers were assaulted.

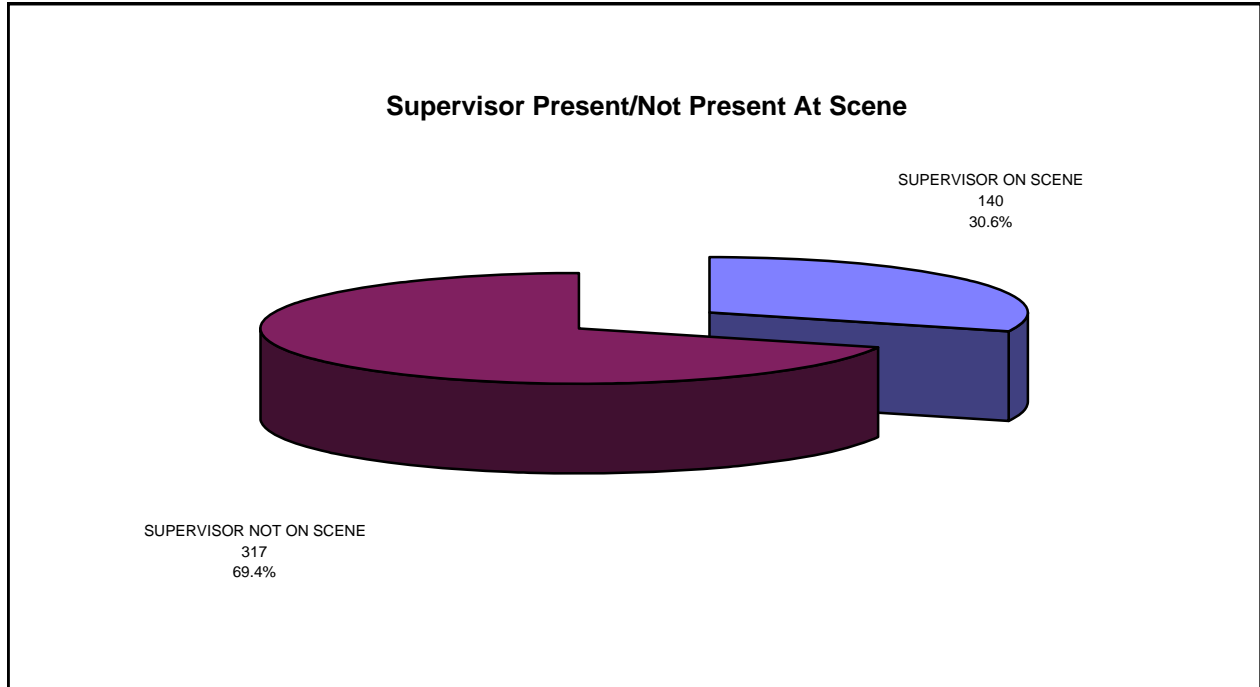
OFFICER'S INJURED *



55 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

* Data based on the Year 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."