

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:

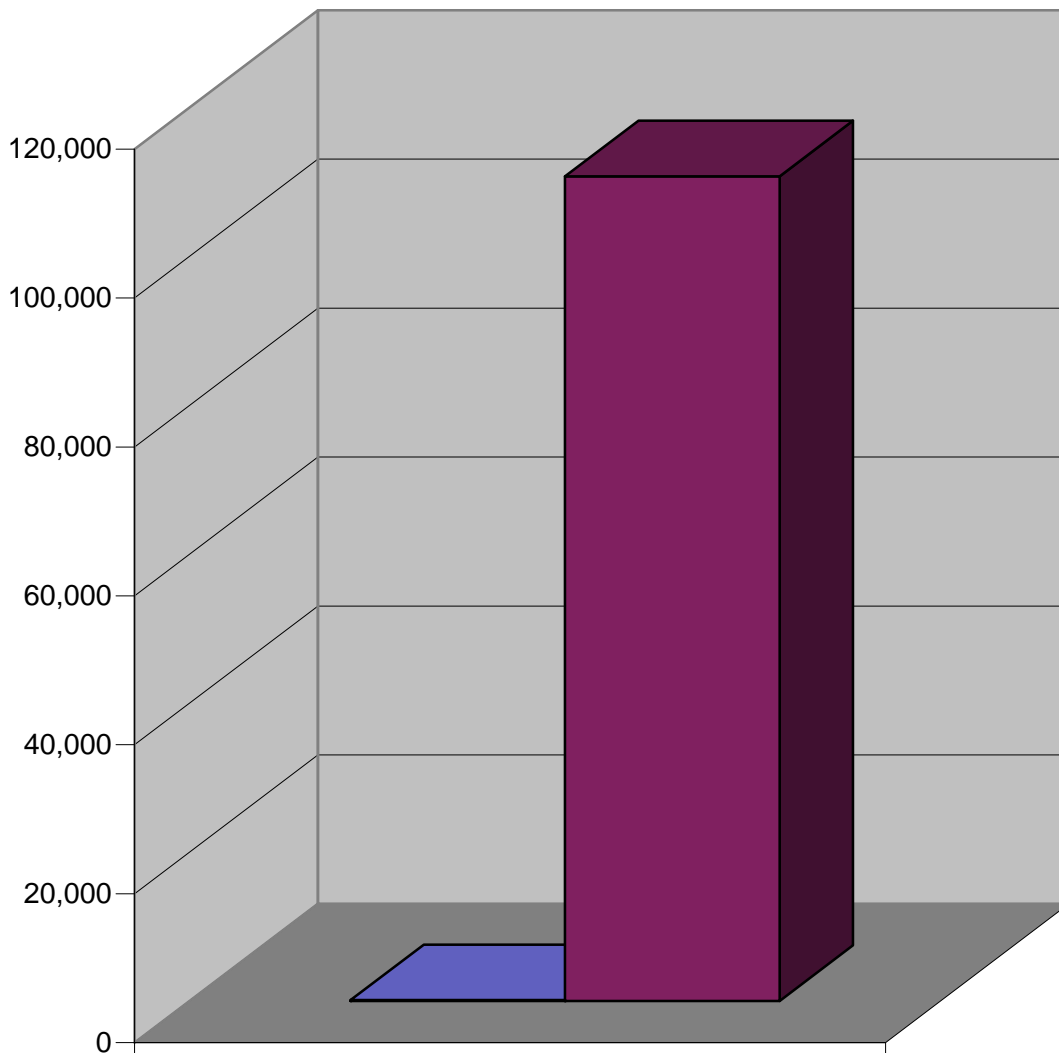
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (i.e. fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (i.e. flashlight, clipboard, etc); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display) a department issued weapon (i.e. electronic immobilizing device,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

Fresno police officers applied force in 121 incidents while responding to 110,760 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in less than one-ninth of one percent (0.00109%) 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	121
■ CALLS FOR SERVICE	110,760

CFS does not include events handled telephonically.
0.00109% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

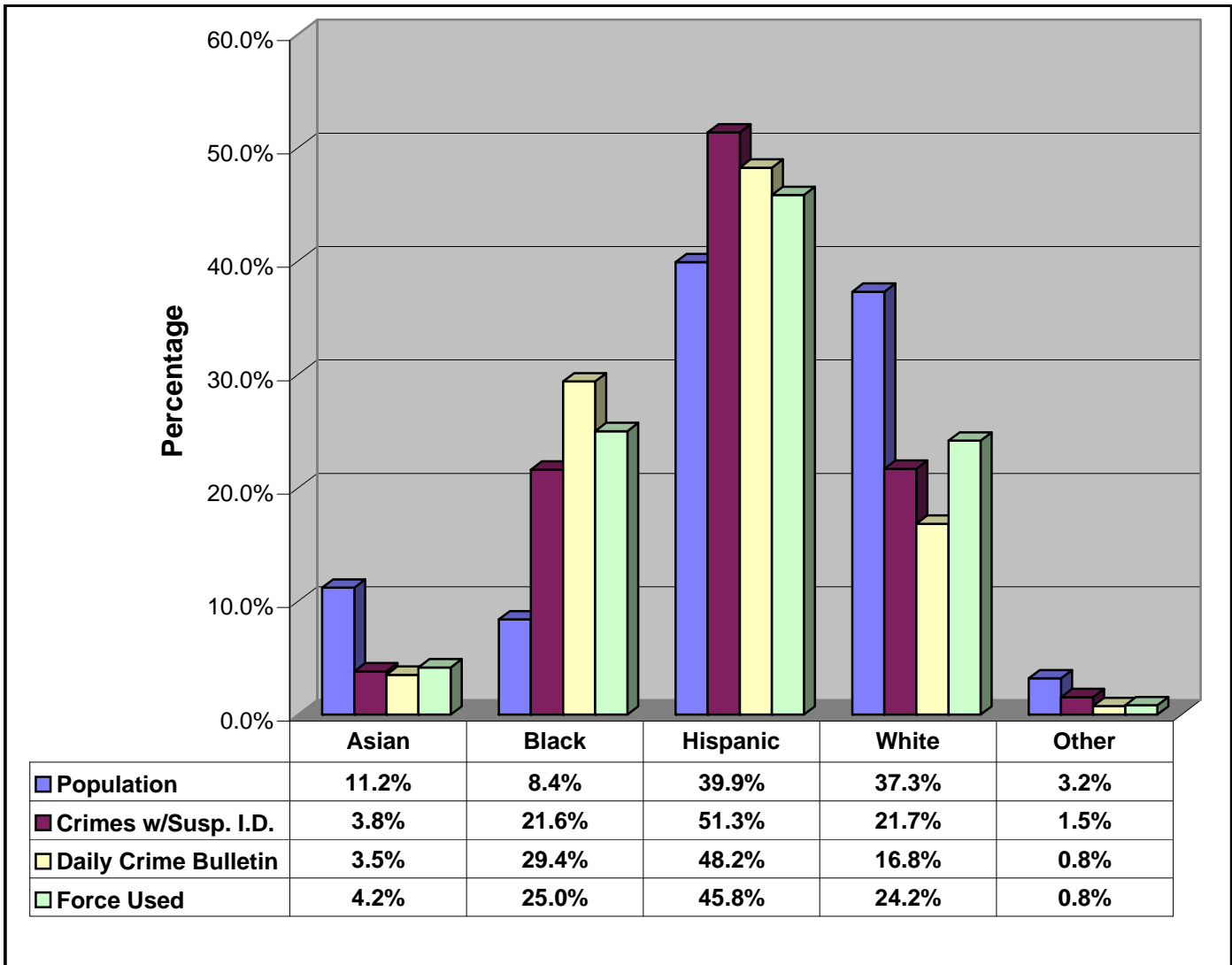
Suspect Demographics

	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 (13,856)	529	2,994	7,115	3,004	214
Percentage	3.8%	21.6%	51.3%	21.7%	1.5%
Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (393)**	14	117	192	67	3
Percentage	3.5%	29.4%	48.2%	16.8%	0.8%
Force Applications (120)***	5	30	55	29	1
Percentage	4.2%	25.0%	45.8%	24.2%	0.8%

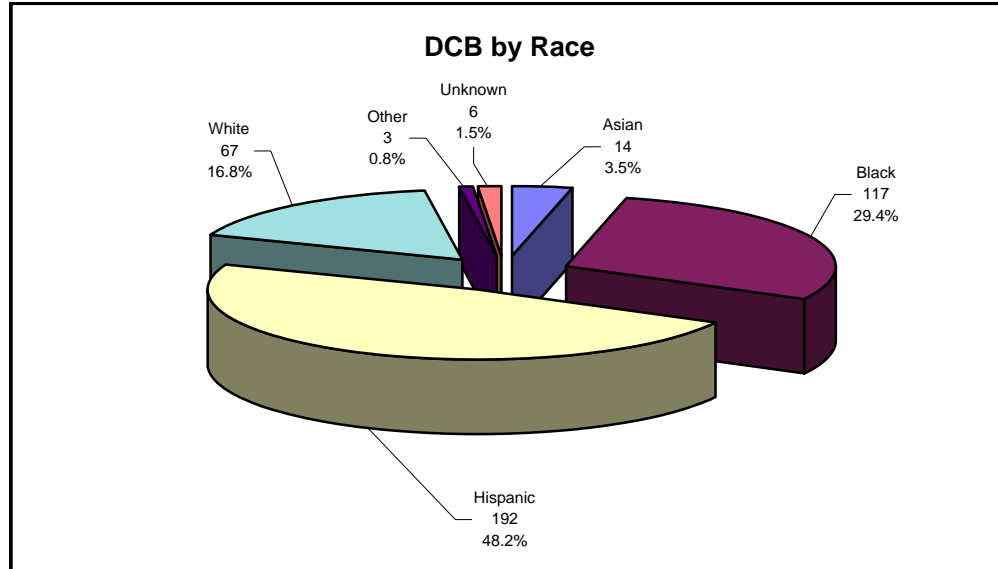
* 2000 Census

** 6 persons or 1.5% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

*** Of the 121 reportable force cases, 1 had no age or race data available



DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 398

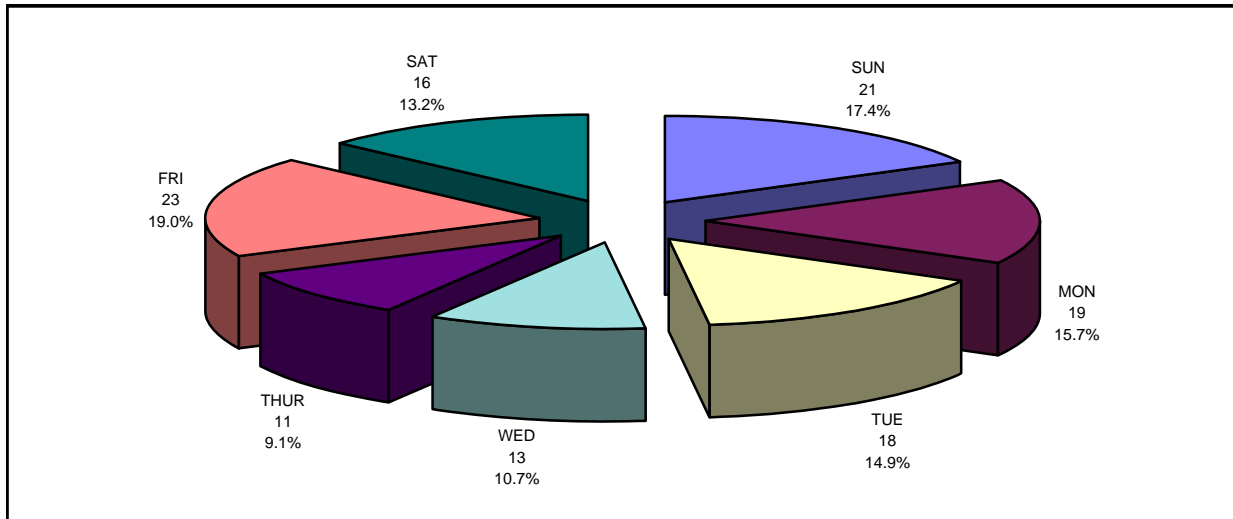


Order by Race:	Asian	-	3.5%
	Black	-	29.4%
	Hispanic	-	48.2%
	White	-	16.8%
	Other	-	0.8%
	Unknown	-	1.5%

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.)

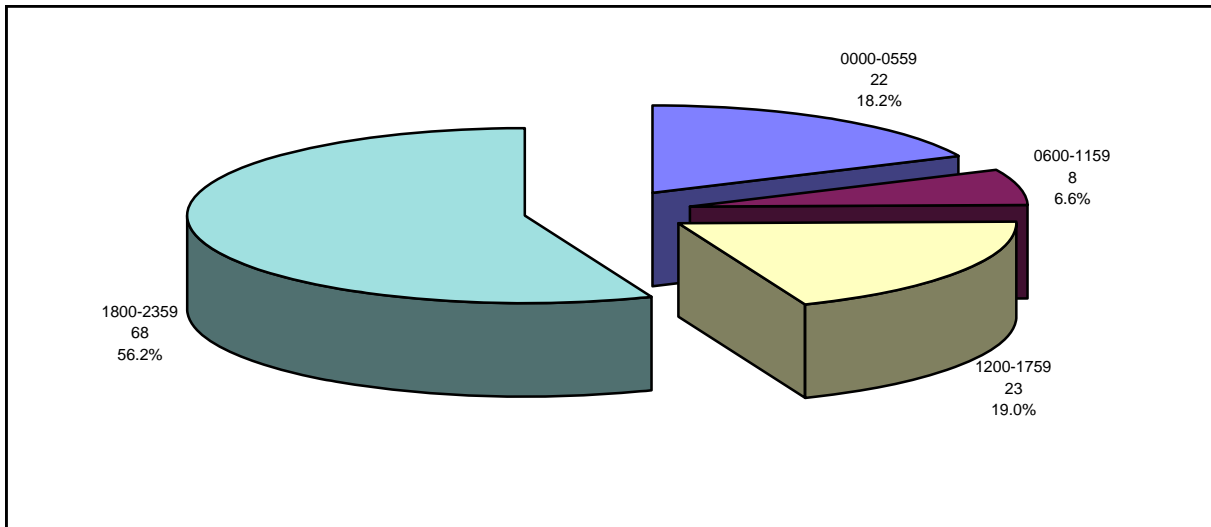
FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Friday	-	19.0%
Sunday	-	17.4%
Monday	-	15.7%
Tuesday	-	14.9%
Saturday	-	13.2%
Wednesday	-	10.7%
Thursday	-	9.1%

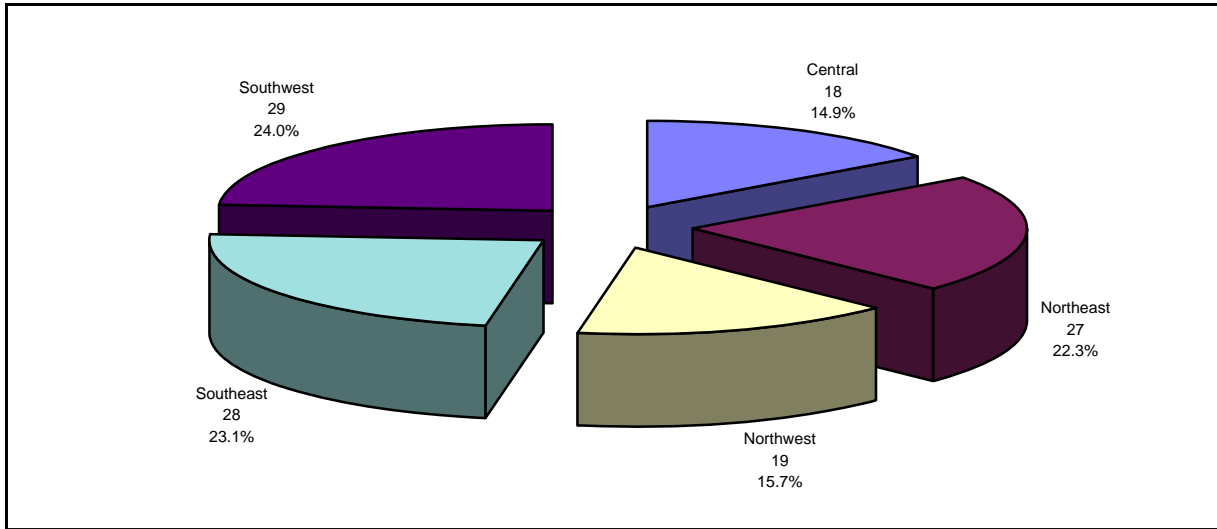
FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	56.2%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	19.0%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	18.2%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	6.6%

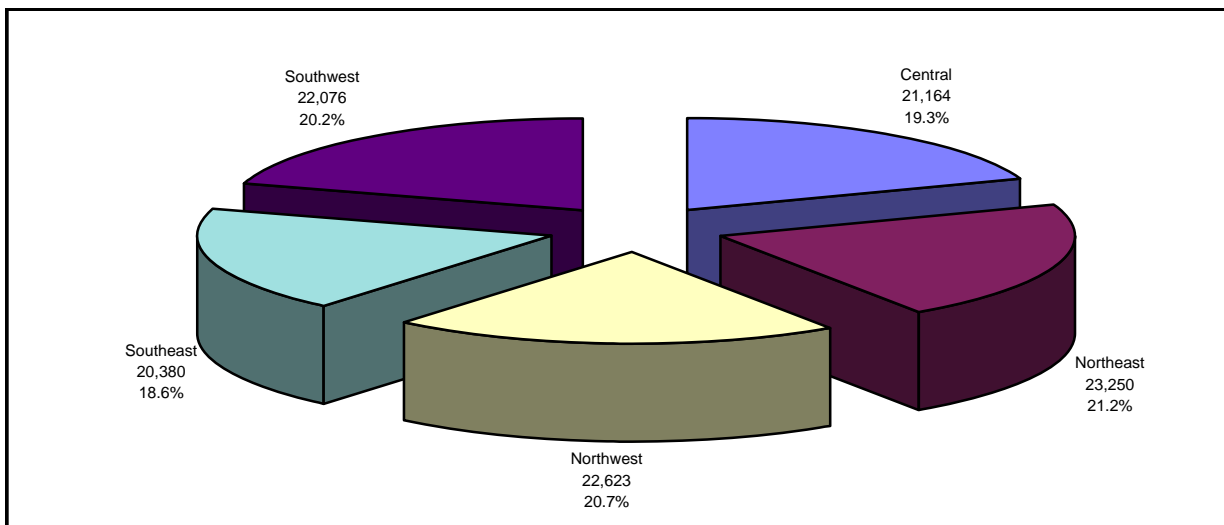
FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT*



Of the 121 force incidents, 0 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	Southwest	-	24.0%
	Southeast	-	23.1%
	Northeast	-	22.3%
	Northwest	-	15.7%
	Central	-	14.9%

ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY POLICING DISTRICT*

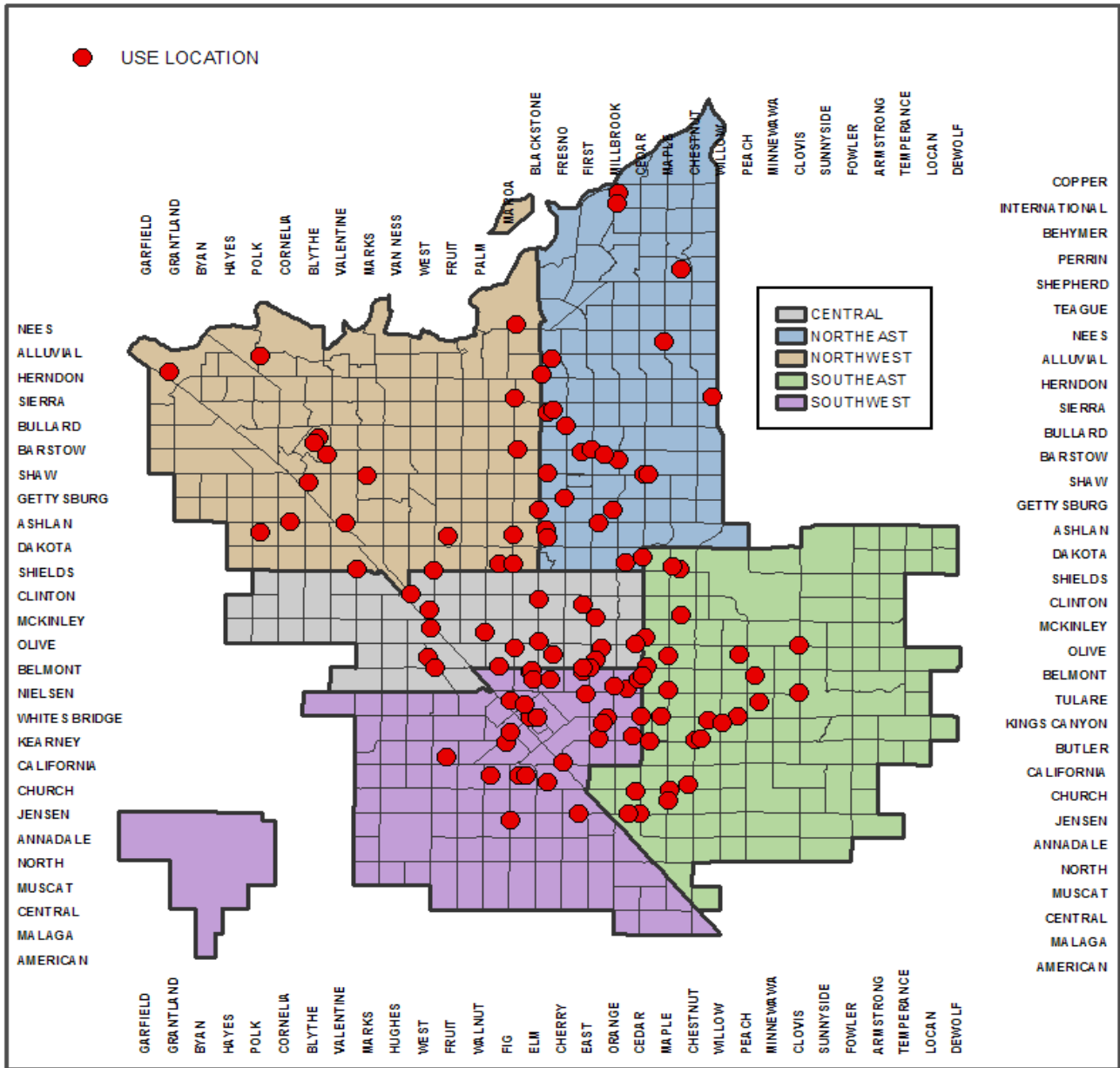


Of the 110,760 CFS, 1,267 were not assigned to a specific district.

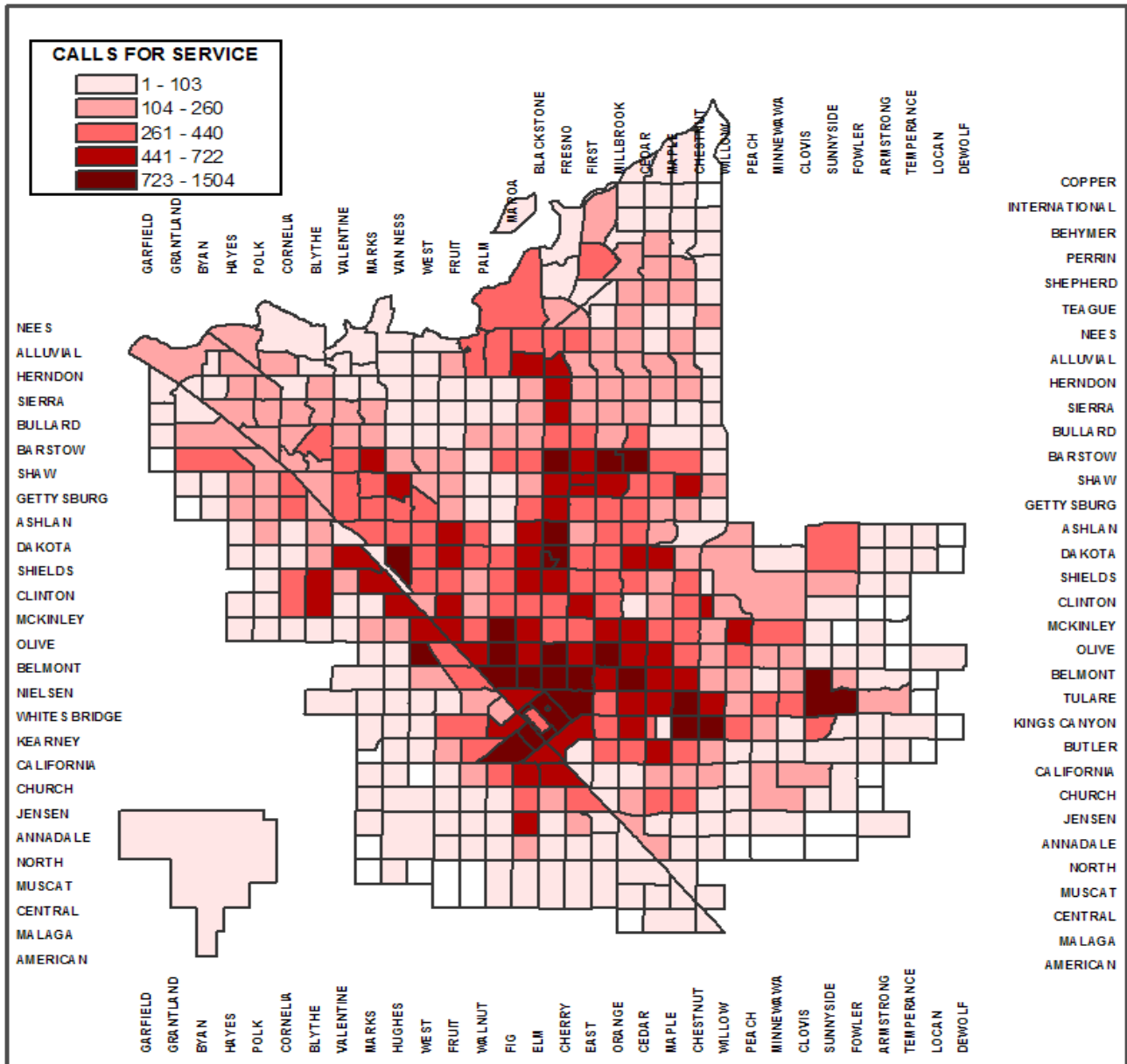
Order by District:	Northeast	-	21.2%
	Northwest	-	20.7%
	Southwest	-	20.2%
	Central	-	19.3%
	Southeast	-	18.6%

* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

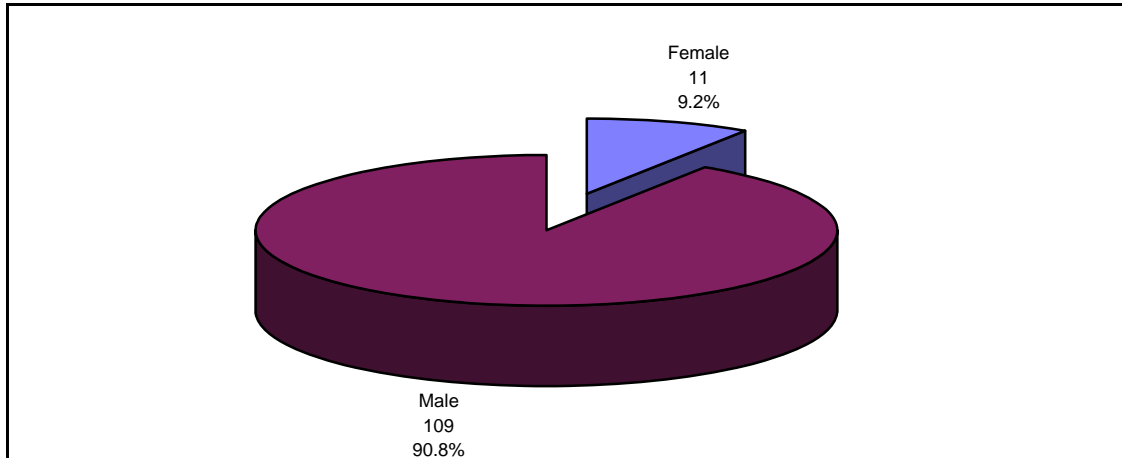
FORCE USED BY DISTRICT



PART I CRIMES BY ZONE



FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 121 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	80	303	777	173	21	1,354
18-23	132	751	1,566	584	62	3,095
24-29	120	504	1,589	561	43	2,817
30-35	87	425	1,099	406	22	2,039
36-41	46	329	865	465	23	1,728
42-47	26	295	654	354	16	1,345
48-53	20	209	330	265	18	842
54-59	12	127	164	121	5	429
60-65	6	39	44	49	1	139
66 and Over	0	12	27	26	3	68
Total	529	2,994	7,115	3,004	214	13,856

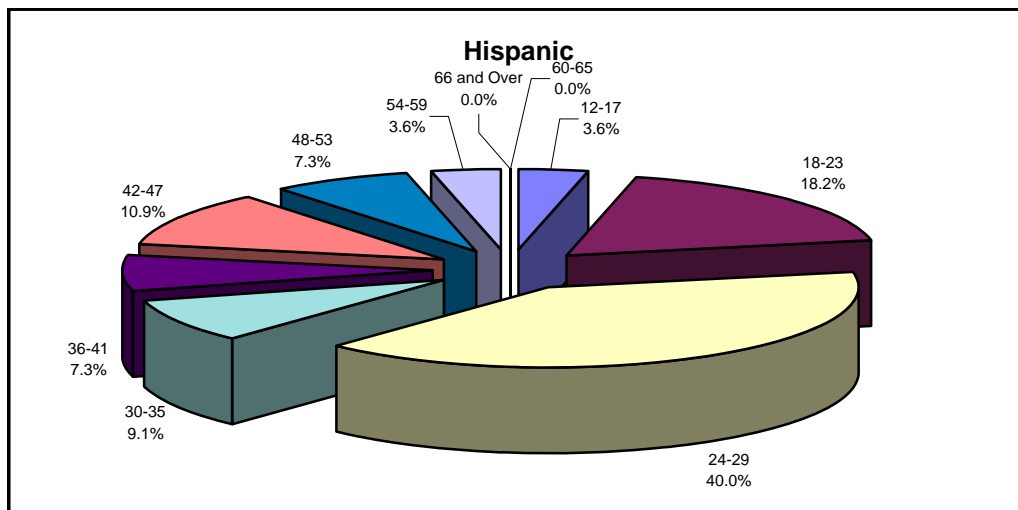
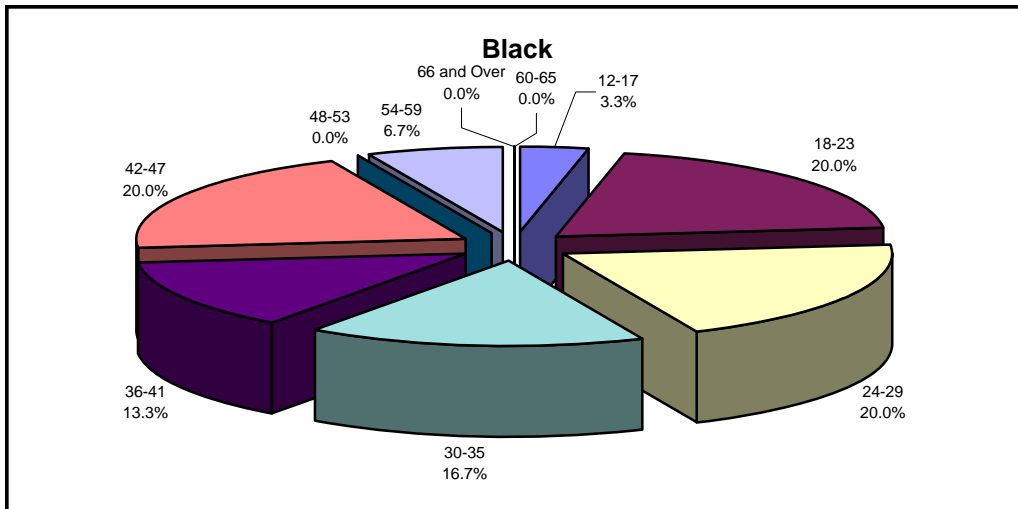
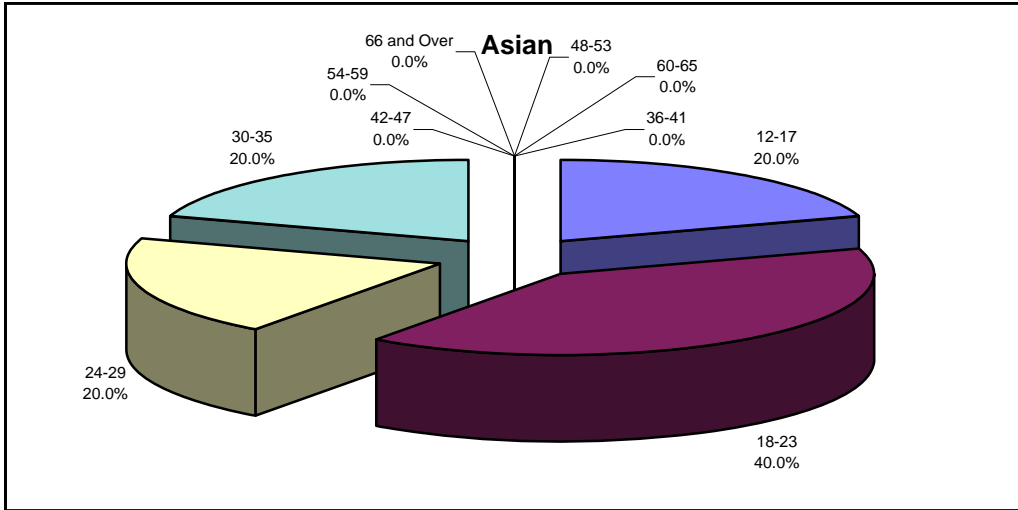
Of the 13,919 reported crime suspects, 13,856 had both age and race data.

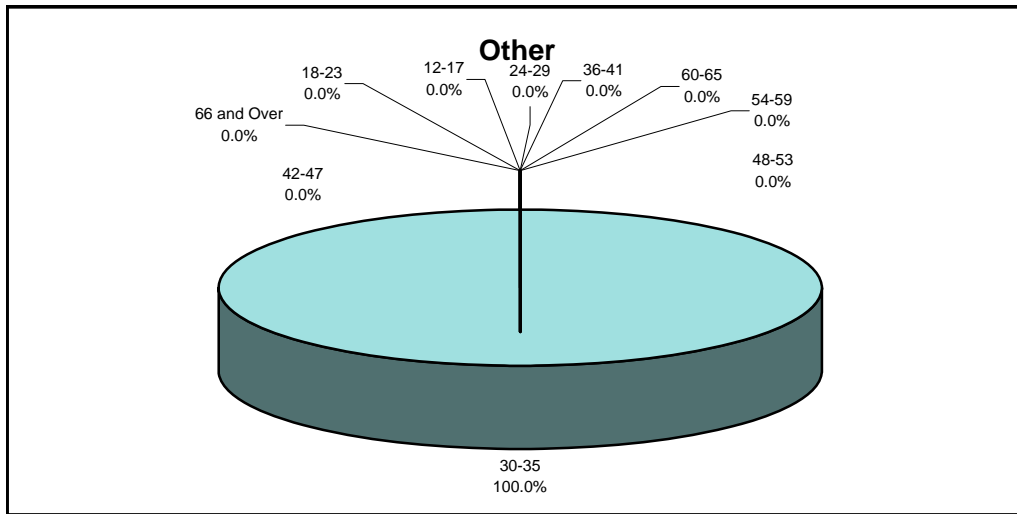
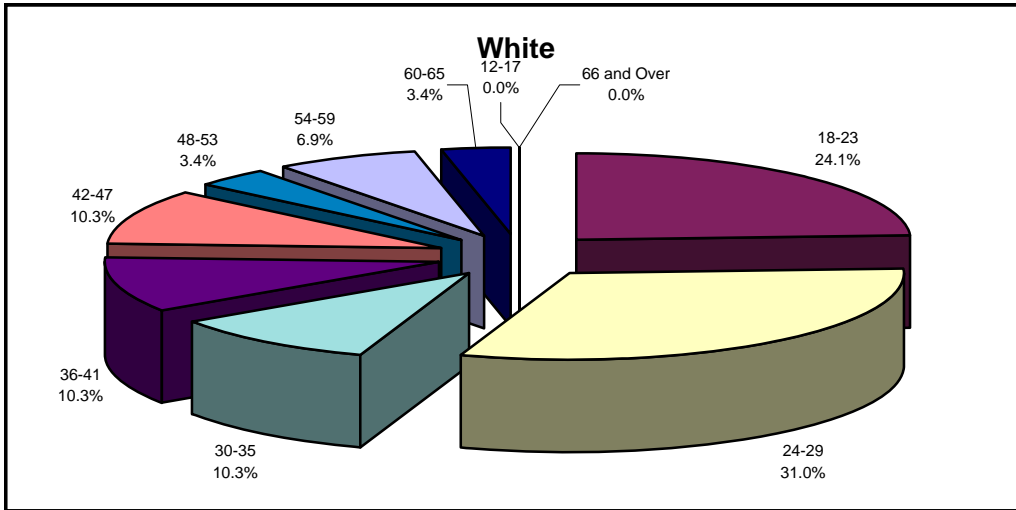
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	1	1	2			4
18-23	2	6	10	7		25
24-29	1	6	22	9		38
30-35	1	5	5	3	1	15
36-41		4	4	3		11
42-47		6	6	3		15
48-53			4	1		5
54-59		2	2	2		6
60-65				1		1
66 and Over						0
Total	5	30	55	29	1	120

Of the 121 force incidents, 120 had both age and race data.

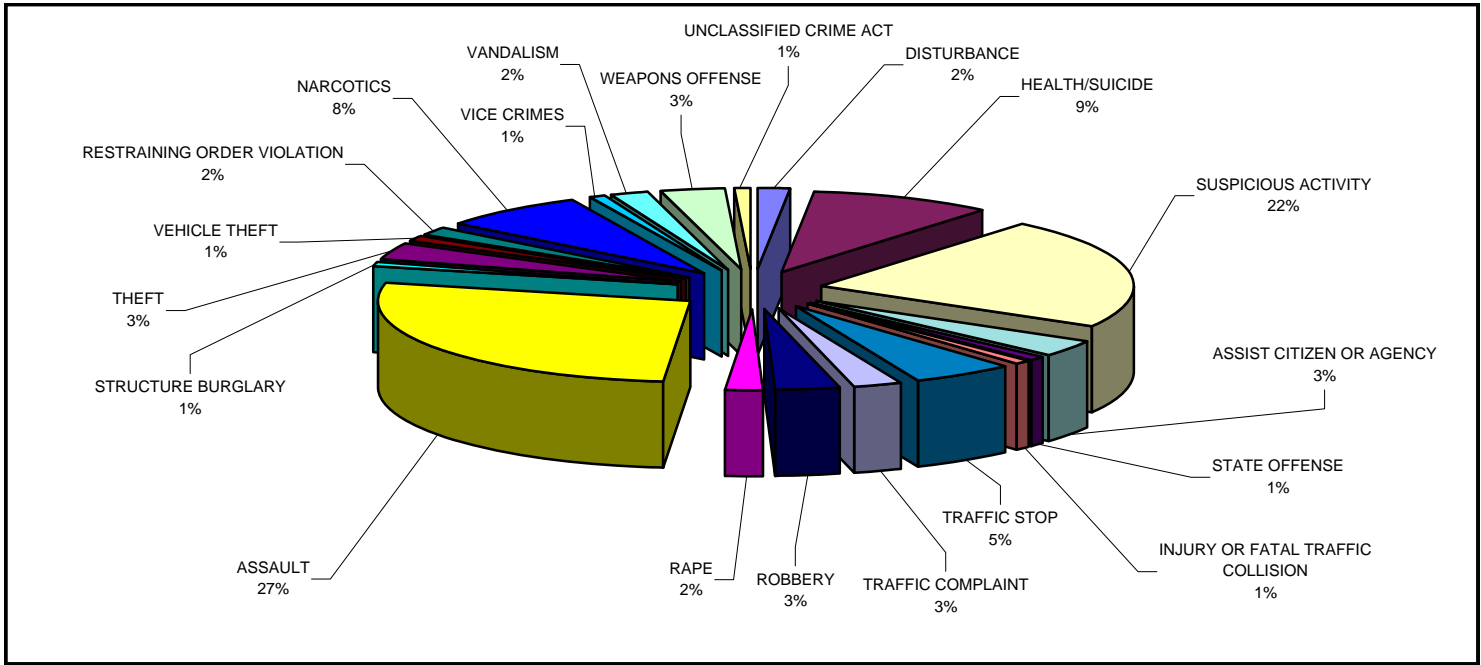
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





"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



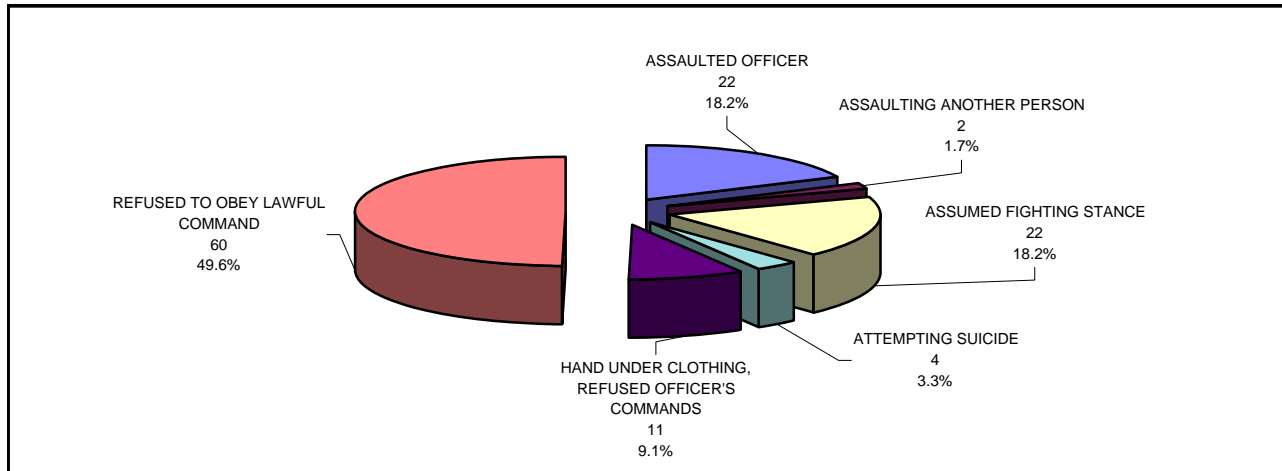
Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:

Force Incident Clearance Code	Force Incidents:	CFS Total:
ASSAULT	32	2135
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	26	18796
HEALTH/SUICIDE	11	3641
NARCOTICS	9	1156
TRAFFIC STOP	6	23162
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	4	4252
ROBBERY	4	405
THEFT	4	3161
WEAPONS OFFENSE	4	897
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	3	4280
DISTURBANCE	2	17421
RAPE	2	394
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION	2	651
VANDALISM	2	1546
STATE OFFENSE	1	0
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION	1	478
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	1	4692
VEHICLE THEFT	1	2285
VICE CRIMES	1	406
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	1	423
TOTAL	117 **	

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

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

SUSPECT'S ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



Order by Action:

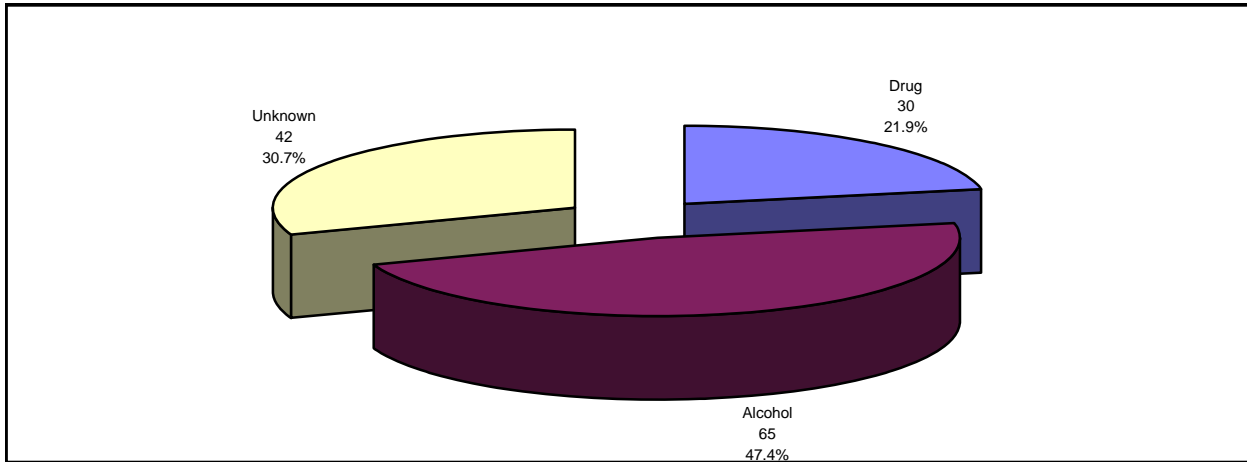
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	49.6%
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	18.2%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	18.2%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	9.1%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	3.3%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	1.7%

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
DISTURBANCE	0	0	1	0	0	1
HEALTH/SUICIDE	2	0	2	3	0	4
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	2	1	5	1	1	16
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	0	0	2	0	0	2
STATE OFFENSE	0	0	0	0	0	1
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISIO	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC STOP	1	0	1	0	0	4
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0	3
ROBBERY	1	0	0	0	1	2
RAPE	0	0	1	0	0	1
ASSAULT	12	1	8	0	2	9
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	1	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT	0	0	0	0	1	3
VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	1	0	0	0
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION	1	0	0	0	0	1
NARCOTICS	0	0	0	0	2	7
VICE CRIMES	0	0	0	0	1	0
VANDALISM	0	0	1	0	0	1
WEAPONS OFFENSE	0	0	0	0	2	2
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	20	2	22	4	10	59

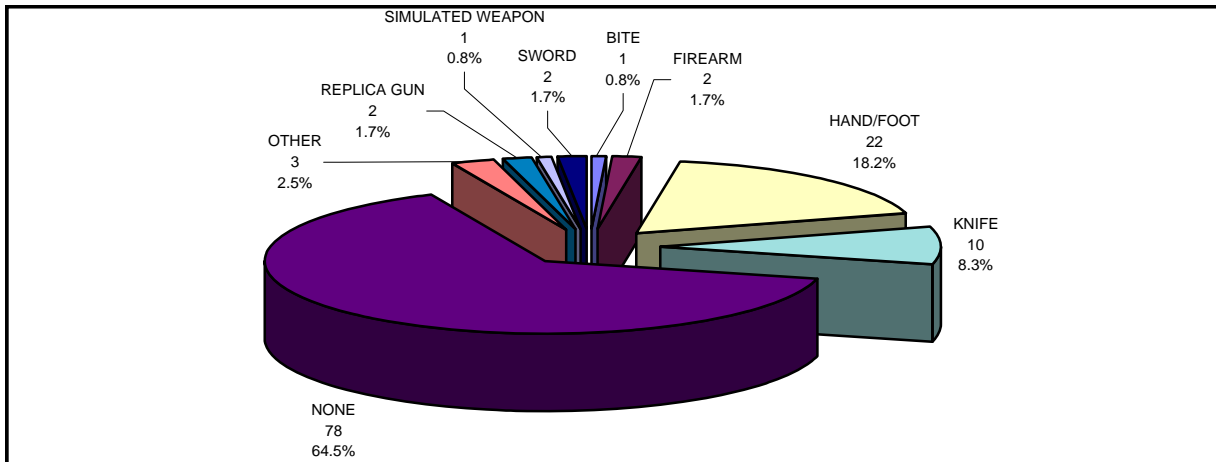
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SUSPECT'S DRUG/ALCOHOL USE WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



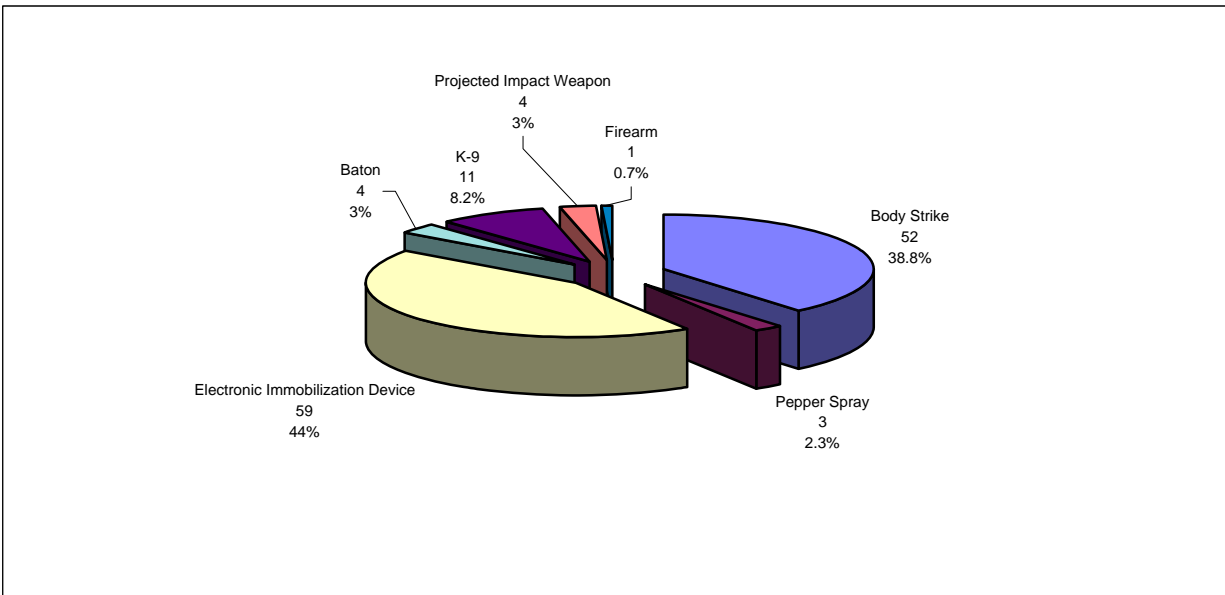
Some suspects were under the influence of both drugs and alcohol.

SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon:	NONE	-	64.5%
	HAND/FOOT	-	18.2%
	KNIFE	-	8.3%
	OTHER	-	2.5%
	FIREARM	-	1.7%
	REPLICA GUN	-	1.7%
	SWORD	-	1.7%
	BITE	-	0.8%
	SIMULATED WEAPON	-	0.8%

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	-	44.0%
Body Strike	-	38.8%
K-9	-	8.2%
Baton	-	3.0%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	3.0%
Pepper Spray	-	2.3%
Firearm	-	0.7%

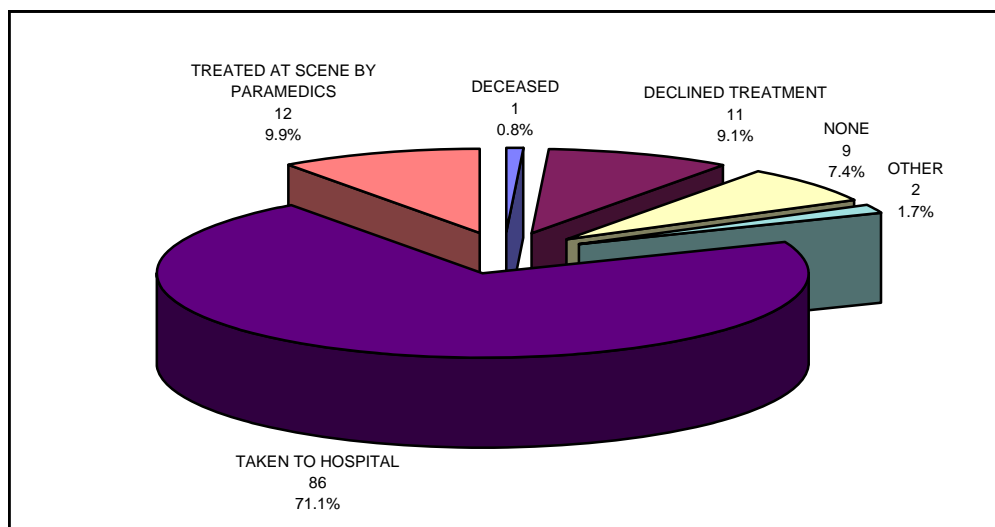
Note: Electronic Immobilization Device is also referred to as a Taser.

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

OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES, WEAPON RETENTION

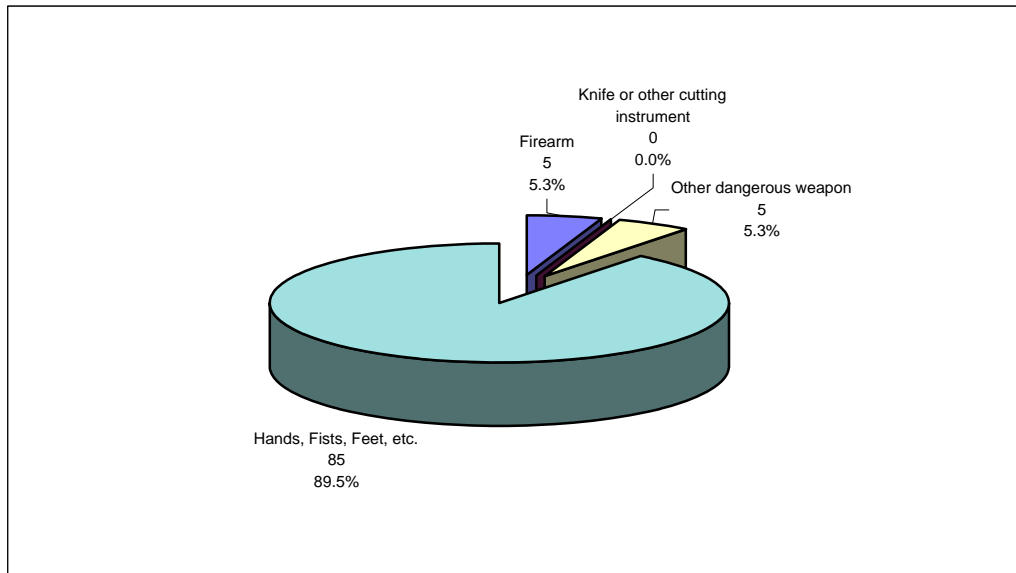
* No incidents occurred this quarter whereby a suspect attempted to remove, or removed, an officer's weapon.

SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



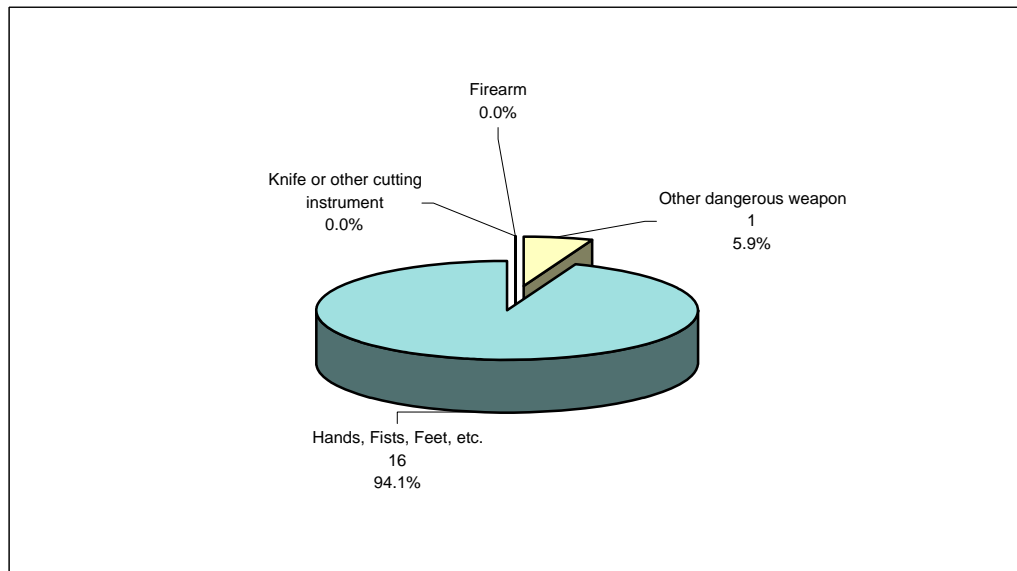
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically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

OFFICER'S ASSAULTED *



95 officers were assaulted.

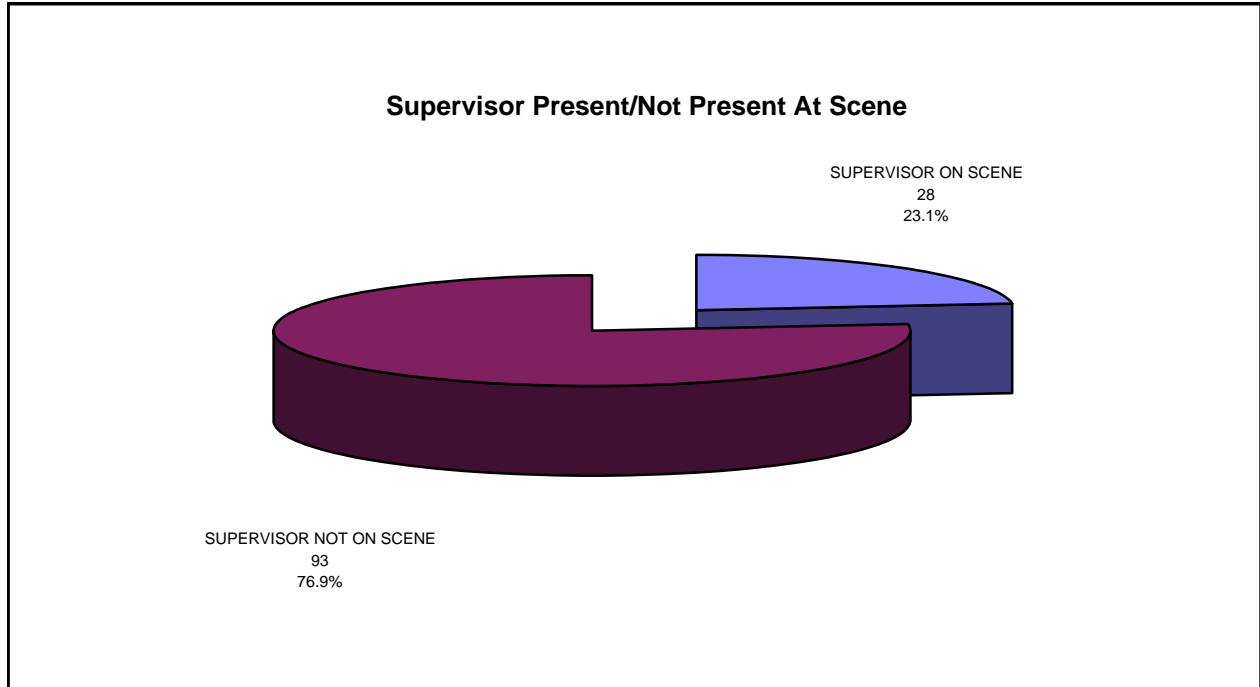
OFFICER'S INJURED *



17 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

* Data based on the 2nd Qtr 2009 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."