

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.

Until recently, the Department had no method to determine the number of times officers used non-lethal means to resolve potentially lethal situations, losing critical information needed to illustrate this important fact.

Effective March 31, 2003, the Professional Standards Unit began reviewing 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:

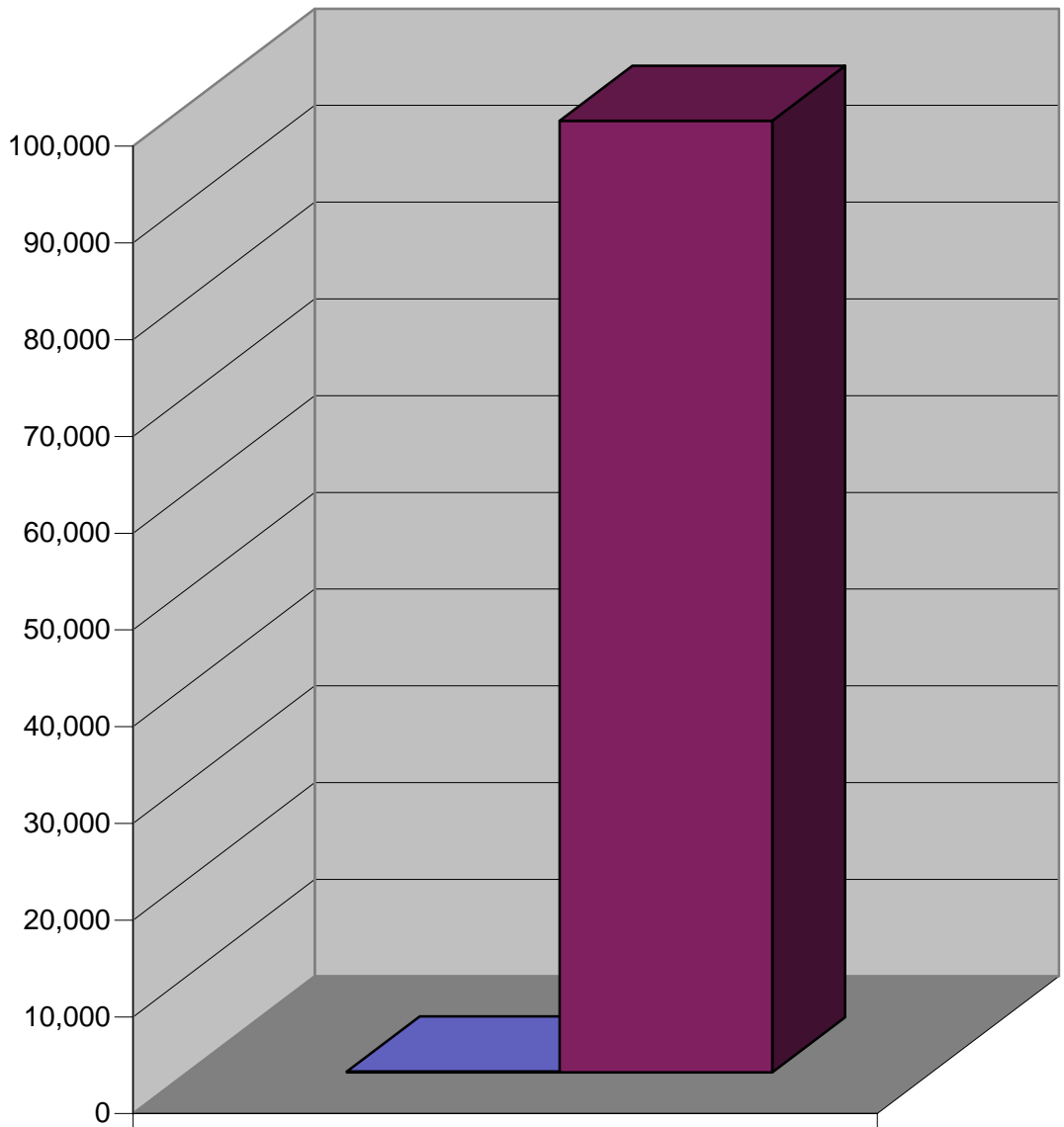
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (i.e. fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (i.e. flashlight, clipboard, etc); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display) a department issued weapon (i.e. electronic immobilizing device,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

Fresno police officers applied force in 104 incidents while responding to 98,369 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in less than one-sixth of one percent (0.11%) of all calls for service for this reporting period.

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



	Total
<b>FORCE USED</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>98,369</b>

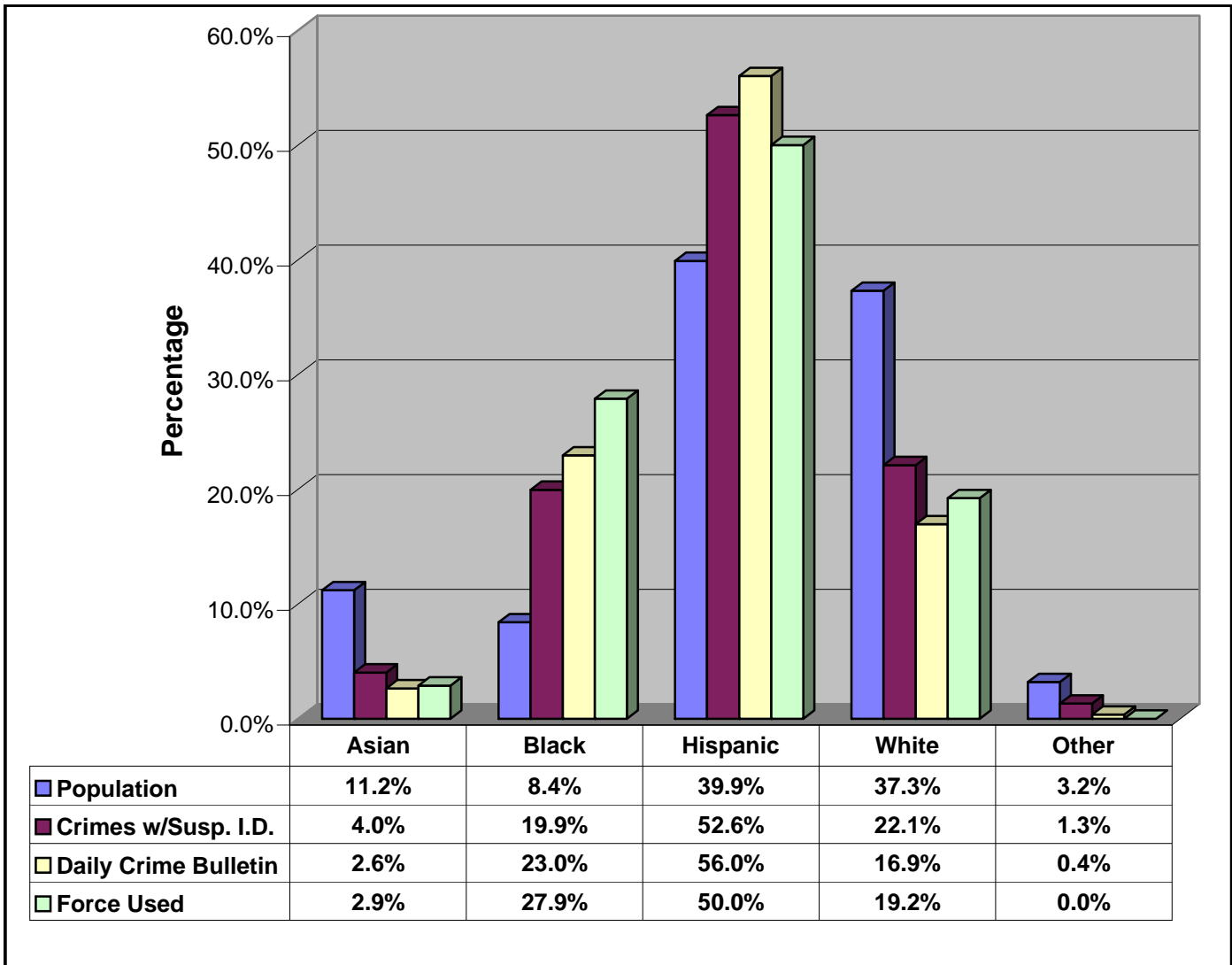
CFS does not include events handled telephonically.  
0.11% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

### Suspect Demographics

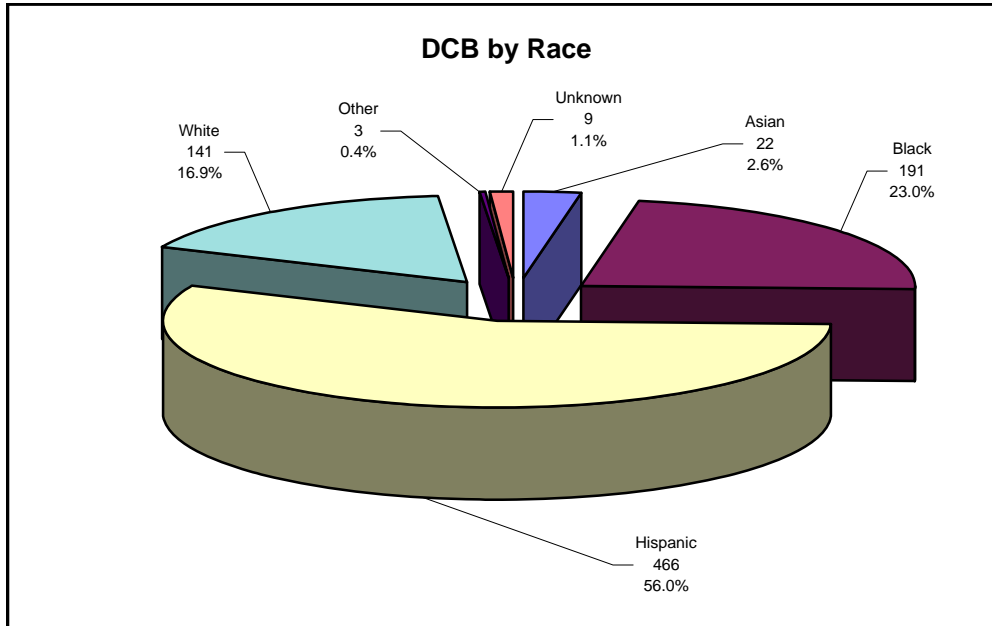
	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
<b>City of Fresno Pop. (427,652)*</b>	48,028	35,763	170,520	159,473	13,868
<b>Percentage</b>	11.2%	8.4%	39.9%	37.3%	3.2%
<b>Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (13,900)</b>	559	2,773	7,312	3,072	184
<b>Percentage</b>	4.0%	19.9%	52.6%	22.1%	1.3%
<b>Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (823)**</b>	22	191	466	141	3
<b>Percentage</b>	2.6%	23.0%	56.0%	16.9%	0.4%
<b>Force Applications (104)</b>	3	29	52	20	0
<b>Percentage</b>	2.9%	27.9%	50.0%	19.2%	0.0%

\* 2000 Census

\*\* 9 persons or 1.1% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)



## DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 832

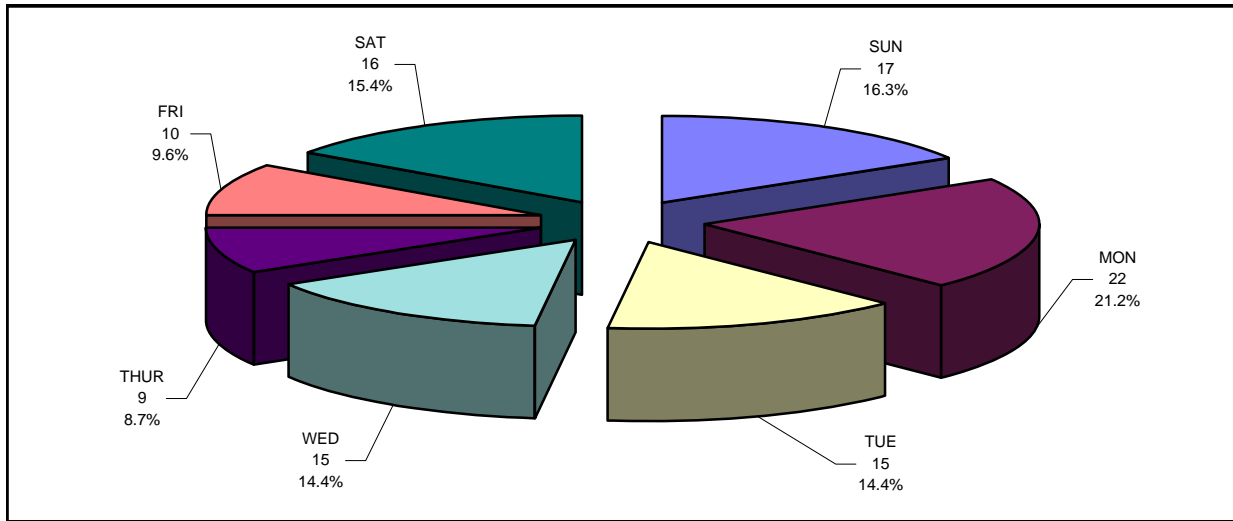


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	56.0%
	Black	-	23.0%
	White	-	16.9%
	Asian	-	2.6%
	Unknown	-	1.1%
	Other	-	0.4%

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.)

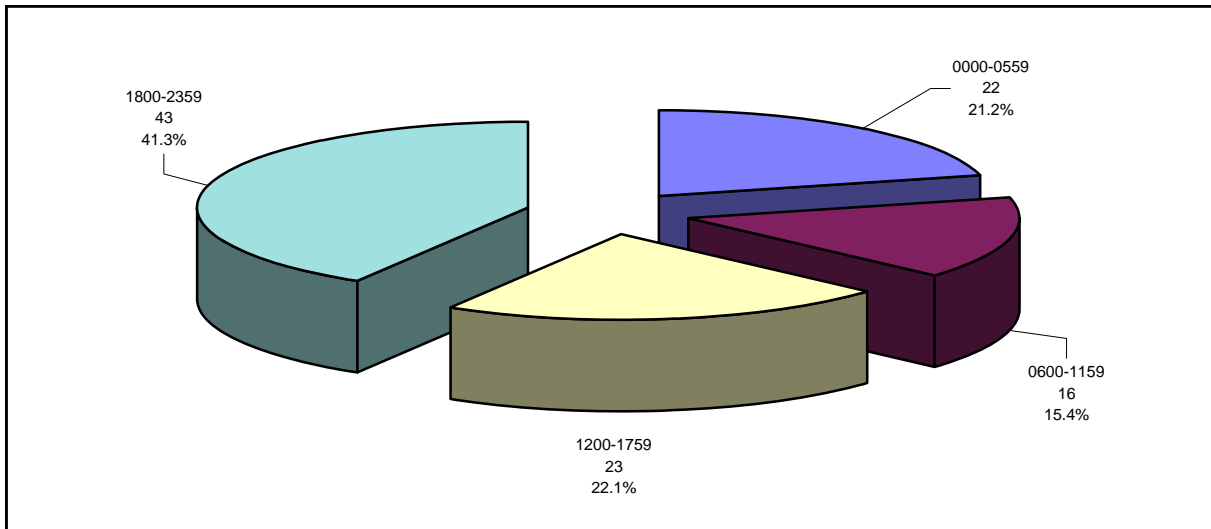
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Monday	-	21.2%
Sunday	-	16.3%
Saturday	-	15.4%
Tuesday	-	14.4%
Wednesday	-	14.4%
Friday	-	9.6%
Thursday	-	8.7%

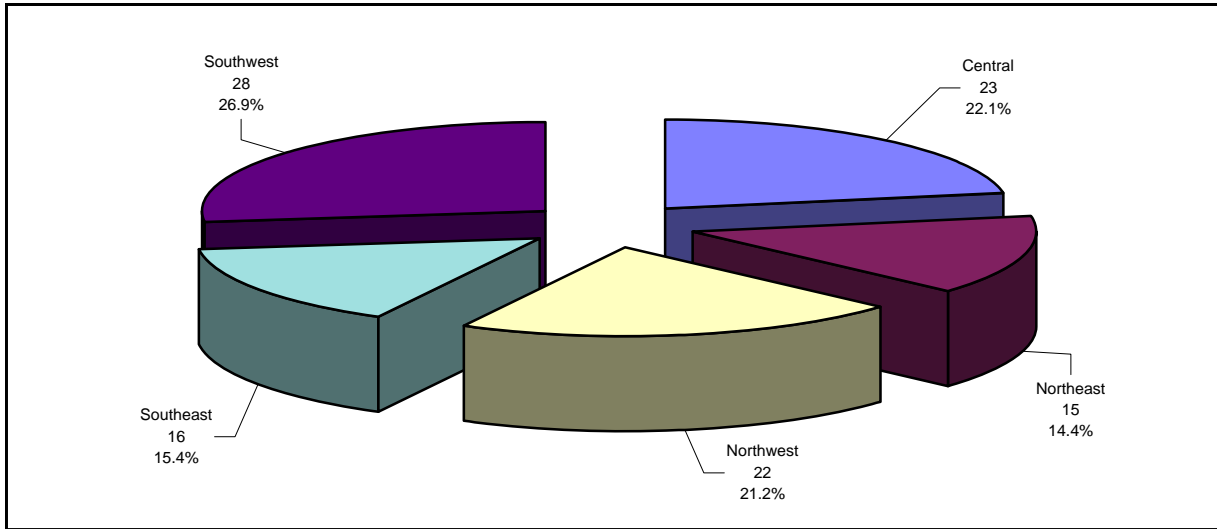
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



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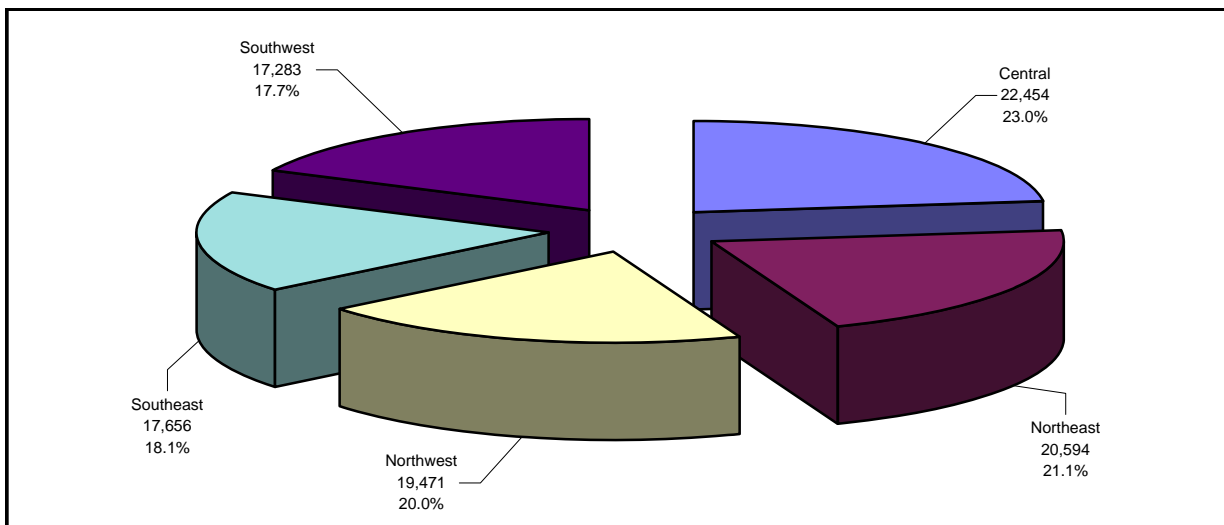
1800 to 2359 hrs	-	41.3%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	22.1%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	21.2%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	15.4%

### FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT\*



Order by District:	Southwest	-	26.9%
	Central	-	22.1%
	Northwest	-	21.2%
	Southeast	-	15.4%
	Northeast	-	14.4%

### ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY POLICING DISTRICT\*

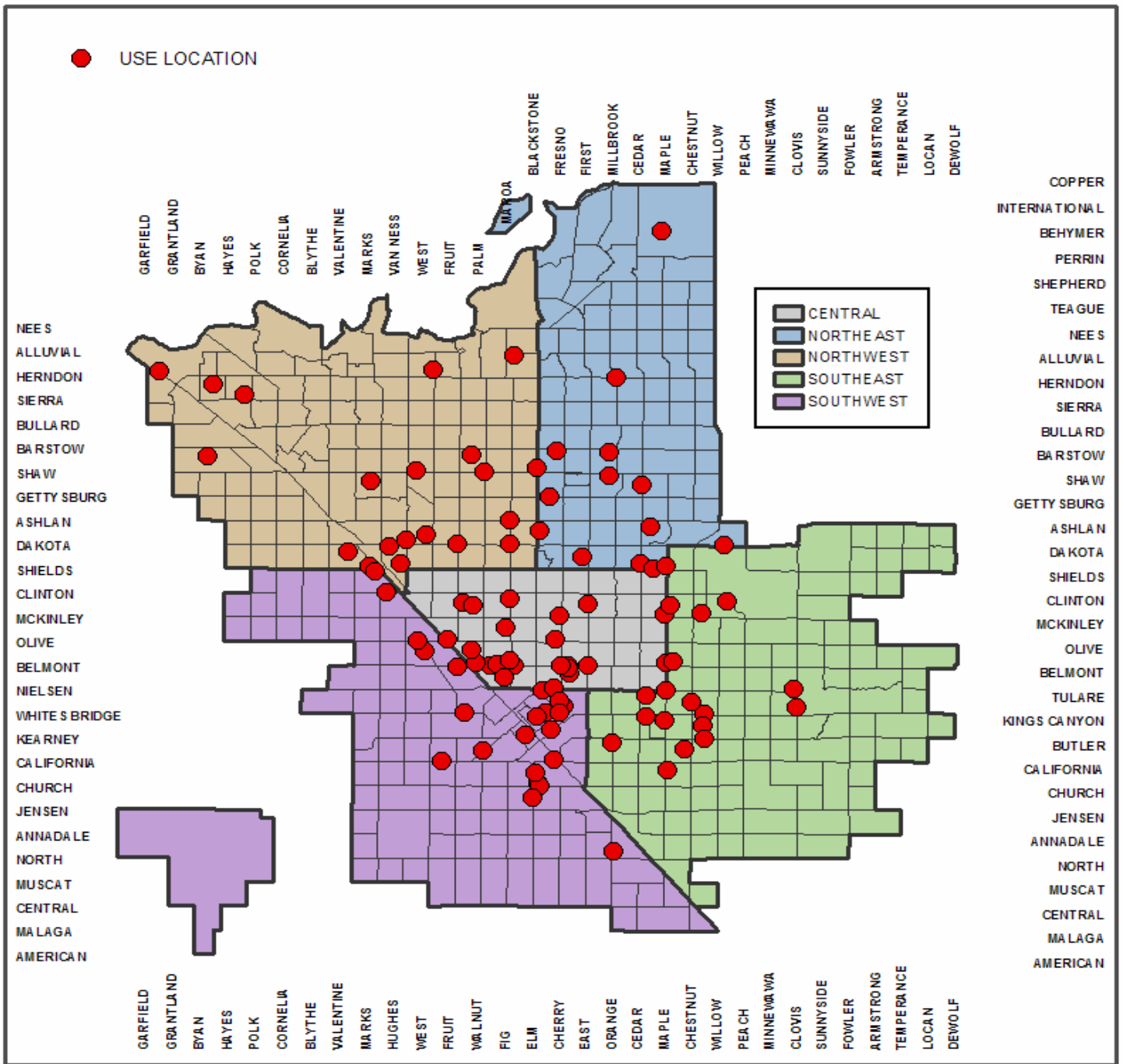


Of the 98,369 CFS, 911 were not assigned to a specific district.

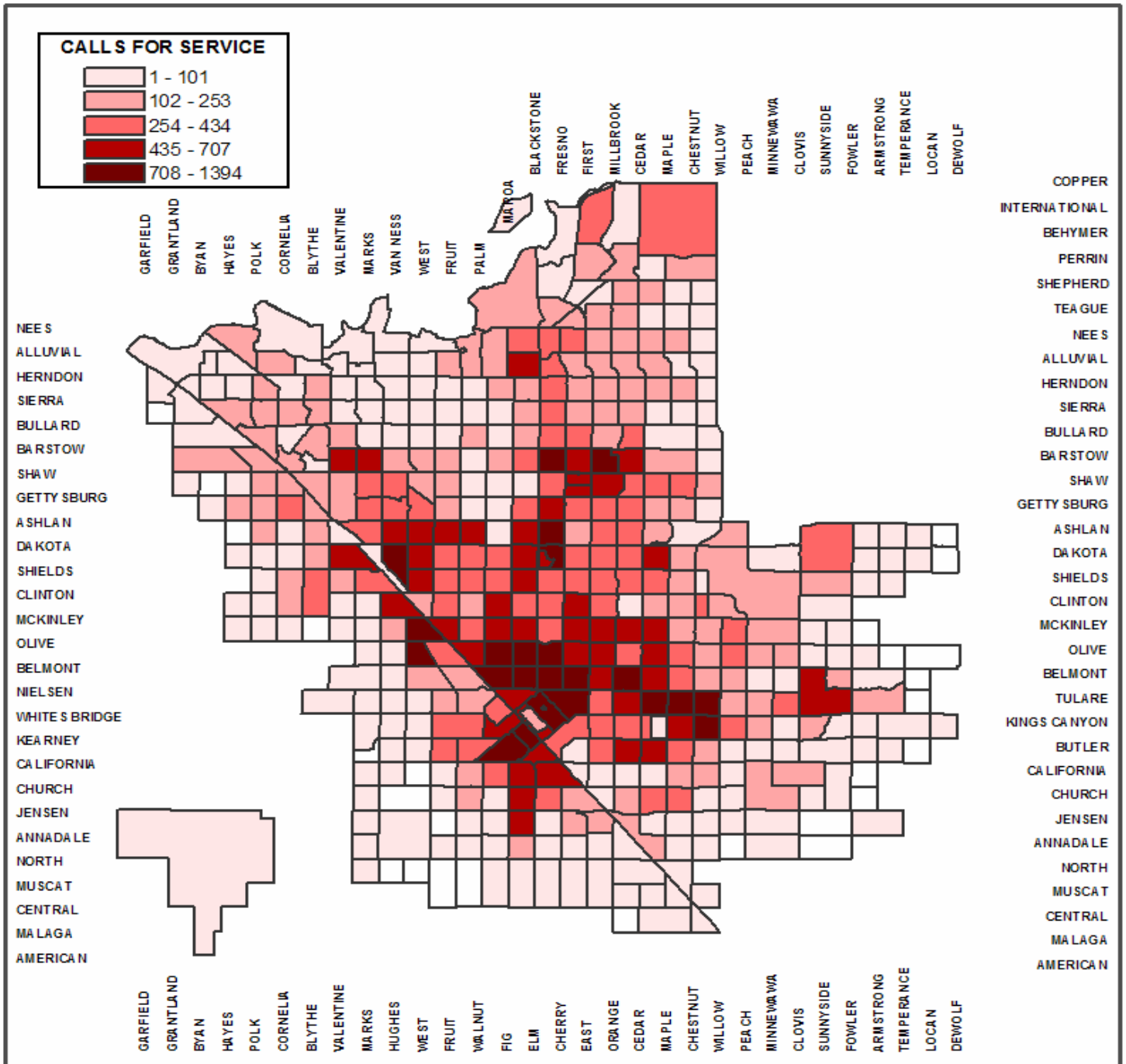
Order by District:	Central	-	23.0%
	Northeast	-	21.1%
	Northwest	-	20.0%
	Southeast	-	18.1%
	Southwest	-	17.7%

\* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

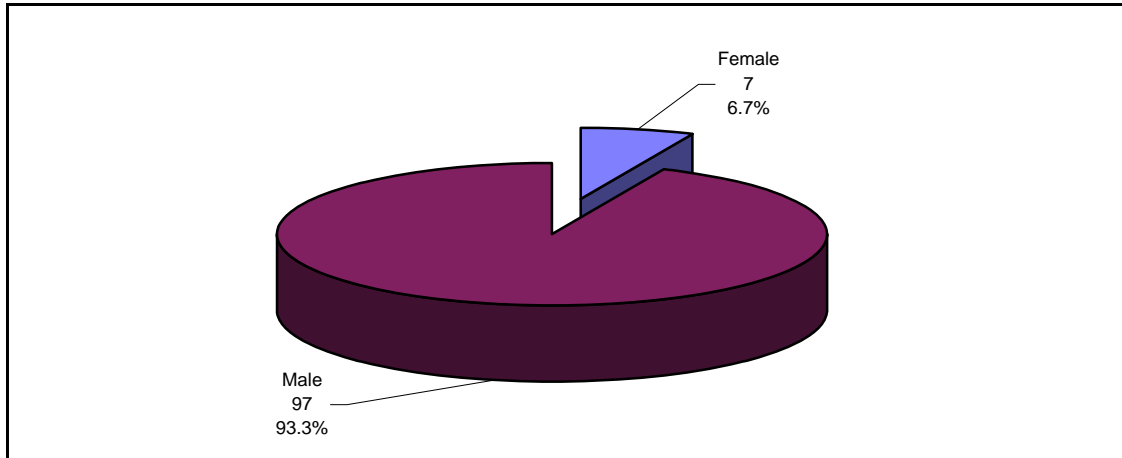
# FORCE USED BY DISTRICT



# PART I CRIMES BY ZONE



## FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



## REPORTED CRIMES BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	134	345	940	244	32	1,695
18-23	181	545	1,684	585	36	3,031
24-29	131	431	1,594	538	37	2,731
30-35	40	364	1,112	397	22	1,935
36-41	28	380	900	427	28	1,763
42-47	25	352	573	472	15	1,437
48-53	13	241	314	280	10	858
54-59	4	84	140	84	2	314
60-65	1	22	39	25	1	88
66 and Over	2	9	16	20	1	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>7,312</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>13,900</b>

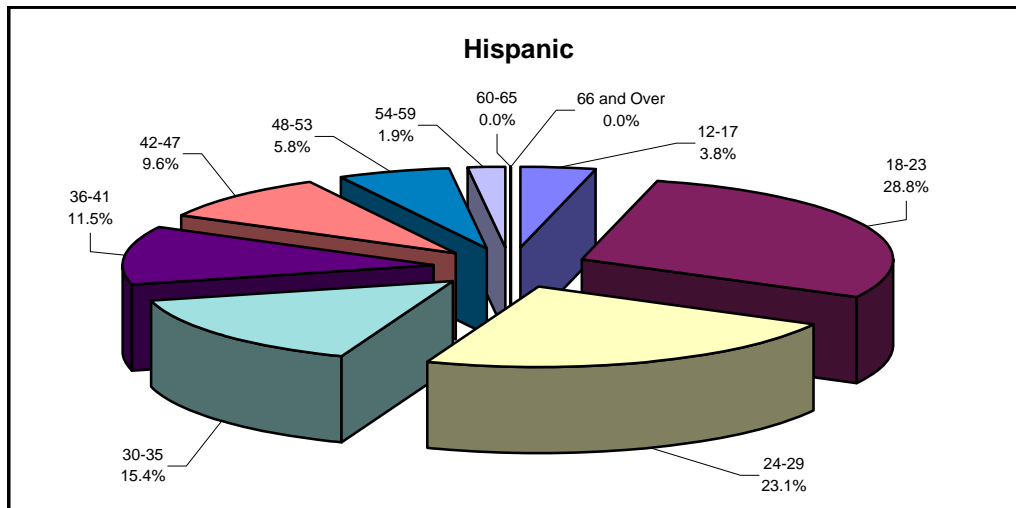
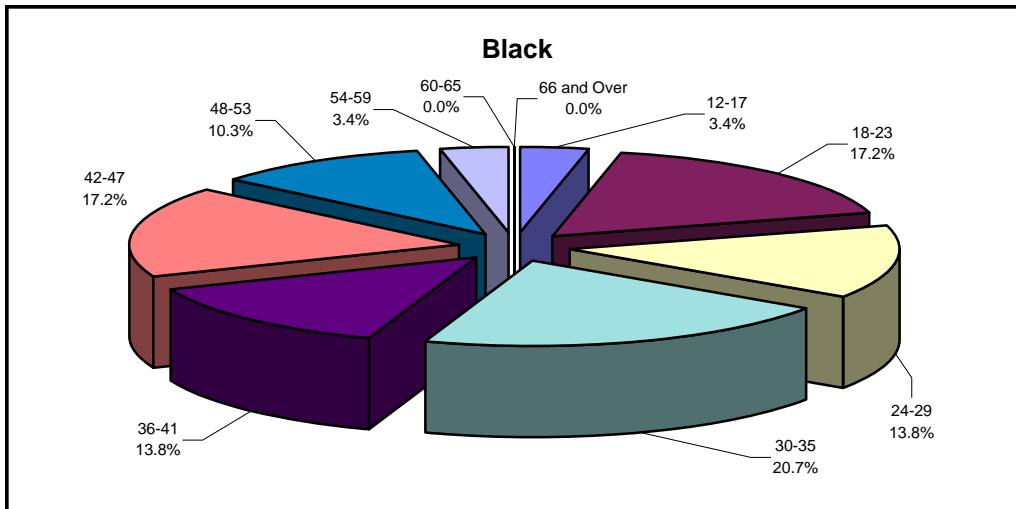
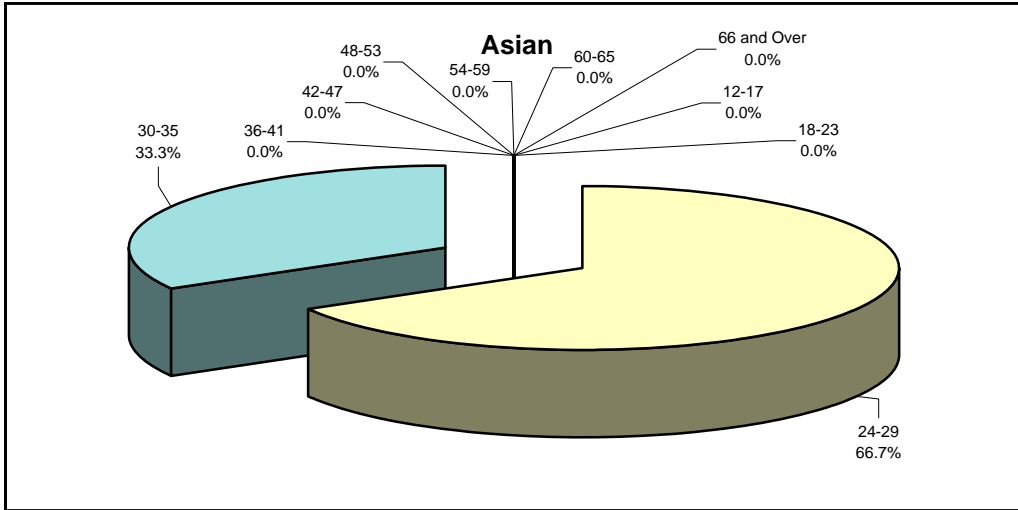
Of the 14,013 reported crime suspects, 13,900 had both age and race data.

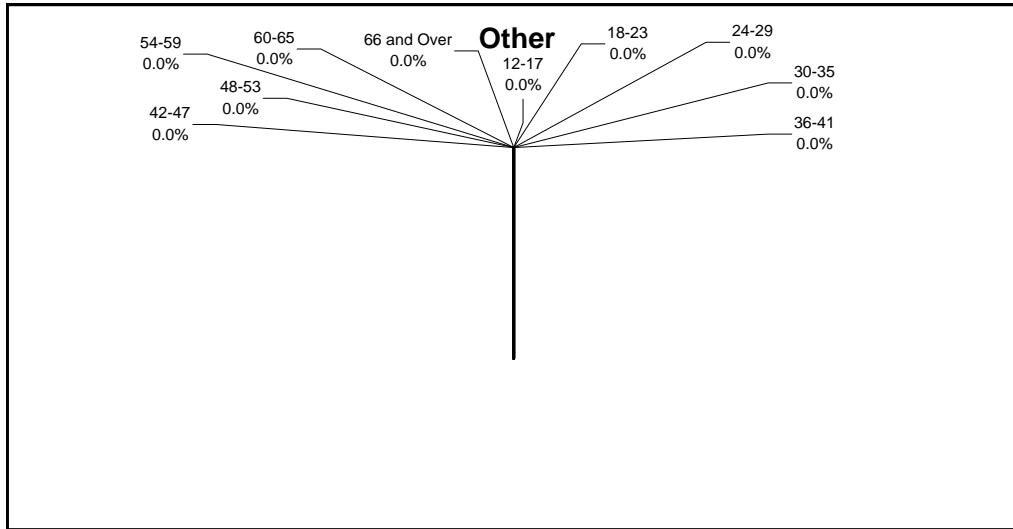
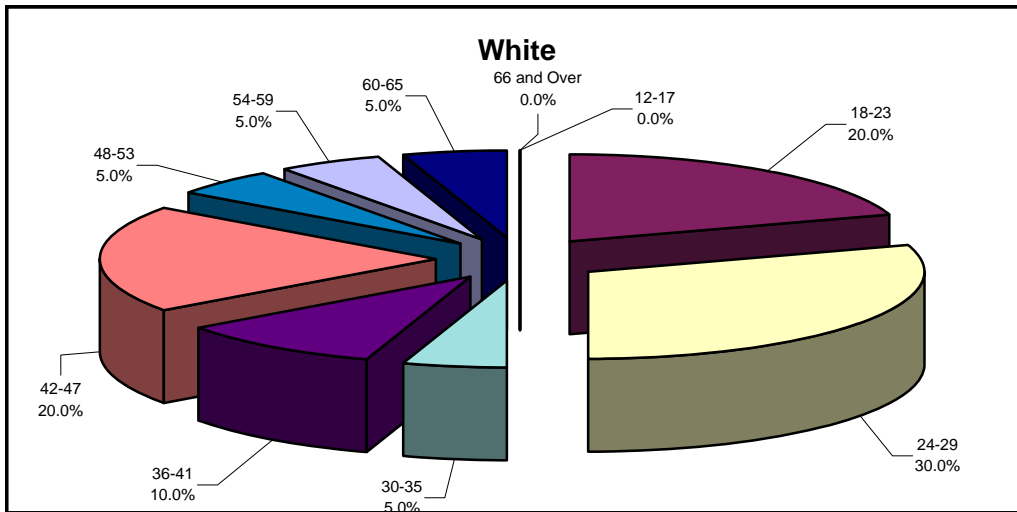
## REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17		1	2			3
18-23		5	15	4		24
24-29	2	4	12	6		24
30-35	1	6	8	1		16
36-41		4	6	2		12
42-47		5	5	4		14
48-53		3	3	1		7
54-59		1	1	1		3
60-65				1		1
66 and Over						0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>

Of the 104 force incidents, 104 had both age and race data.

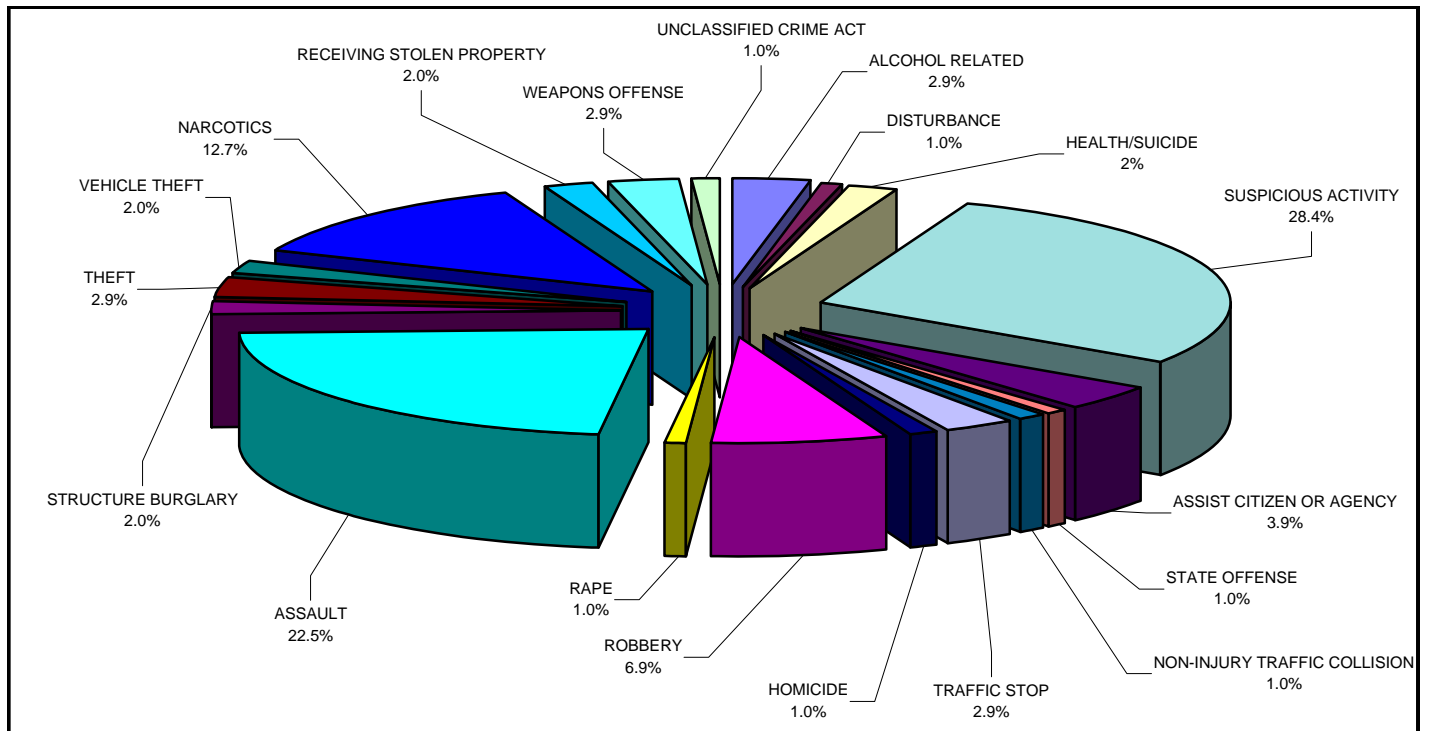
## REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





"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



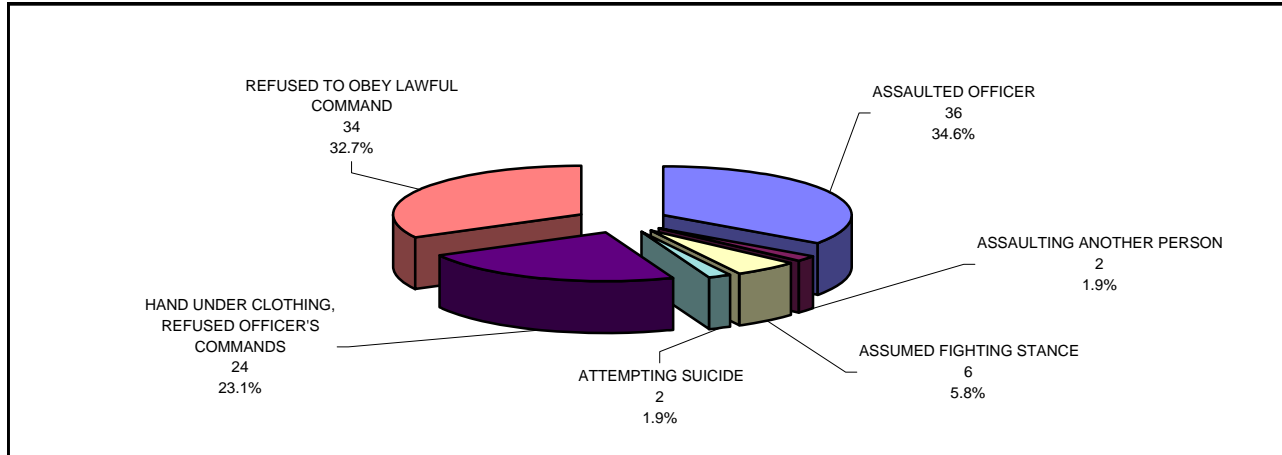
Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:

Force Incident	Force Incidents:	CFS Total:
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	-	29 17189
ASSAULT	-	23 1908
NARCOTICS	-	13 1465
ROBBERY	-	7 504
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	-	4 4010
ALCOHOL RELATED	-	3 990
TRAFFIC STOP	-	3 16935
THEFT	-	3 2716
WEAPONS OFFENSE	-	3 1100
HEALTH/SUICIDE	-	2 2972
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	-	2 4328
VEHICLE THEFT	-	2 3137
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	-	2 4
DISTURBANCE	-	1 13839
STATE OFFENSE	-	1 2
NON-INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION	-	1 1965
HOMICIDE	-	1 25
RAPE	-	1 453
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	-	1 416
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102 **</b>	

\* 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:

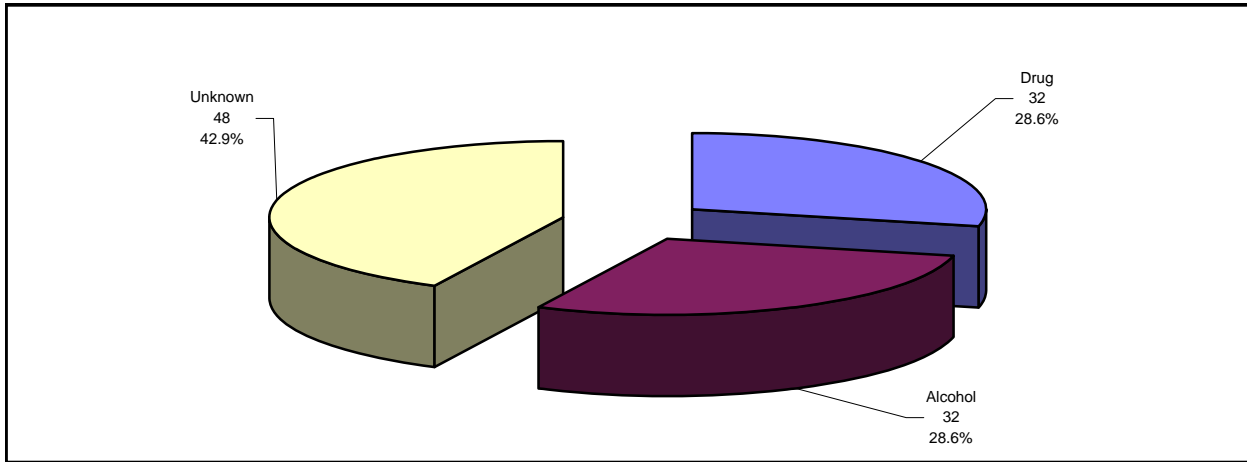
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	34.6%
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	32.7%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	23.1%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	5.8%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	1.9%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	1.9%

## 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	1	1
DISTURBANCE	0	1	0	0	0	0
HEALTH/SUICIDE	0	0	0	1	0	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	10	0	3	0	9	7
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	1	0	0	0	1	2
STATE OFFENSE	0	0	0	0	1	0
NON-INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION	1	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STOP	1	0	0	0	0	2
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2	0	0	0	2	3
RAPE	0	0	0	0	1	0
ASSAULT	12	1	2	0	2	6
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	2
THEFT	0	0	0	0	1	2
VEHICLE THEFT	1	0	0	0	1	0
NARCOTICS	4	0	0	1	2	6
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	1	0	0	0	0	1
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	0	0	0	2	0
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>

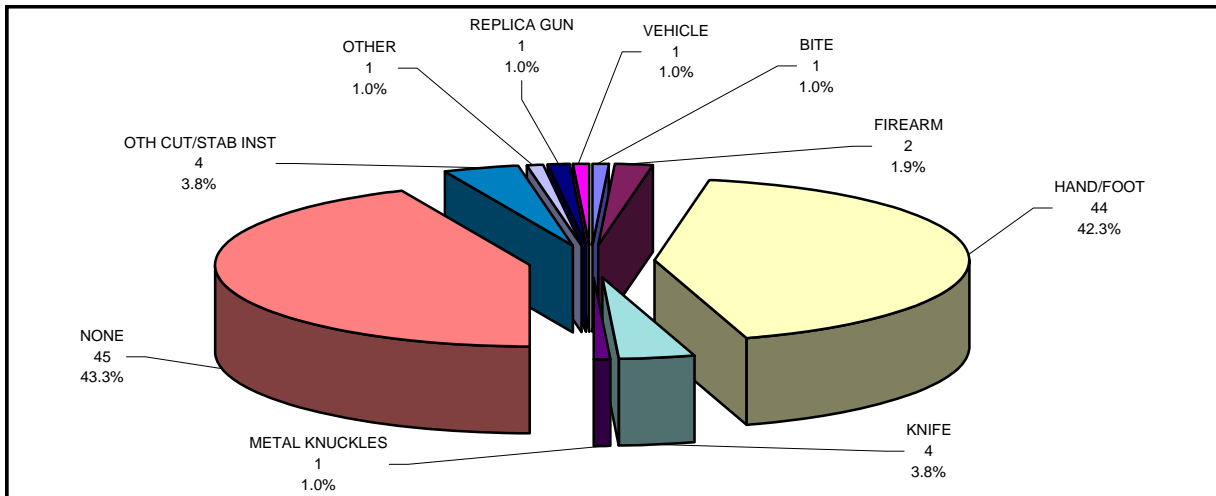
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### SUSPECT'S DRUG/ALCOHOL USE WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



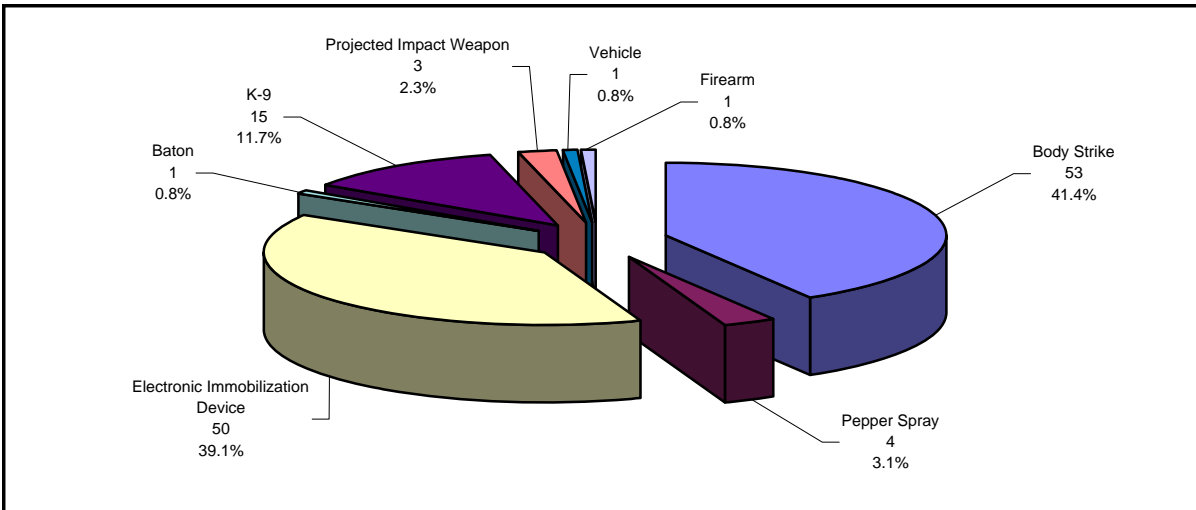
Some suspects were under the influence of both drugs and alcohol.

### SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon:	NONE	-	43.3%
	HAND/FOOT	-	42.3%
	KNIFE	-	3.8%
	OTH CUT/STAB INST	-	3.8%
	FIREARM	-	1.9%
	BITE	-	1.0%
	METAL KNUCKLES	-	1.0%
	OTHER	-	1.0%
	REPLIC GUN	-	1.0%
	VEHICLE	-	1.0%

## REPORTABLE FORCE USED BY OFFICERS



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

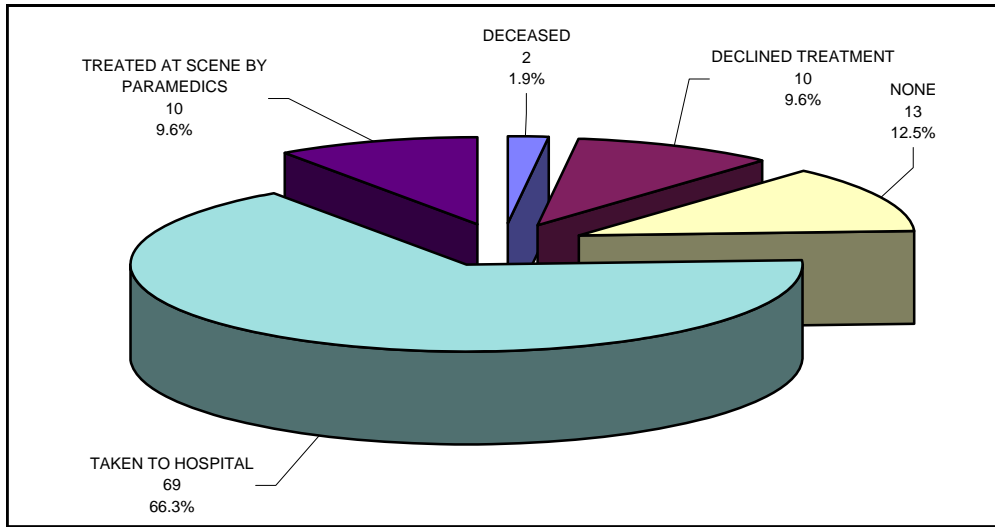
### Order by Force:

Body Strike	-	41.4%
Electronic Immobilization Device	-	39.1%
K-9	-	11.7%
Pepper Spray	-	3.1%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	2.3%
Baton	-	0.8%
Vehicle	-	0.8%
Firearm	-	0.8%

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

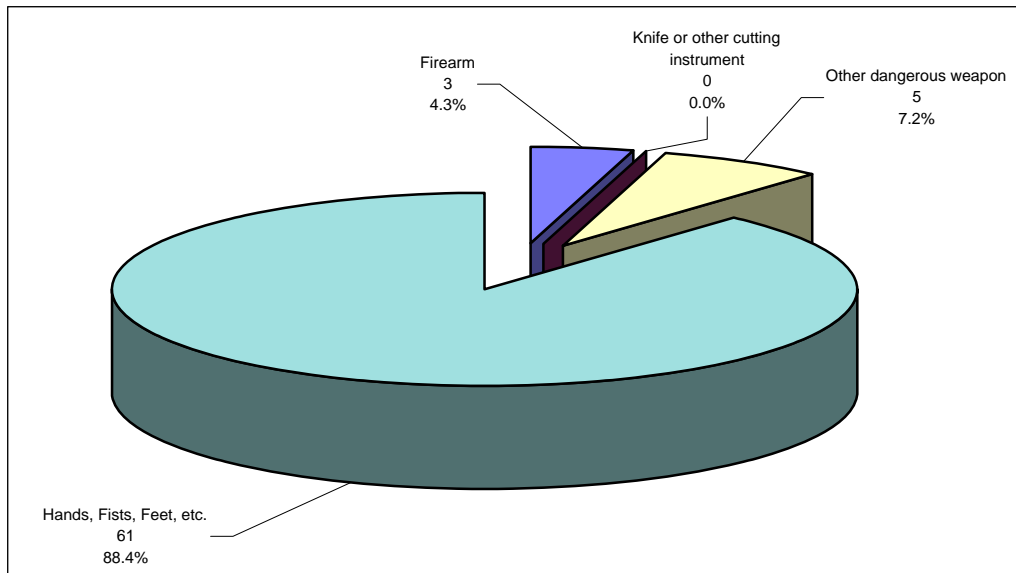
Projected Impact Weapon is also referred to as a Less Lethal Shotgun or bean bag gun.

### SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



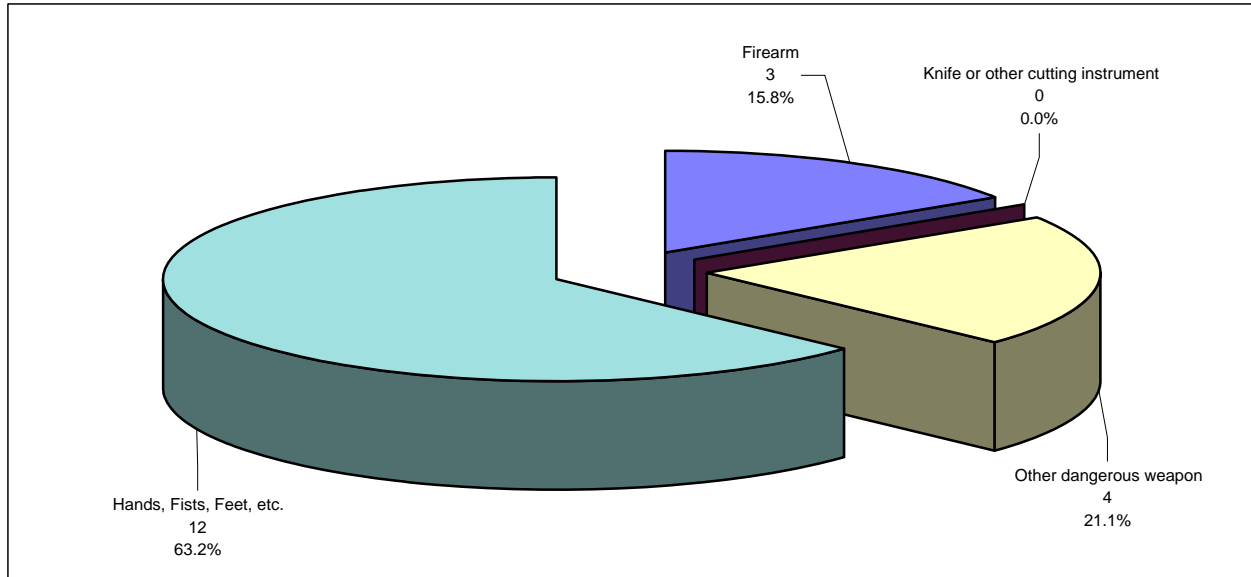
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically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

### OFFICER'S ASSAULTED \*



69 officers were assaulted.

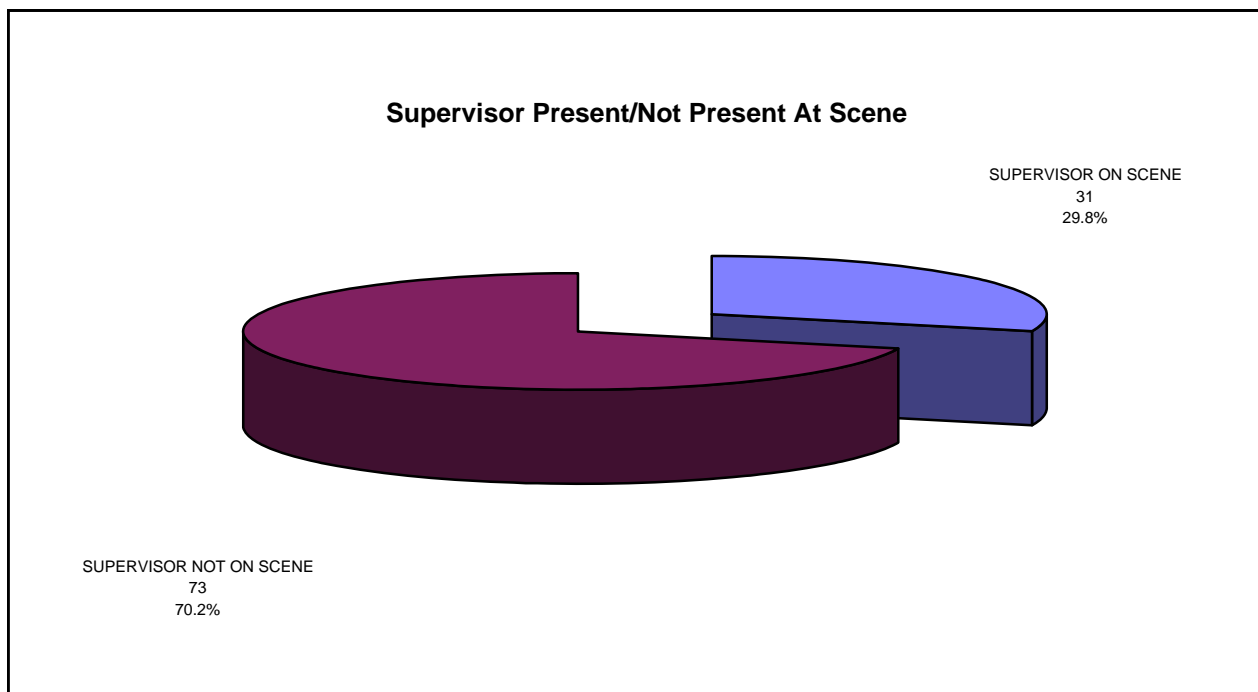
### OFFICER'S INJURED \*



19 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

\* Data based on the 1st Qtr 2007 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."

