

# 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:

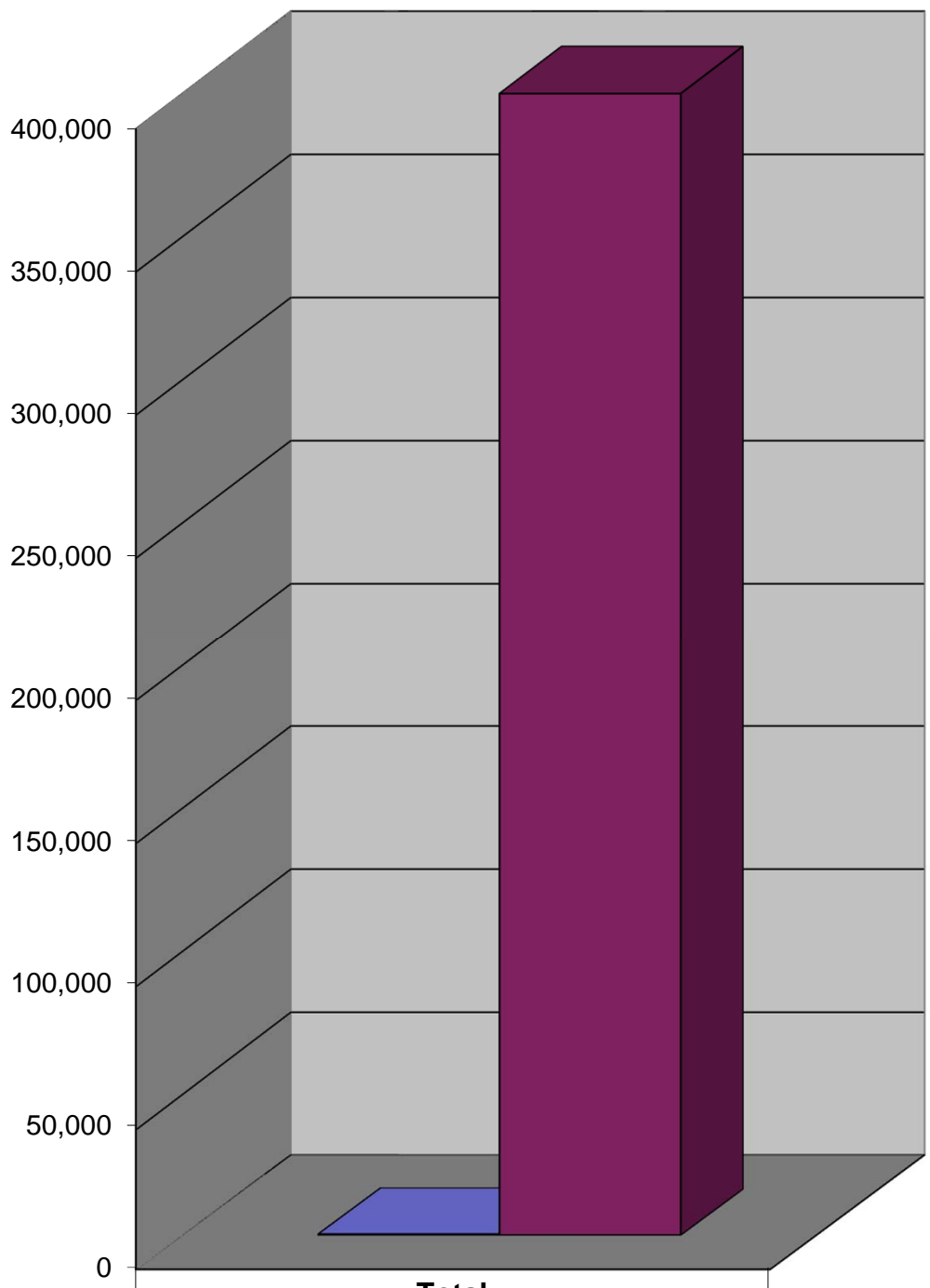
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (i.e. fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (i.e. flashlight, clipboard, etc); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display) a department issued weapon (i.e. electronic immobilizing device,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

Fresno police officers applied force in 330 incidents while responding to 399,999 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in less than one-sixth of one percent (0.083%) 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	330
CALLS FOR SERVICE	399,999

CFS does not include events handled telephonically.  
0.083% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

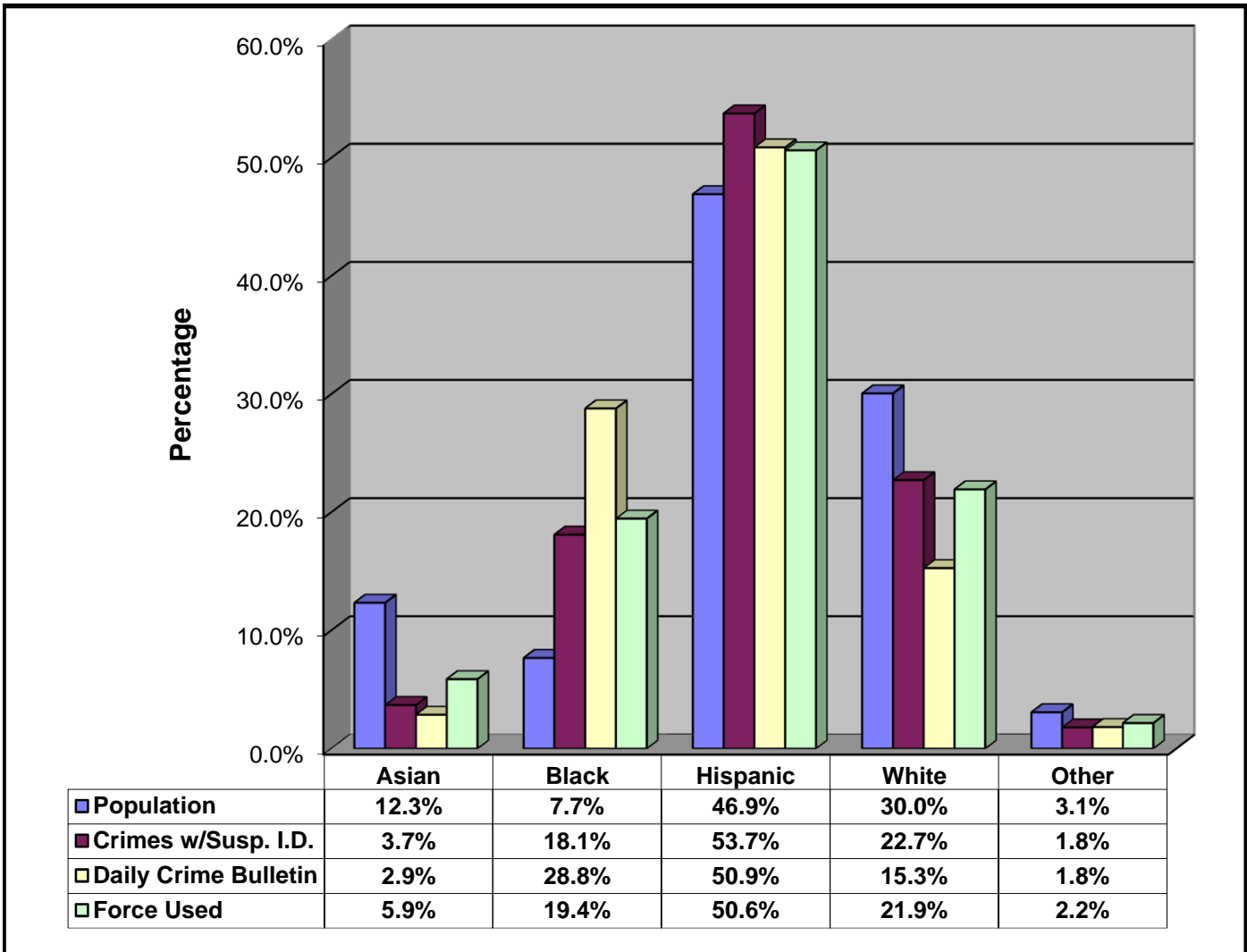
### Suspect Demographics

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
<b>City of Fresno Pop. (494,665)*</b>	60,939	37,885	232,055	148,598	15,188
<b>Percentage</b>	12.3%	7.7%	46.9%	30.0%	3.1%
<b>Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (54,133)</b>	1,994	9,790	29,095	12,289	965
<b>Percentage</b>	3.7%	18.1%	53.7%	22.7%	1.8%
<b>Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (1149)**</b>	33	332	587	176	21
<b>Percentage</b>	2.9%	28.8%	50.9%	15.3%	1.8%
<b>Force Applications (324)***</b>	19	63	164	71	7
<b>Percentage</b>	5.9%	19.4%	50.6%	21.9%	2.2%

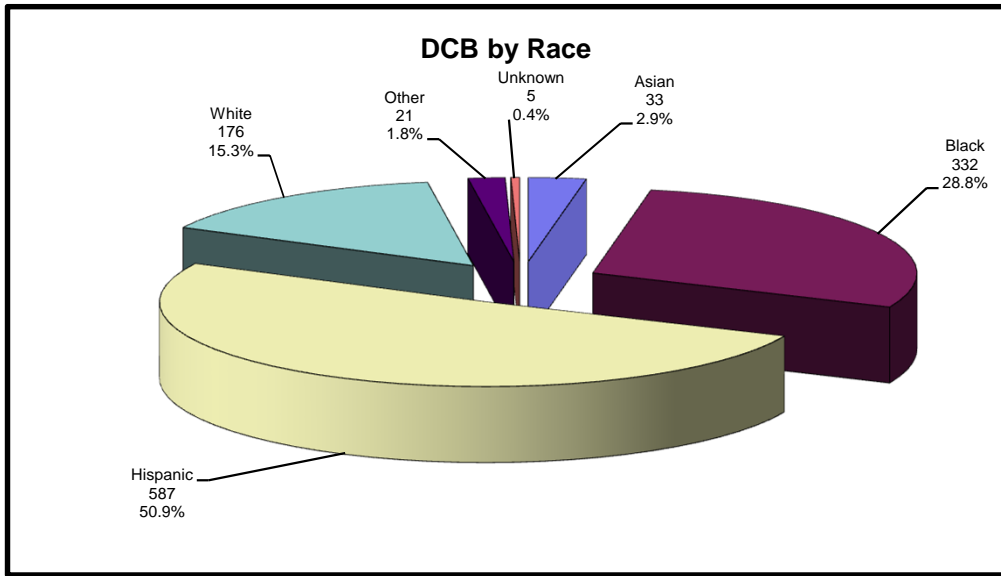
\* 2010 Census

\*\* 5 persons or 0.4% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

\*\*\* Of the 330 reportable force cases, 6 had no age or race data available



**DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 1154**

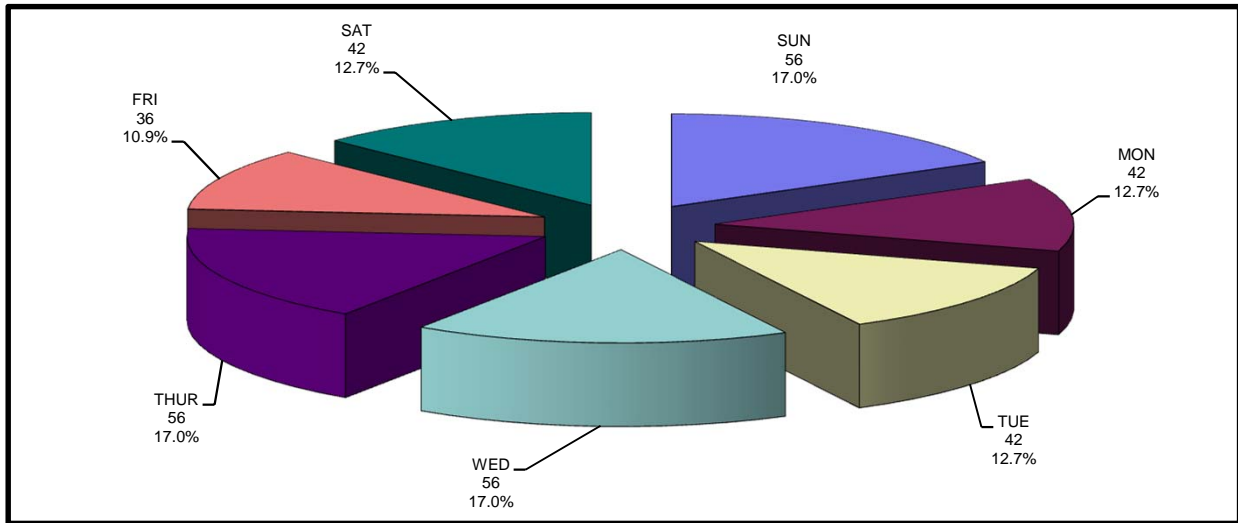


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	50.9%
	Black	-	28.8%
	White	-	15.3%
	Asian	-	2.9%
	Other	-	1.8%
	Unknown	-	0.4%

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.)

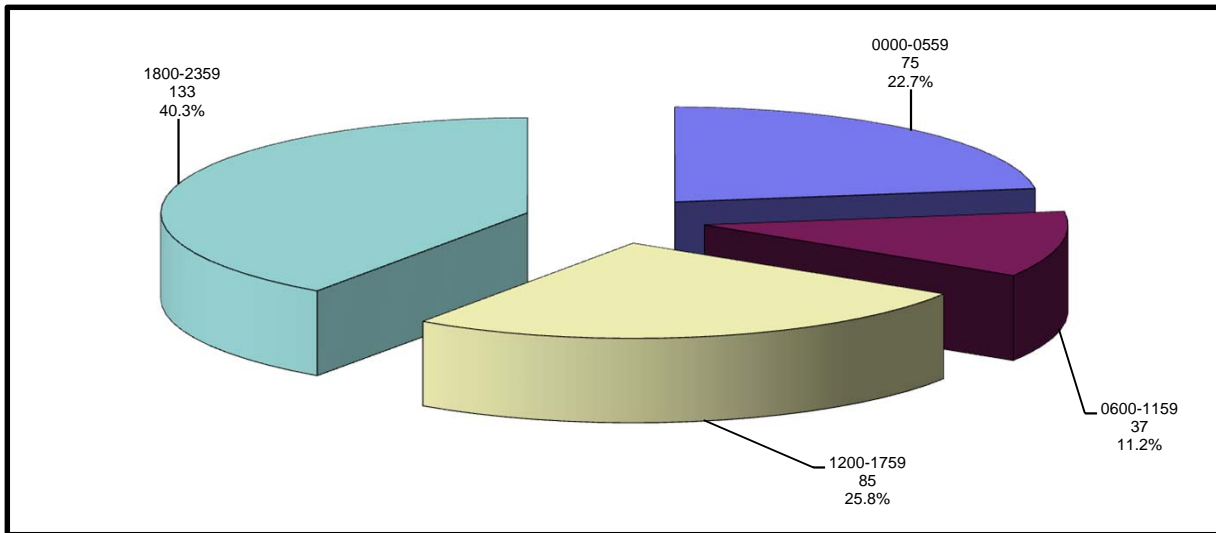
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Sunday	-	17.0%
Thursday	-	17.0%
Wednesday	-	17.0%
Monday	-	12.7%
Saturday	-	12.7%
Tuesday	-	12.7%
Friday	-	10.9%

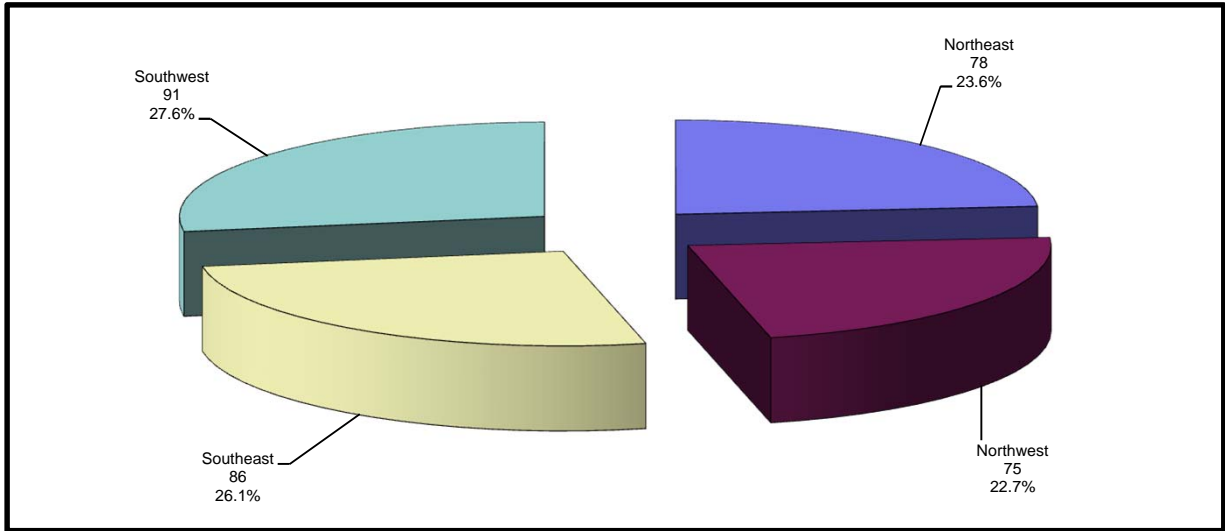
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	40.3%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	25.8%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	22.7%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	11.2%

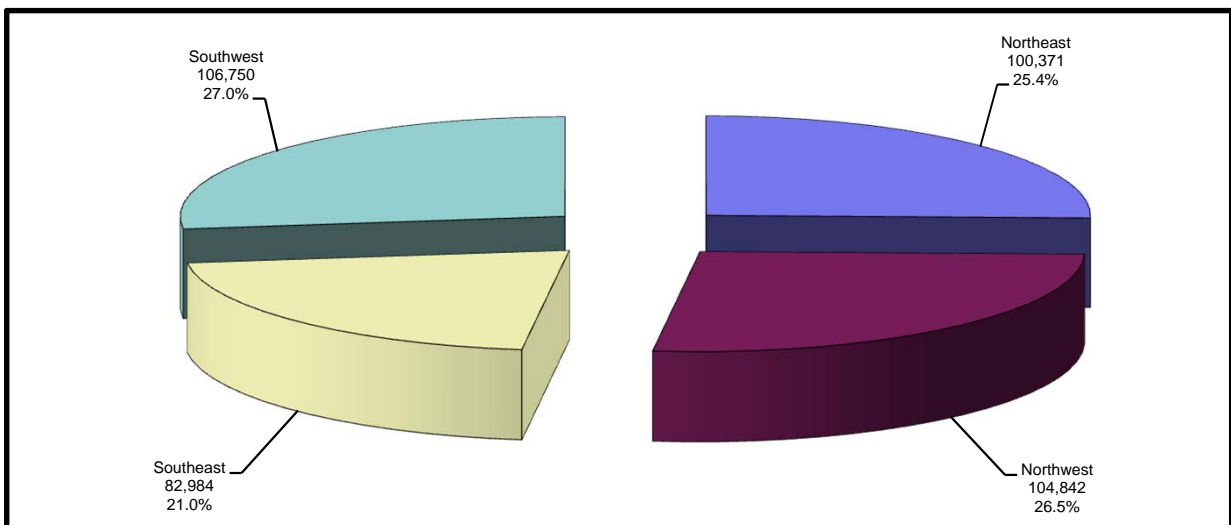
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT\*



Of the 330 force incidents, 0 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	Southwest	-	27.6%
	Southeast	-	26.1%
	Northeast	-	23.6%
	Northwest	-	22.7%

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



Of the 399,999 CFS, 5,052 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	Southwest	-	27.0%
	Northwest	-	26.5%
	Northeast	-	25.4%
	Southeast	-	21.0%

\* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

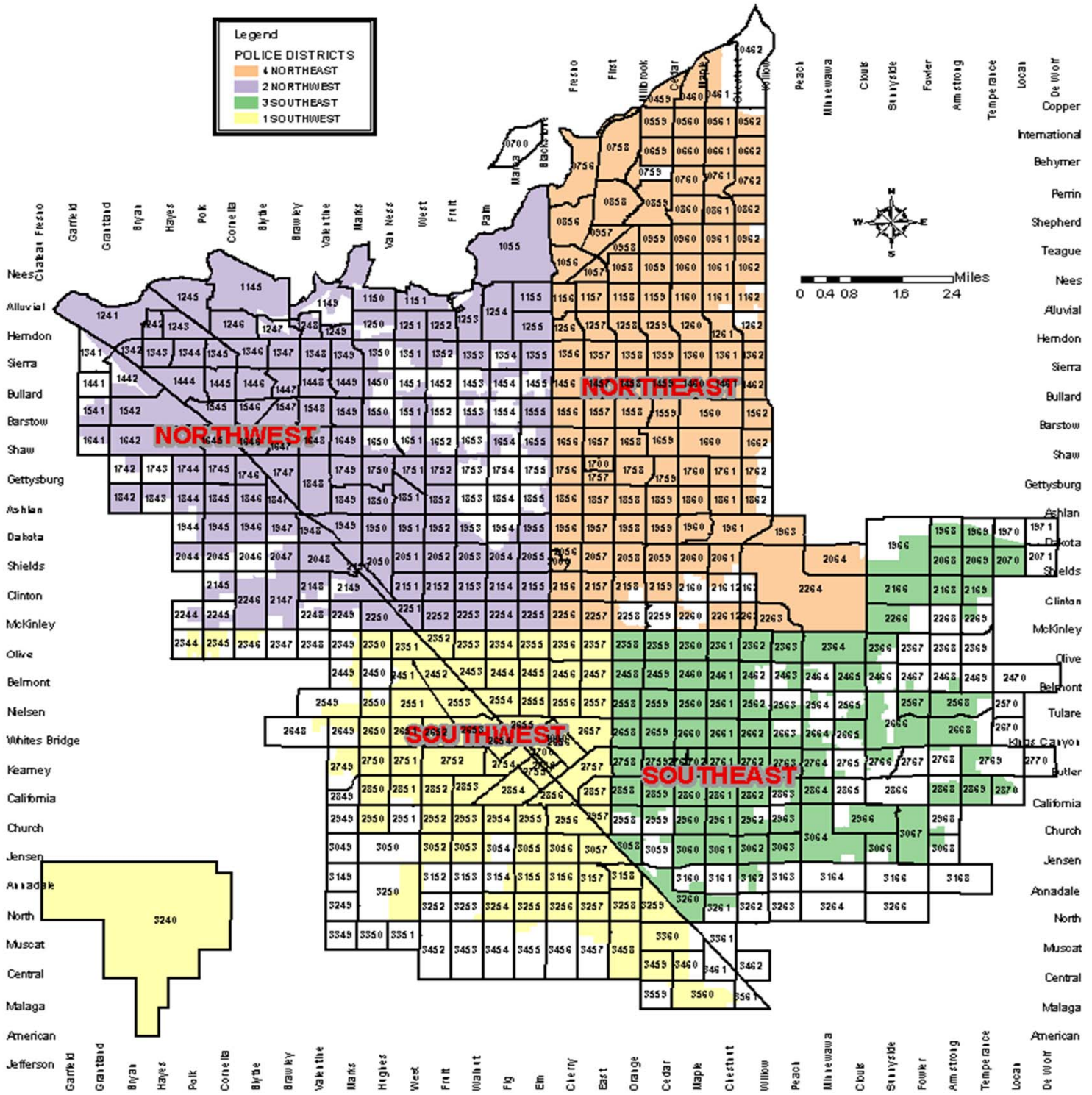


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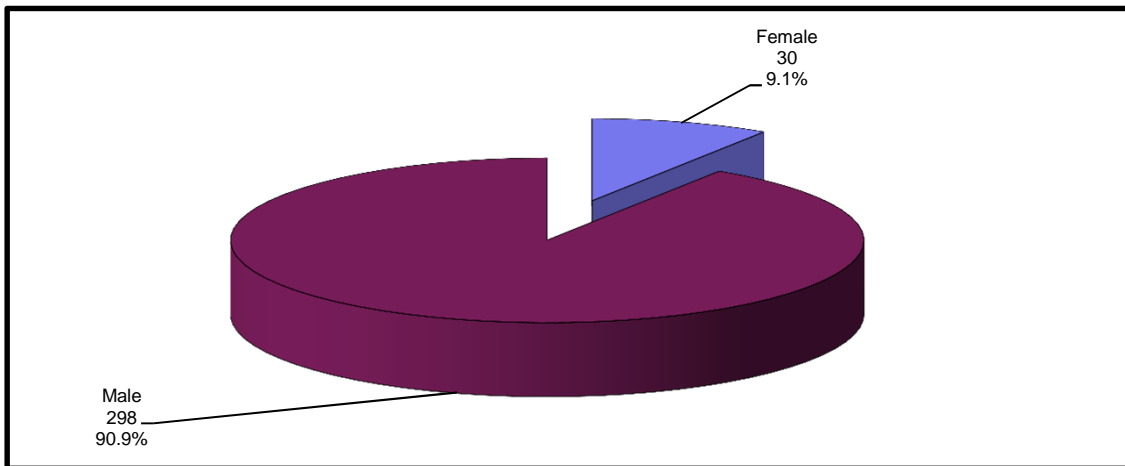
**Legend**

**POLICE DISTRICTS**

- 4 NORTHEAST
- 2 NORTHWEST
- 3 SOUTHEAST
- 1 SOUTHWEST



## FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 330 force incidents, 2 had no gender data available.

## REPORTED CRIMES BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	95	658	1,670	299	48	2,770
18-23	322	1,855	5,274	1,586	204	9,241
24-29	492	1,962	6,176	2,231	200	11,061
30-35	404	1,463	5,547	2,208	151	9,773
36-41	315	1,116	3,707	1,574	137	6,849
42-47	174	1,011	2,955	1,715	119	5,974
48-53	97	934	2,016	1,343	42	4,432
54-59	51	500	1,189	841	47	2,628
60-65	26	215	379	362	10	992
66 and Over	18	76	182	130	7	413
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>9,790</b>	<b>29,095</b>	<b>12,289</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>54,133</b>

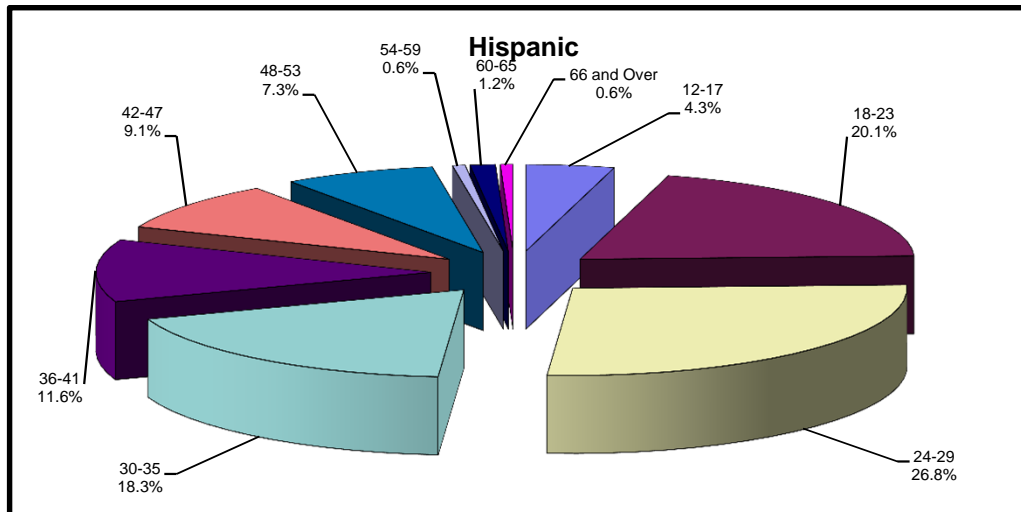
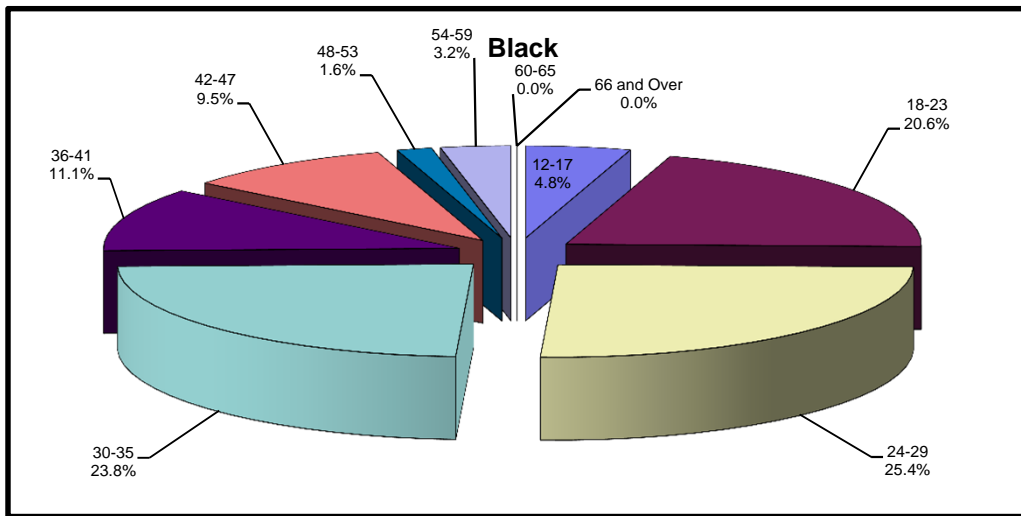
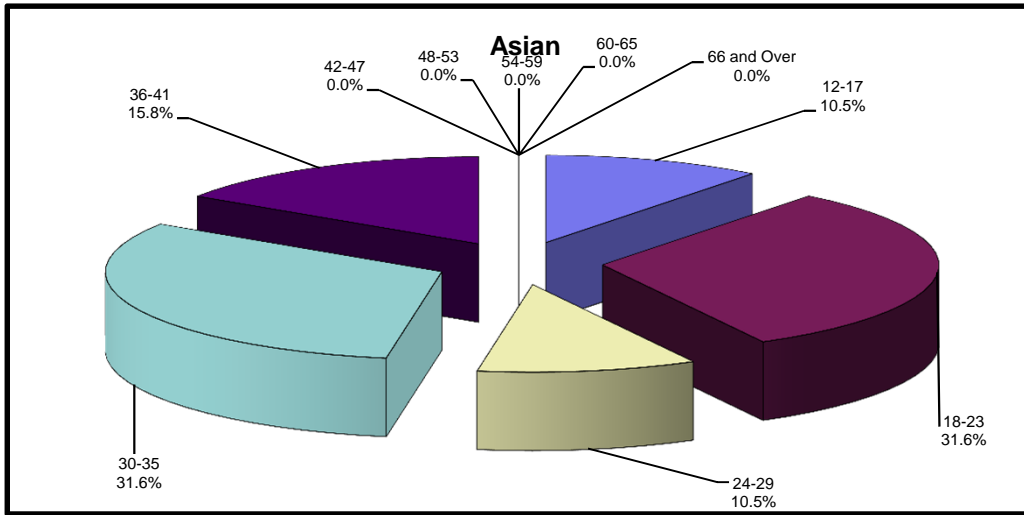
Of the 54,510 reported crime suspects, 54,133 had both age and race data.

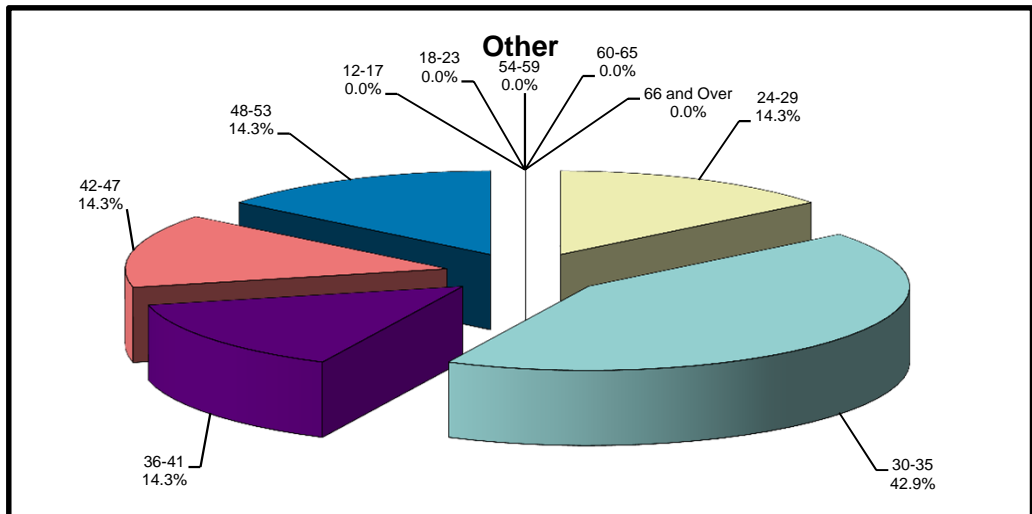
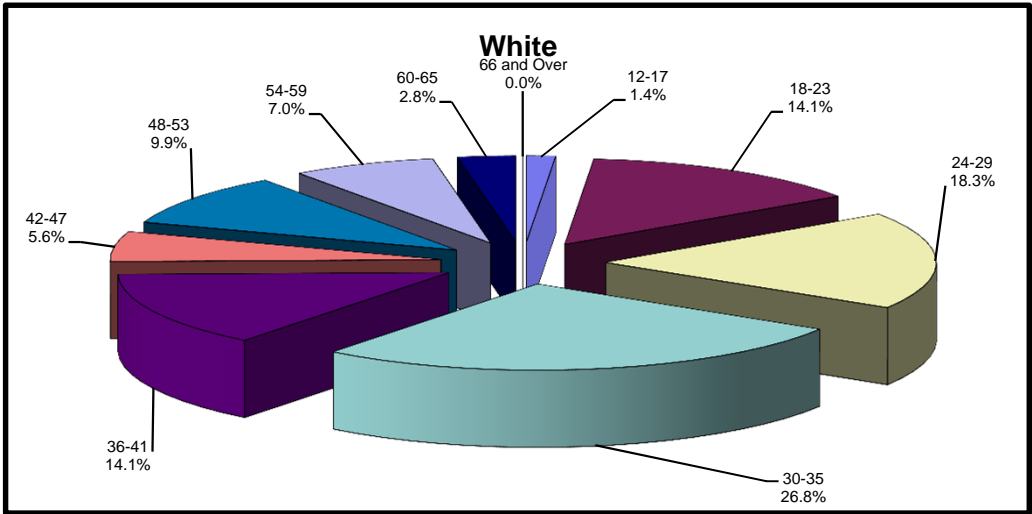
## REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	2	3	7	1		13
18-23	6	13	33	10		62
24-29	2	16	44	13	1	76
30-35	6	15	30	19	3	73
36-41	3	7	19	10	1	40
42-47		6	15	4	1	26
48-53		1	12	7	1	21
54-59		2	1	5		8
60-65			2	2		4
66 and Over			1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>324</b>

Of the 330 force incidents, 324 had both age and race data.

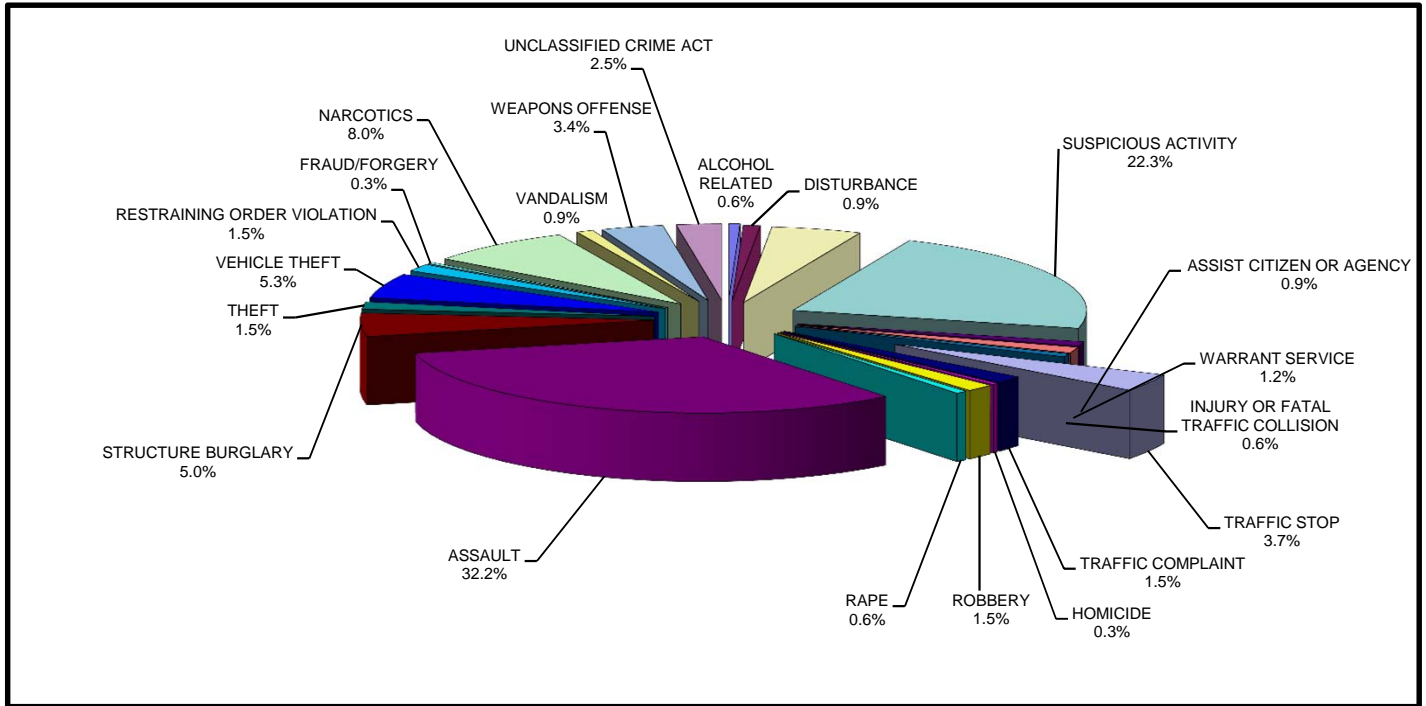
### REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





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

### TYPE OF CFS RESULTING IN REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS



Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:

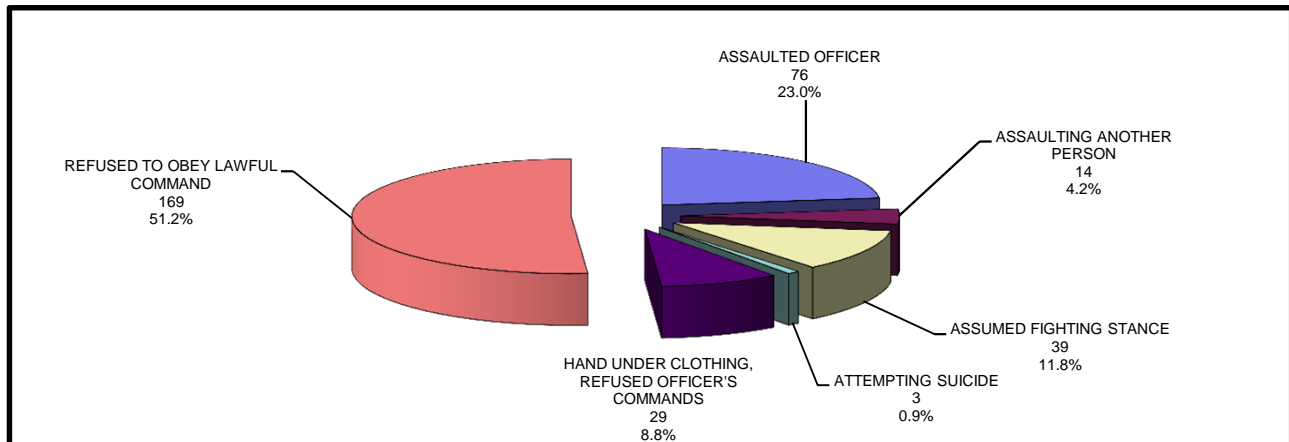
Force Incident Clearance Code	Force Incidents	CFS Total
ASSAULT	-	104
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	-	72
NARCOTICS	-	26
VEHICLE THEFT	-	17
HEALTH/SUICIDE	-	16
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	-	16
TRAFFIC STOP	-	12
WEAPONS OFFENSE	-	11
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	-	8
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	-	5
ROBBERY	-	5
THEFT	-	5
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION	-	5
WARRANT SERVICE	-	4
DISTURBANCE	-	3
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	-	3
VANDALISM	-	3
ALCOHOL RELATED	-	2
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION	-	2
RAPE	-	2
HOMICIDE	-	1
FRAUD/FORGERY	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>323 *</b>

Force Incidents:

CFS Total:

\* 7 force incidents had wrong or no clearance codes.

## SUSPECT'S ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



Order by Action:

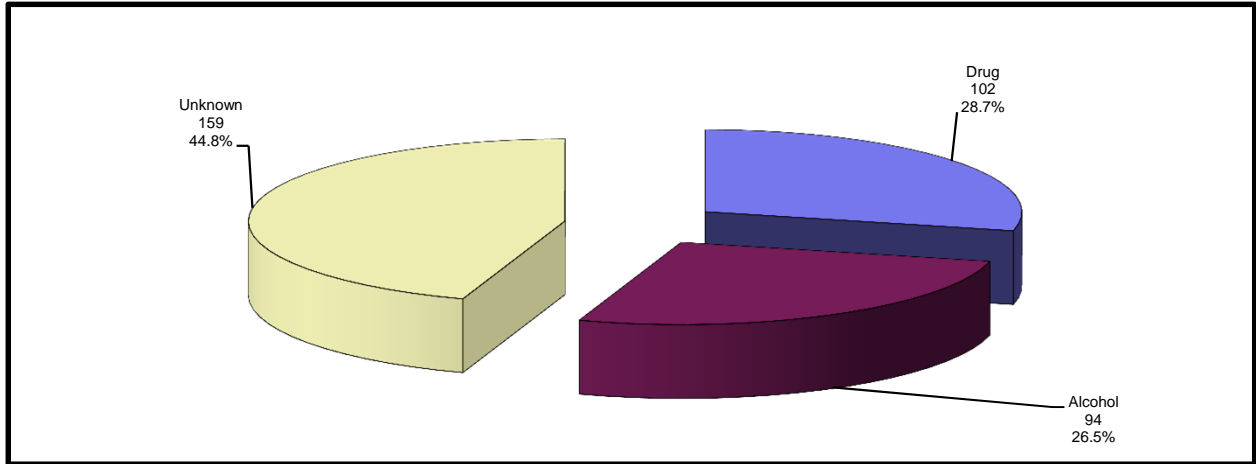
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	51.2%
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	23.0%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	11.8%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	8.8%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	4.2%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	0.9%

## 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	0	0	0	2
DISTURBANCE	1	0	1	0	0	1
HEALTH/SUICIDE	5	0	2	1	0	8
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	10	3	16	0	7	36
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	0	0	1	0	1	1
WARRANT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	1	3
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISIO	0	0	0	0	0	2
TRAFFIC STOP	0	1	0	0	3	8
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	1	0	1	0	0	3
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	1	0	1	0	0	3
RAPE	0	0	1	0	0	1
ASSAULT	48	6	11	1	8	30
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	2	0	1	0	1	12
THEFT	1	0	0	0	1	3
VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	1	0	1	15
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	5
FRAUD/FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	1
NARCOTICS	3	0	0	0	5	18
VANDALISM	0	0	0	0	0	3
WEAPONS OFFENSE	0	0	2	1	1	7
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	0	3	1	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>166</b>

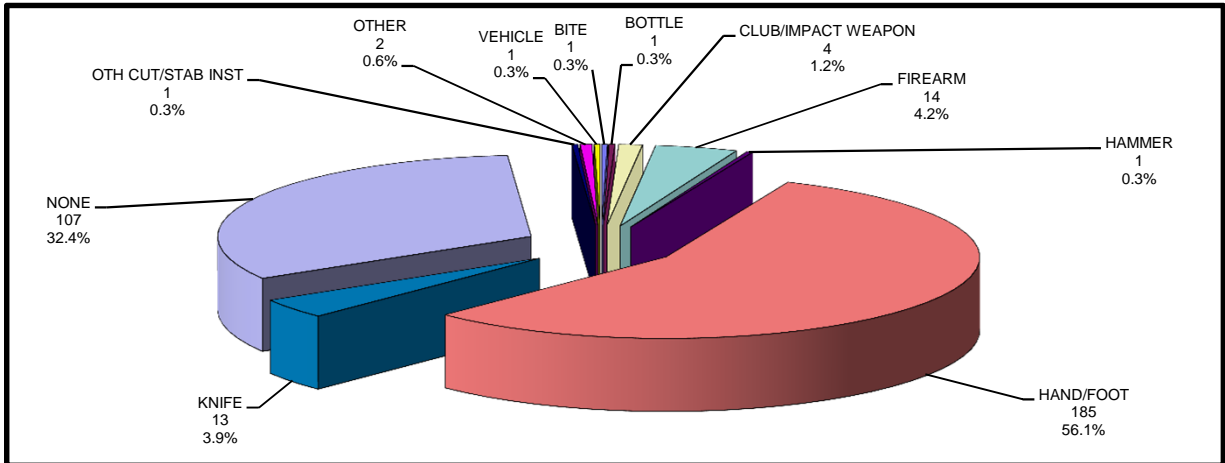
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### SUSPECT'S DRUG/ALCOHOL USE WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



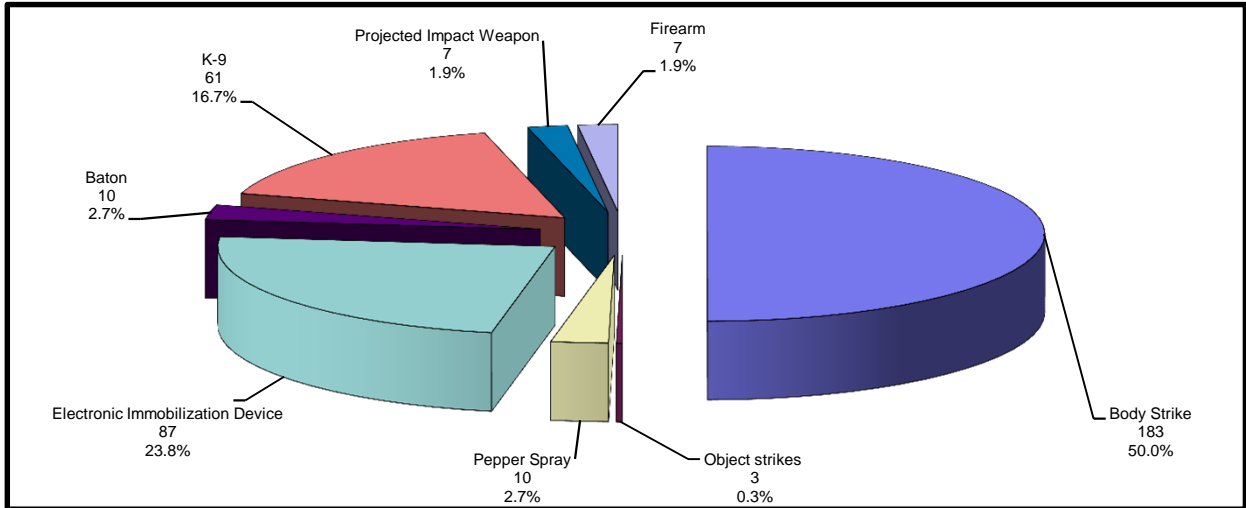
Some suspects were under the influence of both drugs and alcohol.

### SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon:	HAND/FOOT	-	56.1%
	NONE	-	32.4%
	FIREARM	-	4.2%
	KNIFE	-	3.9%
	CLUB/IMPACT WEAPON	-	1.2%
	OTHER	-	0.6%
	BITE	-	0.3%
	BOTTLE	-	0.3%
	HAMMER	-	0.3%
	OTH CUT/STAB INST	-	0.3%
	VEHICLE	-	0.3%

### 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	-	50.0%
Electronic Immobilization Device	-	23.8%
K-9	-	16.7%
Pepper Spray	-	2.7%
Baton	-	2.7%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	1.9%
Firearm	-	1.9%
Object Strike	-	0.3%

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

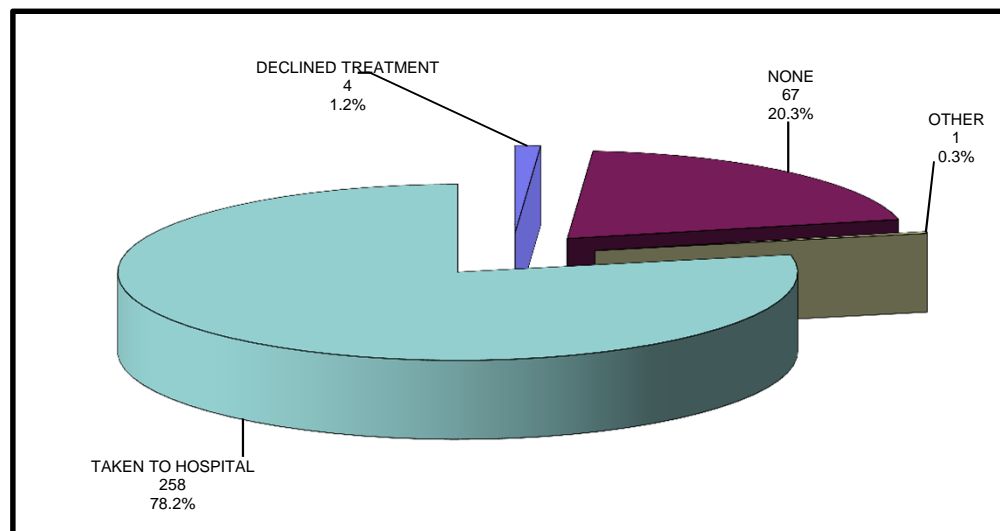
Projected Impact Weapon is also referred to as a Less Lethal Shotgun or bean bag gun.



## OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES, WEAPON RETENTION

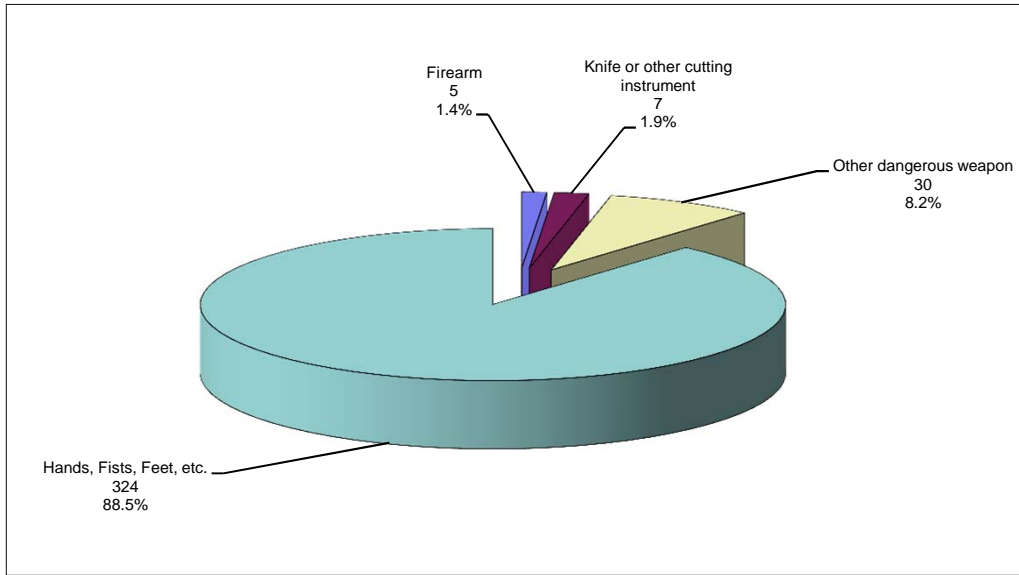
There were three incidents where a suspect removed or tried to remove an officers weapon.

## SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



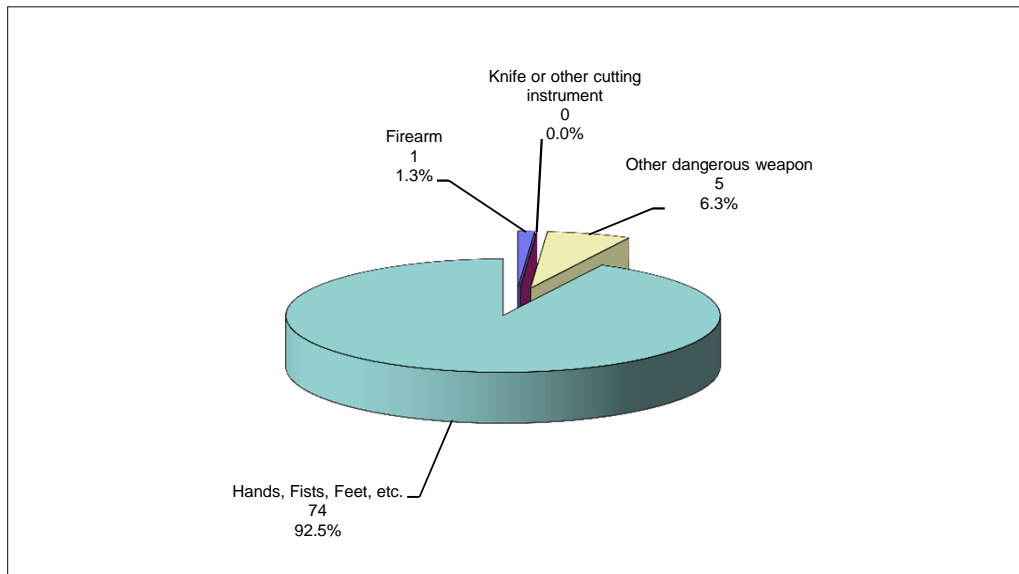
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically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

**OFFICER'S ASSAULTED \***



366 officers were assaulted.

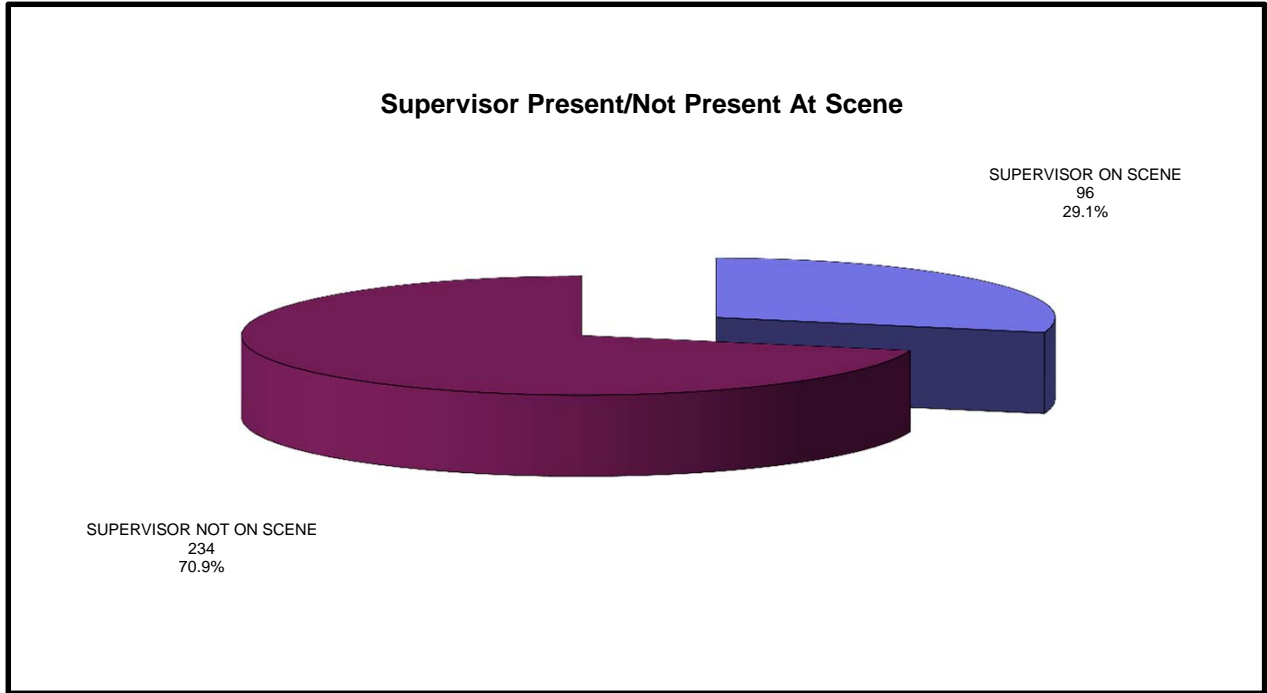
**OFFICER'S INJURED \***



80 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

\* Data based on the Year 2014 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."