

**FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REPORTABLE RESPONSE RESISTANCE PROJECT**



**Year 2020**

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Chief of Police

Final Report

## **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 Policy & Procedures 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:

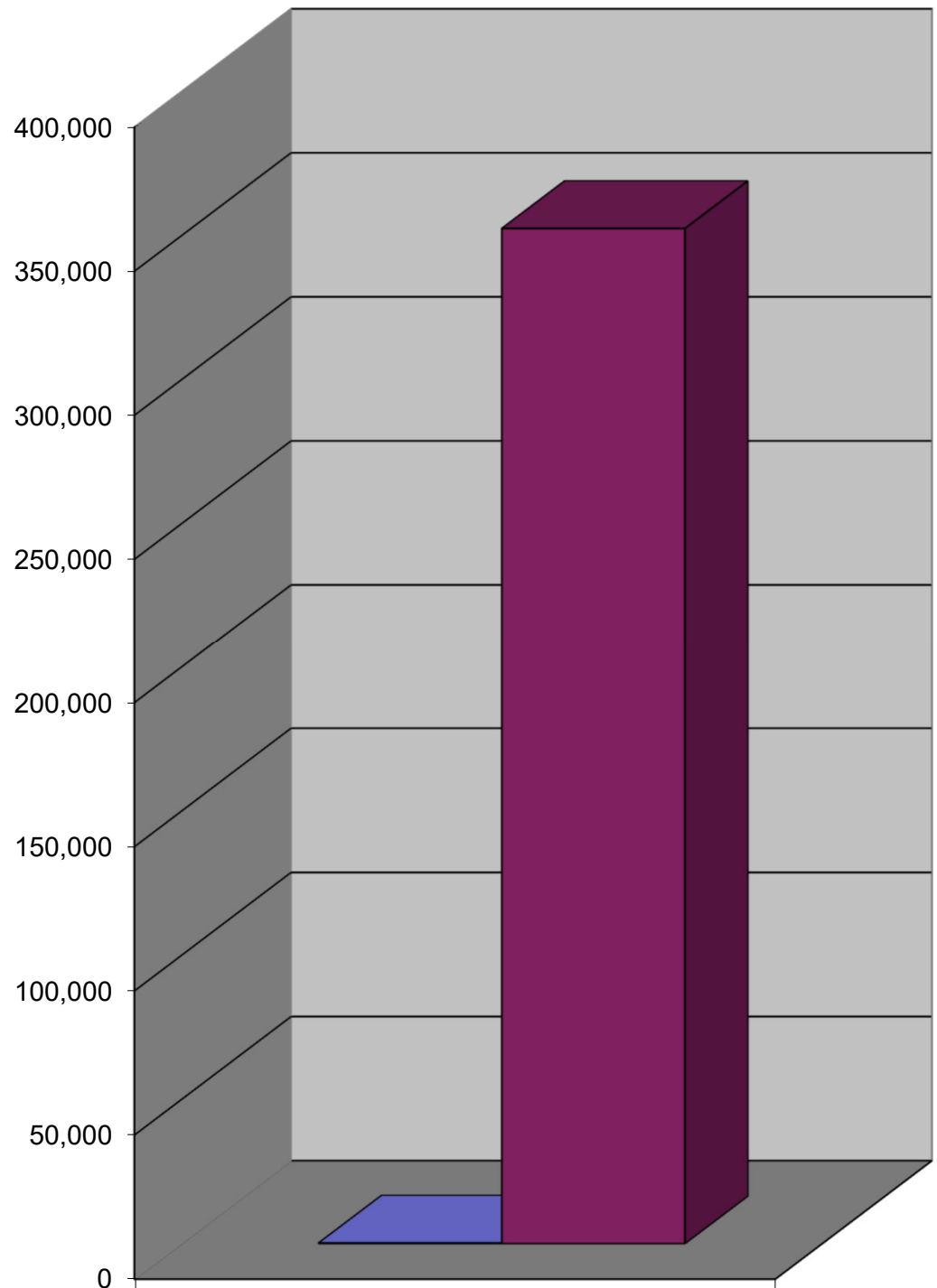
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured, has expressed a complaint of pain or has been rendered unconscious; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (e.g., fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (e.g., flashlight, clipboard, etc.); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display) a Department issued weapon (e.g., baton, chemical agents, Taser, less lethal, shotgun, firearm, etc.) against another.

Fresno police officers applied force in 228 incidents while responding to 352,521 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in 0.065% of all calls for service for this reporting period.

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



|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
|                            | <b>Total</b>   |
| ■ <b>FORCE USED</b>        | <b>228</b>     |
| ■ <b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b> | <b>352,521</b> |

CFS does not include events handled telephonically.  
0.065% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

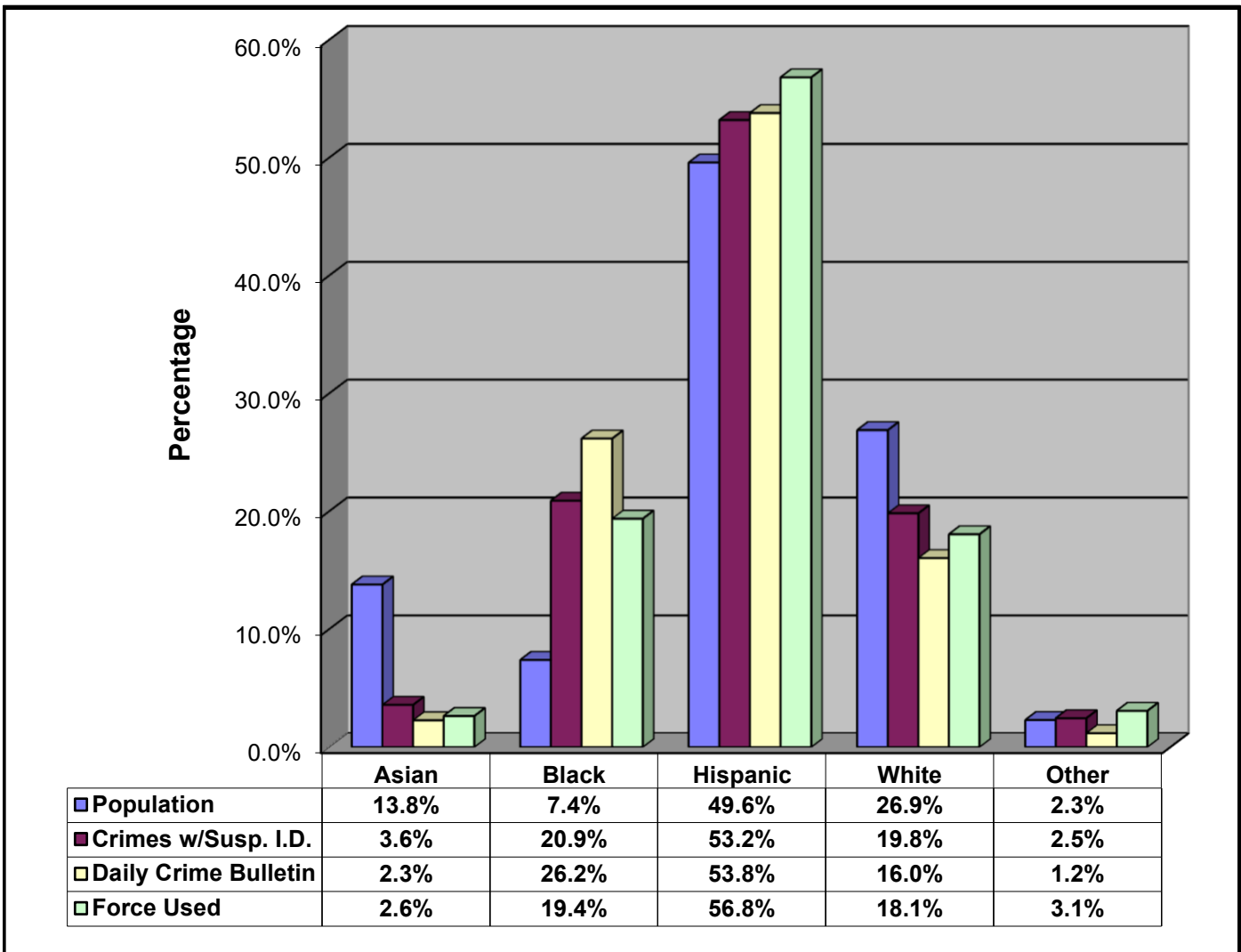
### Suspect Demographics

|   | Asian  | Black  | Hispanic | White   | Other  |
|---|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|
| <b>City of Fresno Pop. (531,573)*</b>                     | 73,357 | 39,336 | 263,661  | 142,993 | 12,226 |
| <b>Percentage</b>   | 13.8%  | 7.4%   | 49.6%    | 26.9%   | 2.3%   |
| <b>Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (29,998)</b> | 1,076  | 6,272  | 15,961   | 5,952   | 737    |
| <b>Percentage</b>   | 3.6%   | 20.9%  | 53.2%    | 19.8%   | 2.5%   |
| <b>Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (1178)**</b>             | 27     | 310    | 637      | 190     | 14     |
| <b>Percentage</b>   | 2.3%   | 26.2%  | 53.8%    | 16.0%   | 1.2%   |
| <b>Force Applications (227)***</b>                        | 6      | 44     | 129      | 41      | 7      |
| <b>Percentage</b>   | 2.6%   | 19.4%  | 56.8%    | 18.1%   | 3.1%   |

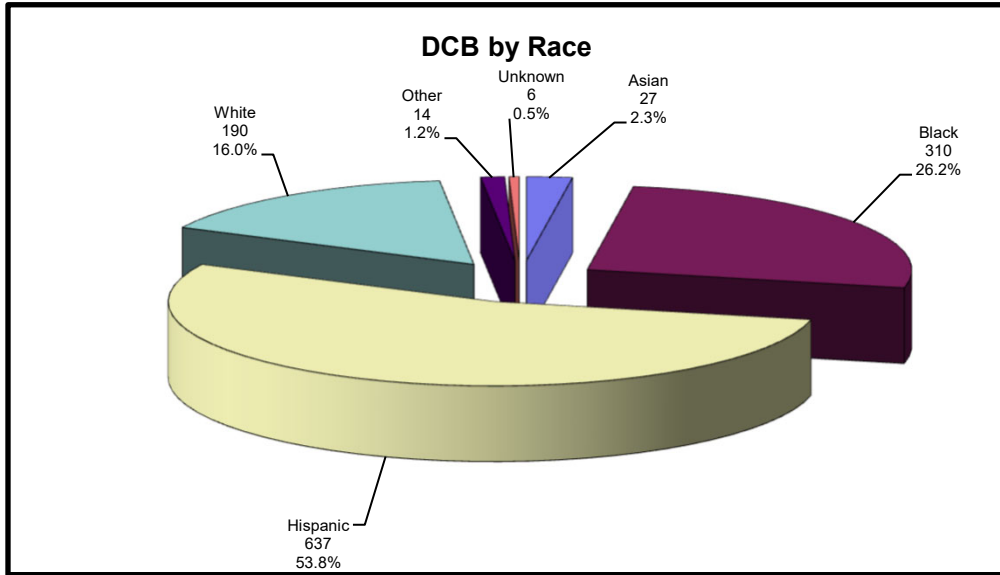
\* 2020 Census Estimates

\*\* 6 persons or 0.5% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

\*\*\* Of the 228 reportable force cases, 1 had no age or race data available



**DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 1184**

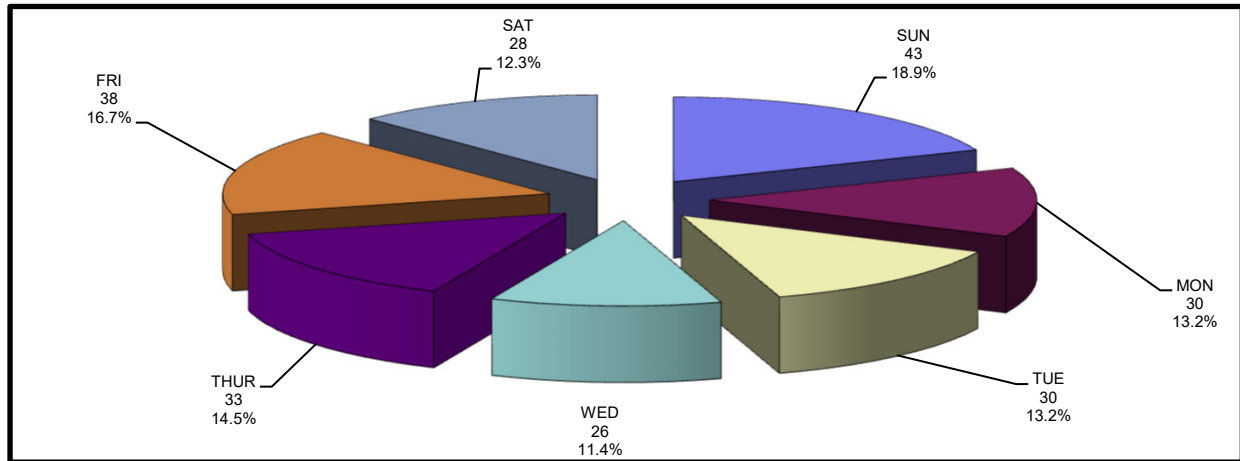


|                |          |   |       |
|----------------|----------|---|-------|
| Order by Race: | Asian    | - | 2.3%  |
|                | Black    | - | 26.2% |
|                | Hispanic | - | 53.8% |
|                | White    | - | 16.0% |
|                | Other    | - | 1.2%  |
|                | Unknown  | - | 0.5%  |

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.)

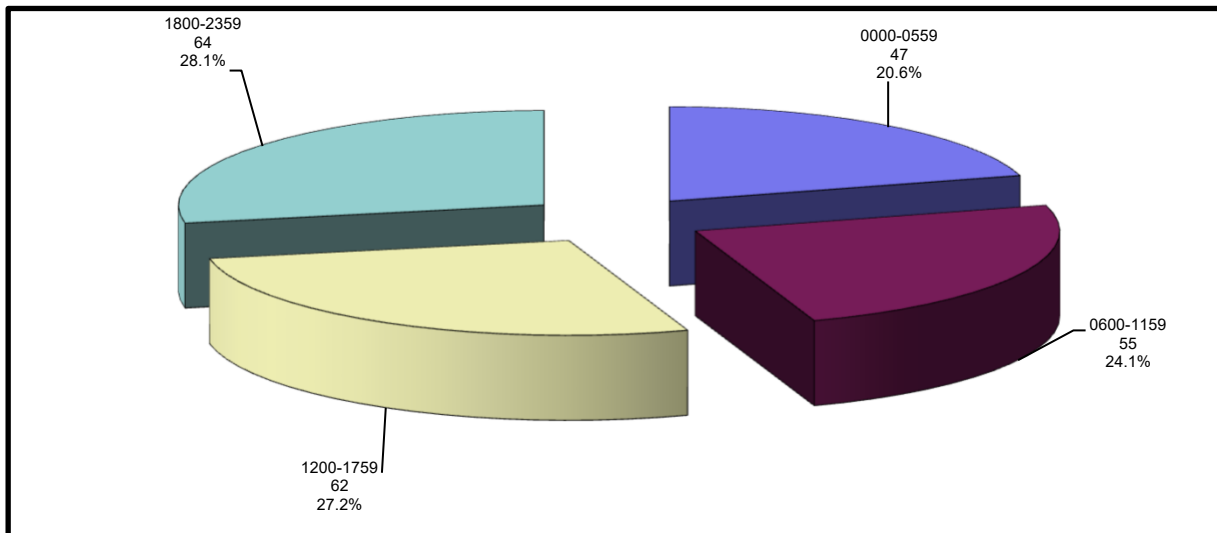
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

|           |   |       |
|-----------|---|-------|
| Friday    | - | 16.7% |
| Monday    | - | 13.2% |
| Saturday  | - | 12.3% |
| Sunday    | - | 18.9% |
| Thursday  | - | 14.5% |
| Tuesday   | - | 13.2% |
| Wednesday | - | 11.4% |

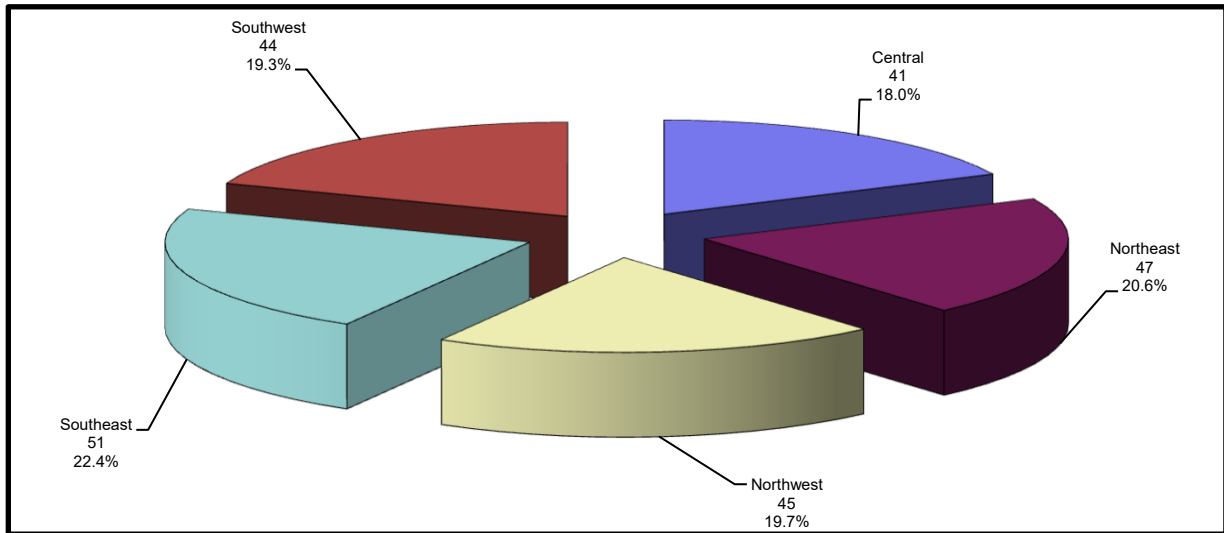
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

|                  |   |       |
|------------------|---|-------|
| 0000 to 0559 hrs | - | 20.6% |
| 0600 to 1159 hrs | - | 24.1% |
| 1200 to 1759 hrs | - | 27.2% |
| 1800 to 2359 hrs | - | 28.1% |

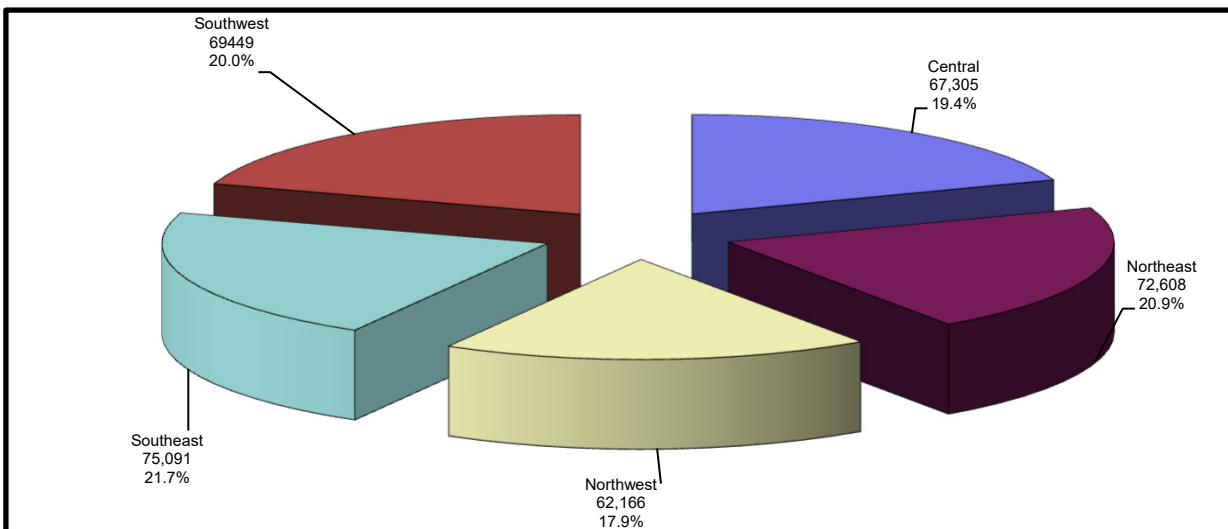
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT\*



Of the 228 force incidents, 0 were not assigned to a specific district.

|                    |           |   |       |
|--------------------|-----------|---|-------|
| Order by District: | Central   | - | 18.0% |
|                    | Northeast | - | 20.6% |
|                    | Northwest | - | 19.7% |
|                    | Southeast | - | 22.4% |
|                    | Southwest | - | 19.3% |

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



Of the 352,521 CFS, 5,902 were not assigned to a specific district.

|                    |           |   |       |
|--------------------|-----------|---|-------|
| Order by District: | Central   | - | 19.4% |
|                    | Northeast | - | 20.9% |
|                    | Northwest | - | 17.9% |
|                    | Southeast | - | 21.7% |
|                    | Southwest | - | 20.0% |

\* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

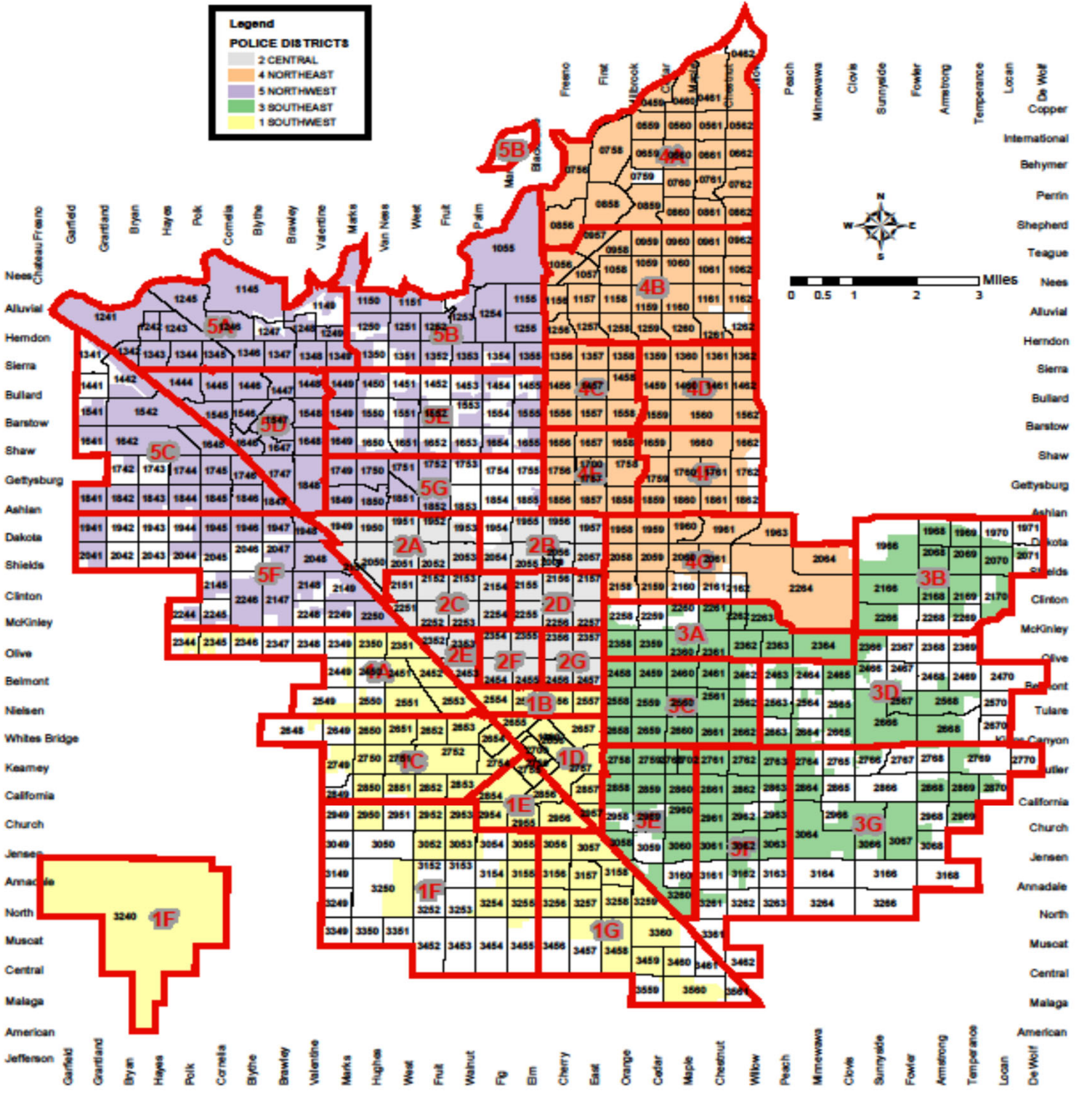


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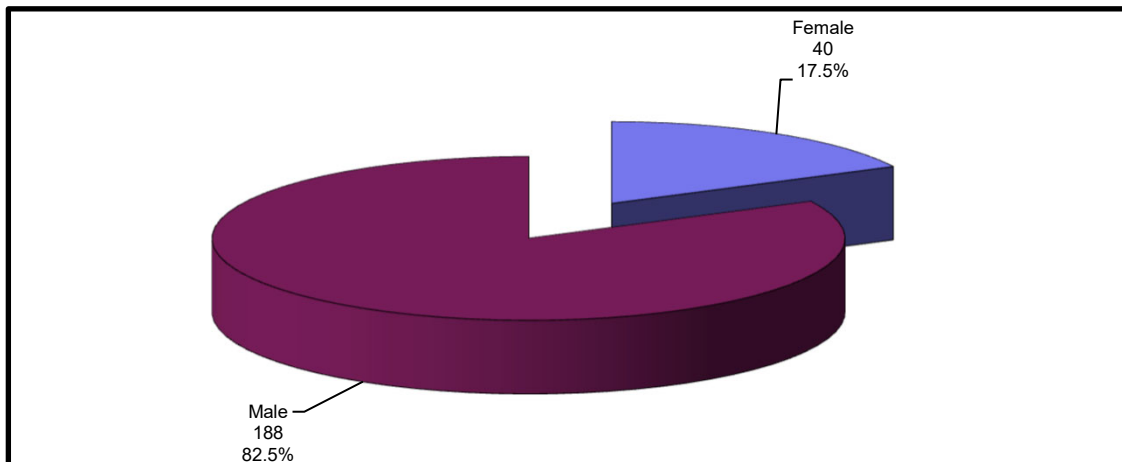
**POLICE DISTRICTS**

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



Street names listed on the map include: Chateau Fresno, Garfield, Grantland, Bryan, Hayes, Polk, Cornelia, Blythe, Brawley, Valentine, Marks, Van Ness, West, Fruit, Walnut, Fig, Elm, Cherry, East, Orange, Cedar, Maple, Chestnut, Willow, Peach, Minnewawa, Clovis, Sunnyside, Fowler, Armstrong, Temperance, Lozan, De Wolf, Copper, International, Behymer, Perrin, Shepherd, Teague, Needs, Alluvial, Herndon, Sierra, Bullard, Barstow, Shaw, Gettysburg, Ashlan, Dakota, Shields, Clinton, McKinley, Olive, Belmont, Nielsen, Whites Bridge, Kearney, California, Church, Jensen, Annadale, North, Muscoat, Central, Malaga, American, Jefferson, Garfield, Grantland, Bryan, Hayes, Polk, Cornelia, Blythe, Brawley, Valentine, Marks, Hughes, West, Fruit, Walnut, Fig, Elm, Cherry, East, Orange, Cedar, Maple, Chestnut, Willow, Peach, Minnewawa, Clovis, Sunnyside, Fowler, Armstrong, Temperance, Lozan, De Wolf, American.

## FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 228 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        | 47           | 346          | 762           | 144          | 22         | 1,321         |
| 18-23        | 124          | 1,153        | 2,730         | 554          | 126        | 4,687         |
| 24-29        | 171          | 1,420        | 3,479         | 976          | 155        | 6,201         |
| 30-35        | 272          | 1,104        | 3,271         | 1,293        | 174        | 6,114         |
| 36-41        | 209          | 815          | 2,448         | 1,018        | 110        | 4,600         |
| 42-47        | 112          | 493          | 1,513         | 645          | 45         | 2,808         |
| 48-53        | 62           | 367          | 843           | 586          | 53         | 1,911         |
| 54-59        | 42           | 311          | 548           | 428          | 27         | 1,356         |
| 60-65        | 21           | 189          | 248           | 214          | 18         | 690           |
| 66 and Over  | 16           | 74           | 119           | 94           | 7          | 310           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,076</b> | <b>6,272</b> | <b>15,961</b> | <b>5,952</b> | <b>737</b> | <b>29,998</b> |

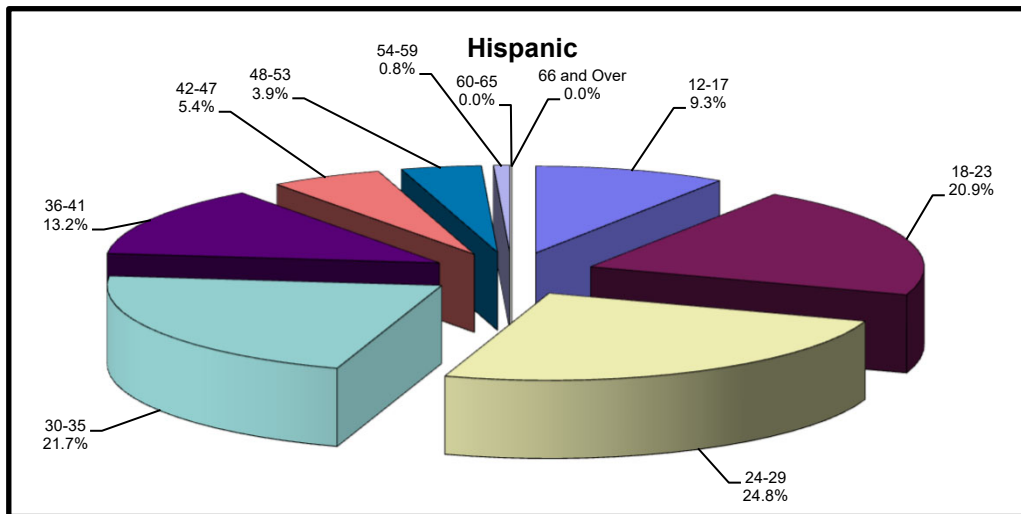
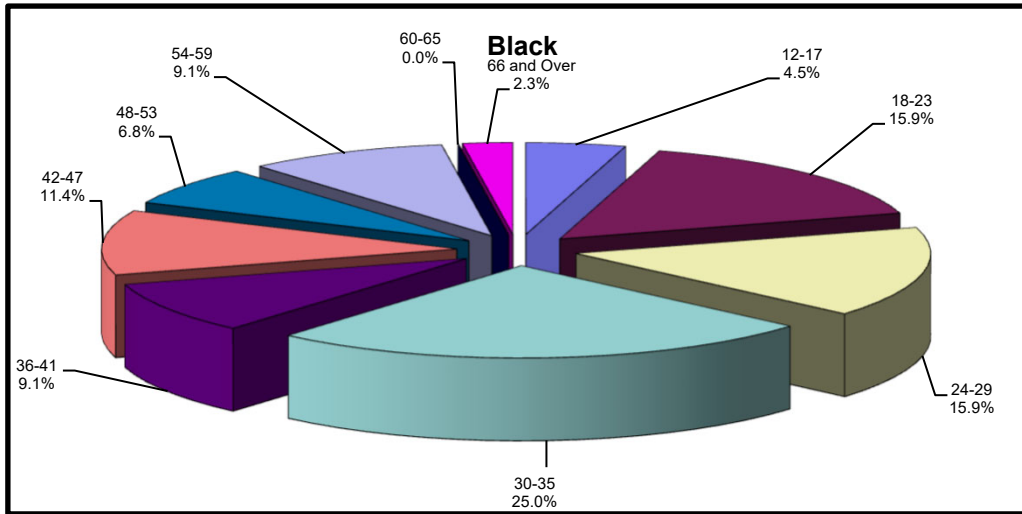
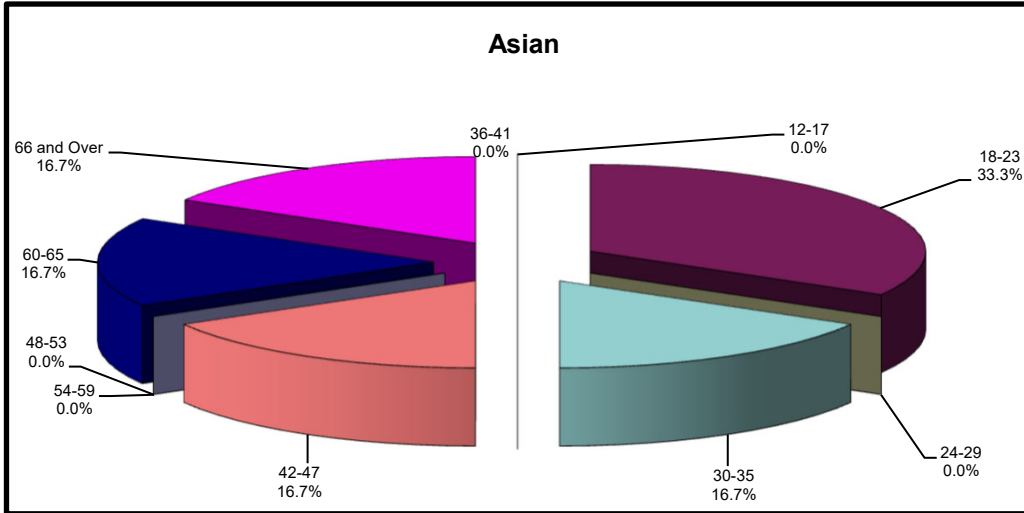
Of the 39,462 reported crime suspects, 29,998 had both age and race data.

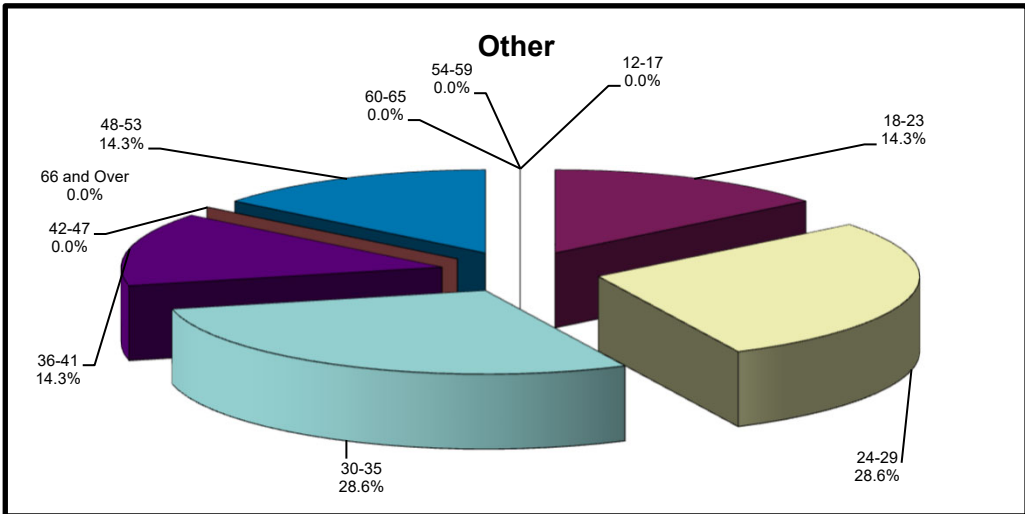
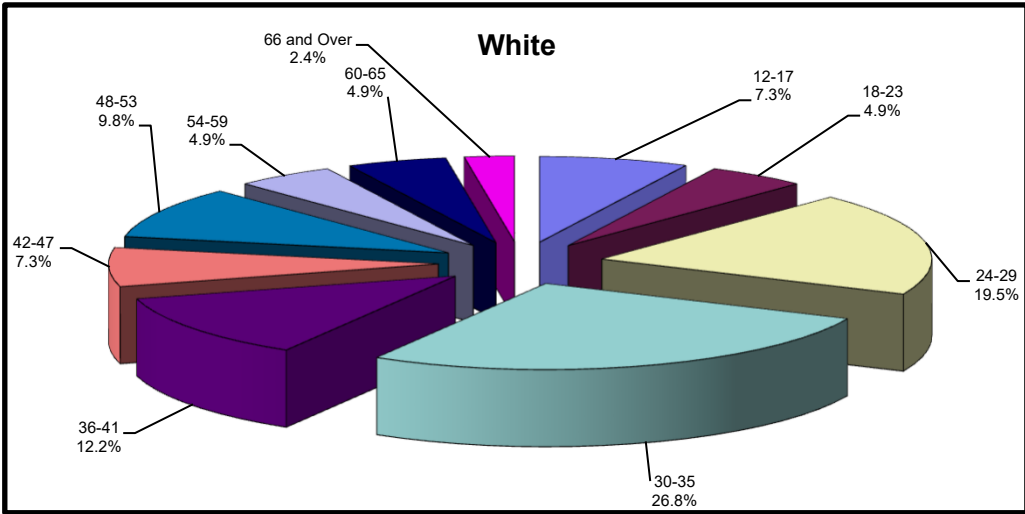
## REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

| Age Group    | Asian    | Black     | Hispanic   | White     | Other    | TOTAL      |
|--------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| 12-17        |          | 2         | 12         | 3         |          | 17         |
| 18-23        | 2        | 7         | 27         | 2         | 1        | 39         |
| 24-29        |          | 7         | 32         | 8         | 2        | 49         |
| 30-35        | 1        | 11        | 28         | 11        | 2        | 53         |
| 36-41        |          | 4         | 17         | 5         | 1        | 27         |
| 42-47        | 1        | 5         | 7          | 3         |          | 16         |
| 48-53        |          | 3         | 5          | 4         | 1        | 13         |
| 54-59        |          | 4         | 1          | 2         |          | 7          |
| 60-65        | 1        |           |            | 2         |          | 3          |
| 66 and Over  | 1        | 1         |            | 1         |          | 3          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>227</b> |

Of the 228 force incidents, 227 had both age and race data.

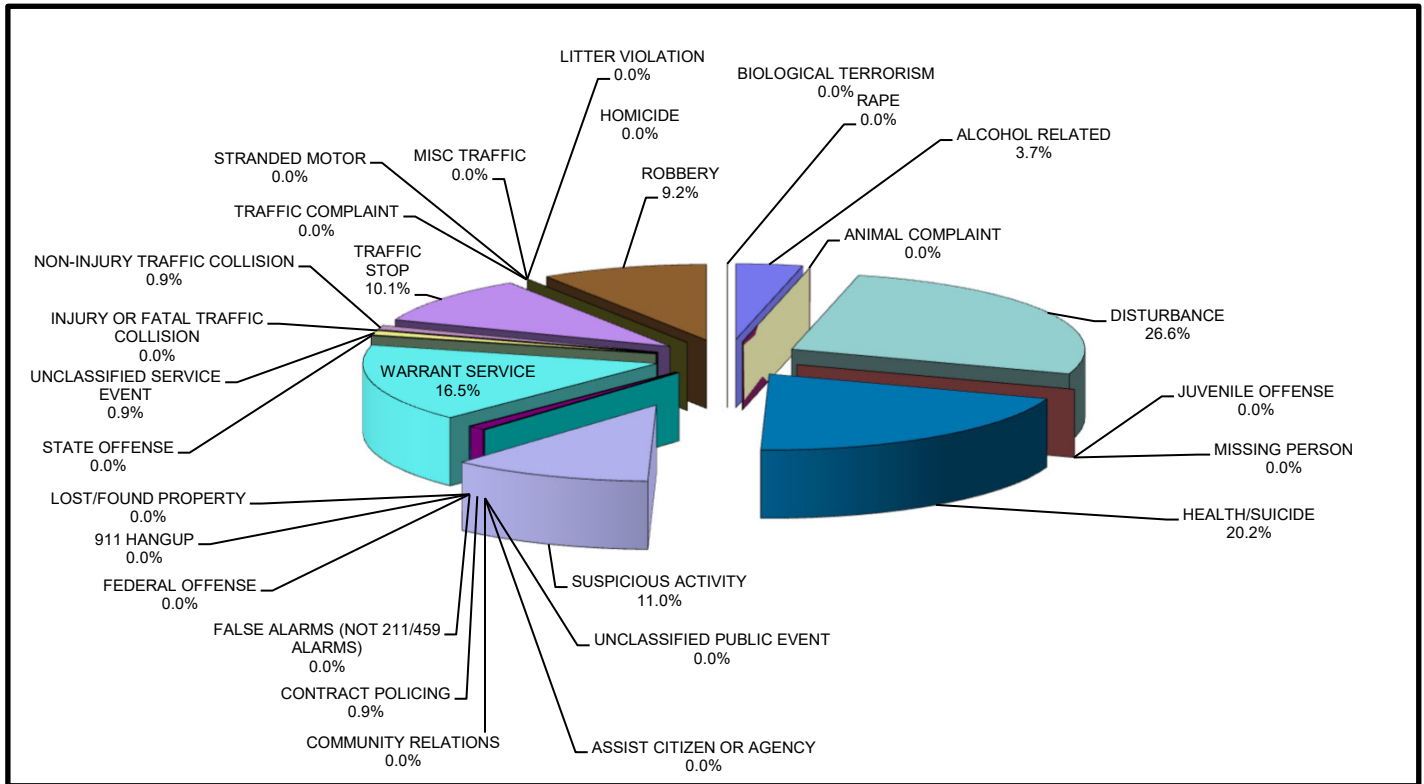
### REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





"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.

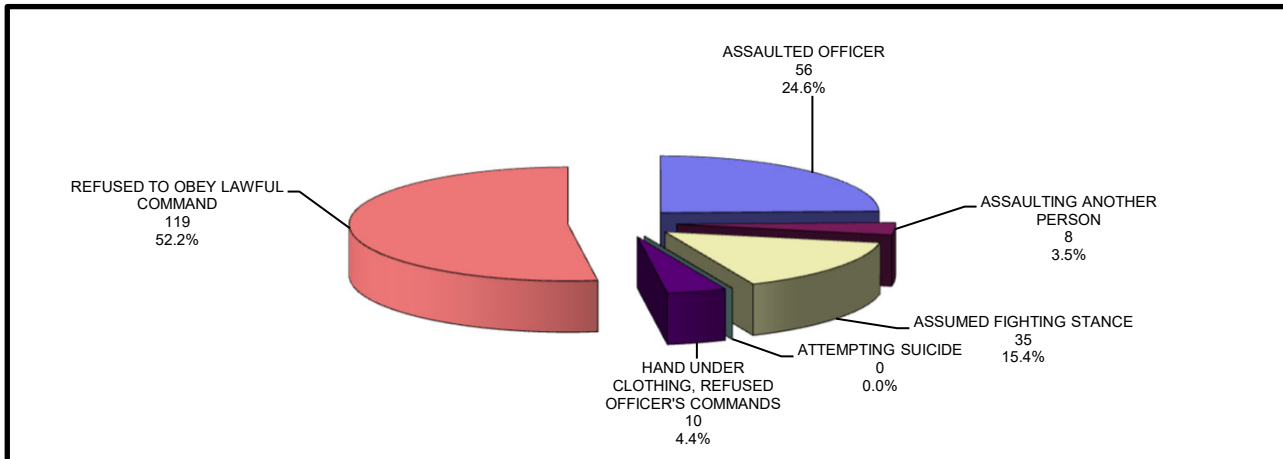
### TYPE OF CFS RESULTING IN REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS



Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:

|                                   | Force Incidents: | CFS Total: |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| ALCOHOL RELATED                   | 4                | 912        |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINT                  | 0                | 0          |
| DEATH OF PERSON/NATURAL           | 0                | 0          |
| DISTURBANCE                       | 29               | 64477      |
| JUVENILE OFFENSE                  | 0                | 0          |
| MISSING PERSON                    | 0                | 0          |
| HEALTH/SUICIDE                    | 22               | 24146      |
| SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY               | 12               | 56583      |
| BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM              | 0                | 0          |
| UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC EVENT         | 0                | 0          |
| ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY          | 0                | 0          |
| COMMUNITY RELATIONS               | 0                | 0          |
| CONTRACT POLICING                 | 1                | 3813       |
| FALSE ALARMS (NOT 211/459 ALARMS) | 0                | 0          |
| 911 HANGUP                        | 0                | 0          |
| FEDERAL OFFENSE                   | 0                | 0          |
| LOST/FOUND PROPERTY               | 0                | 0          |
| WARRANT SERVICE                   | 18               | 4204       |
| STATE OFFENSE                     | 0                | 0          |
| UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EVENT        | 1                | 14         |
| INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION | 0                | 0          |
| NON-INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION      | 1                | 4897       |
| TRAFFIC STOP                      | 11               | 38227      |
| TRAFFIC COMPLAINT                 | 0                | 0          |
| STRANDED MOTOR                    | 0                | 0          |
| MISC TRAFFIC                      | 0                | 0          |
| LITTER VIOLATION                  | 0                | 0          |
| HOMICIDE                          | 0                | 0          |

### SUSPECT'S ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



Order by Action:

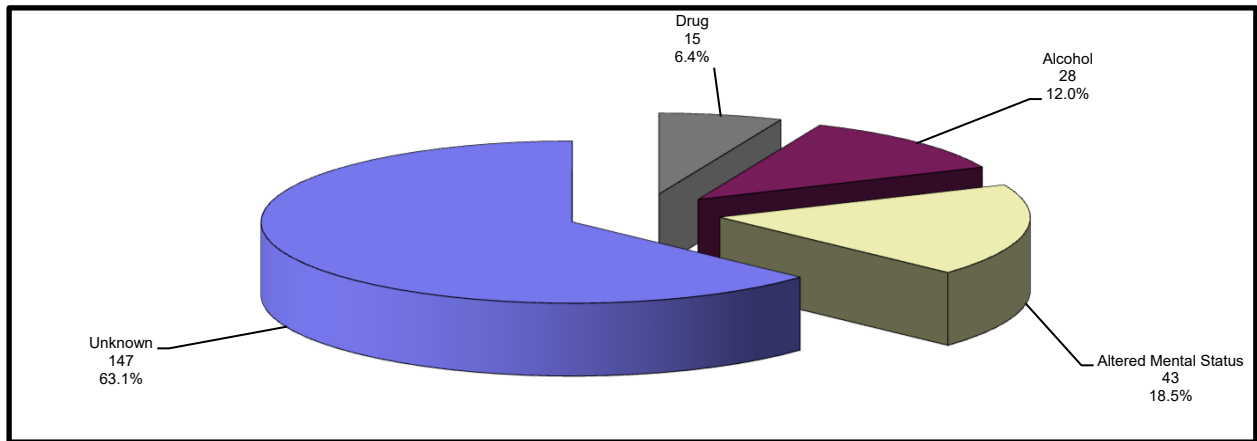
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|---|---|-------|
| ASSAULTED OFFICER                               | - | 24.6% |
| ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON                       | - | 3.5%  |
| ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE                         | - | 15.4% |
| ATTEMPTING SUICIDE                              | - | 0.0%  |
| HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS | - | 4.4%  |
| REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND                  | - | 52.2% |

### 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   | 3                              |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINT                  | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| DEATH OF PERSON/NATURAL           | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| DISTURBANCE                       | 13                | 3                         | 5                       | 0                  | 2   | 6                              |
| JUVENILE OFFENSE                  | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| MISSING PERSON                    | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| HEALTH/SUICIDE                    | 7                 | 1                         | 8                       | 0                  | 0   | 6                              |
| SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY               | 3                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 1   | 8                              |
| BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM              | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC EVENT         | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY          | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| COMMUNITY RELATIONS               | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| CONTRACT POLICING                 | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 1                              |
| FALSE ALARMS (NOT 211/459 ALARMS) | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| 911 HANGUP                        | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| FEDERAL OFFENSE                   | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| LOST/FOUND PROPERTY               | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| WARRANT SERVICE                   | 1                 | 0                         | 3                       | 0                  | 1   | 13                             |
| STATE OFFENSE                     | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EVENT        | 0                 | 0                         | 1                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISIO  | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| NON-INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION      | 1                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| TRAFFIC STOP                      | 2                 | 0                         | 1                       | 0                  | 0   | 8                              |
| TRAFFIC COMPLAINT                 | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| STRANDED MOTOR                    | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| MISC TRAFFIC                      | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |
| LITTER VIOLATION                  | 0                 | 0                         | 0                       | 0                  | 0   | 0                              |

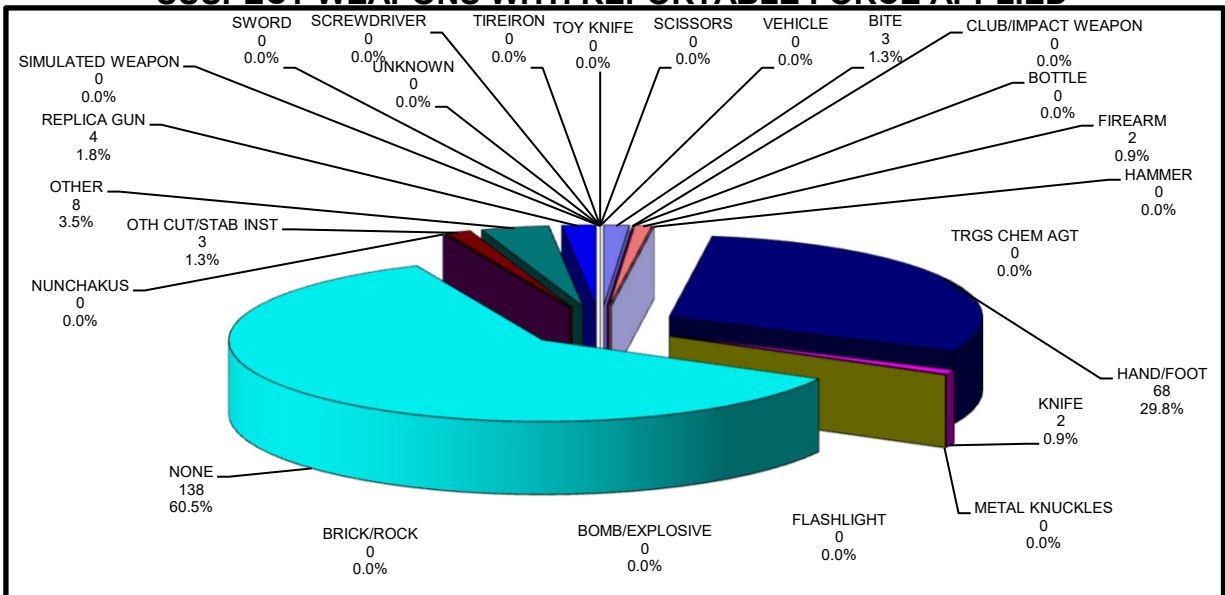


### SUSPECT'S CONDITION AT TIME REPORTABLE FORCE APLIED



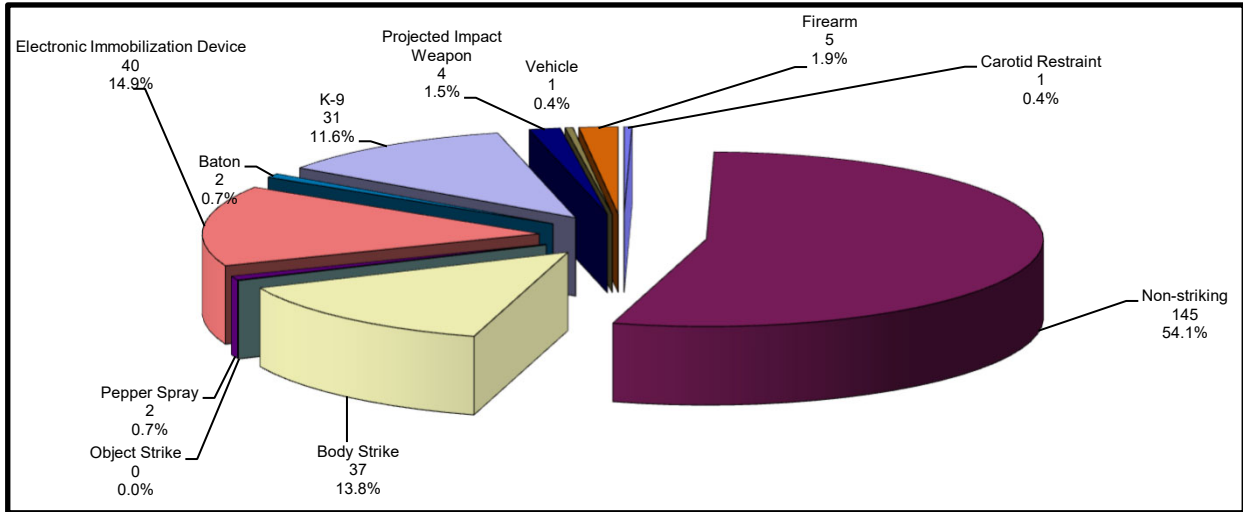
Some suspects had more than one condition.

### SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APLIED



| Order by Weapon:   | Count | Percentage |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| BITE               | -     | 1.3%       |
| BOMB/EXPLOSIVE     | -     | 0.0%       |
| BOTTLE             | -     | 0.0%       |
| BRICK/ROCK         | -     | 0.0%       |
| CLUB/IMPACT WEAPON | -     | 0.0%       |
| FIREARM            | -     | 0.9%       |
| FLASHLIGHT         | -     | 0.0%       |
| HAMMER             | -     | 0.0%       |
| HAND/FOOT          | -     | 29.8%      |
| KNIFE              | -     | 0.9%       |
| METAL KNUCKLES     | -     | 0.0%       |
| NONE               | -     | 60.5%      |
| NUNCHAKUS          | -     | 0.0%       |

## 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:

|                                  |   |       |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|
| Carotid Restraint                | - | 0.4%  |
| Non-striking                     | - | 54.1% |
| Body Strike                      | - | 13.8% |
| Object Strike                    | - | 0.0%  |
| Pepper Spray                     | - | 0.7%  |
| Electronic Immobilization Device | - | 14.9% |
| Baton                            | - | 0.7%  |
| K-9                              | - | 11.6% |
| Projected Impact Weapon          | - | 1.5%  |
| Vehicle                          | - | 0.4%  |
| Firearm                          | - | 1.9%  |

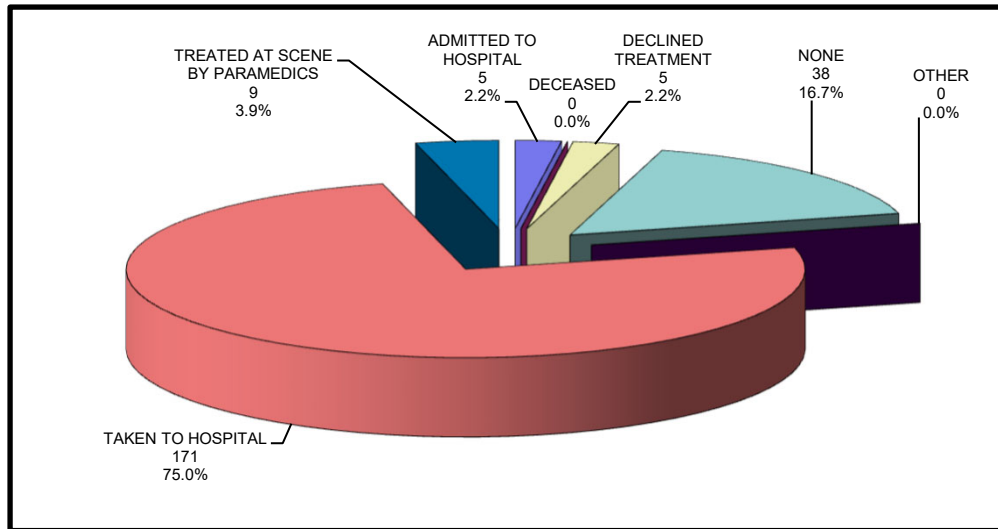
Note:

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



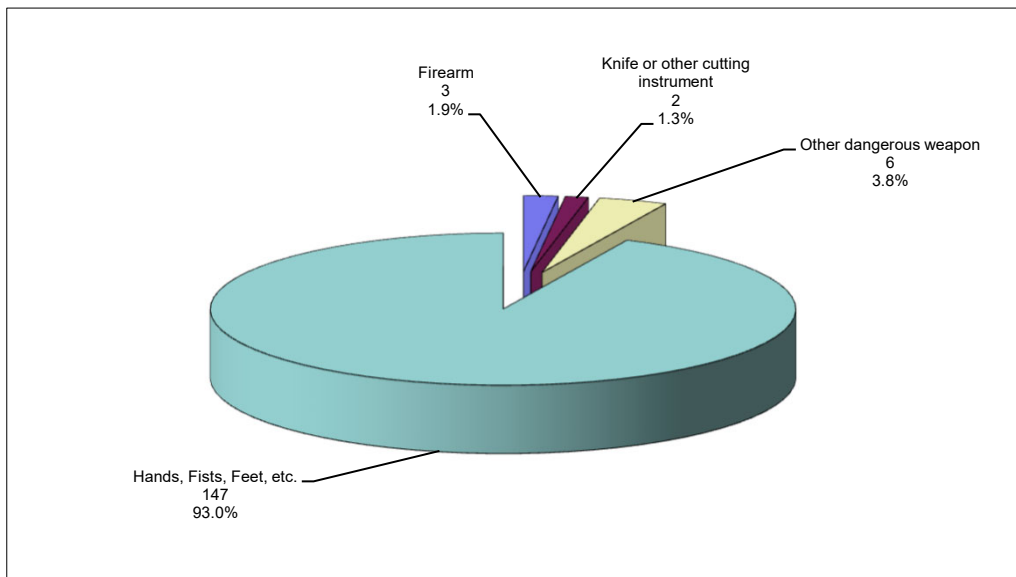
## OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES, WEAPON RETENTION

### SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



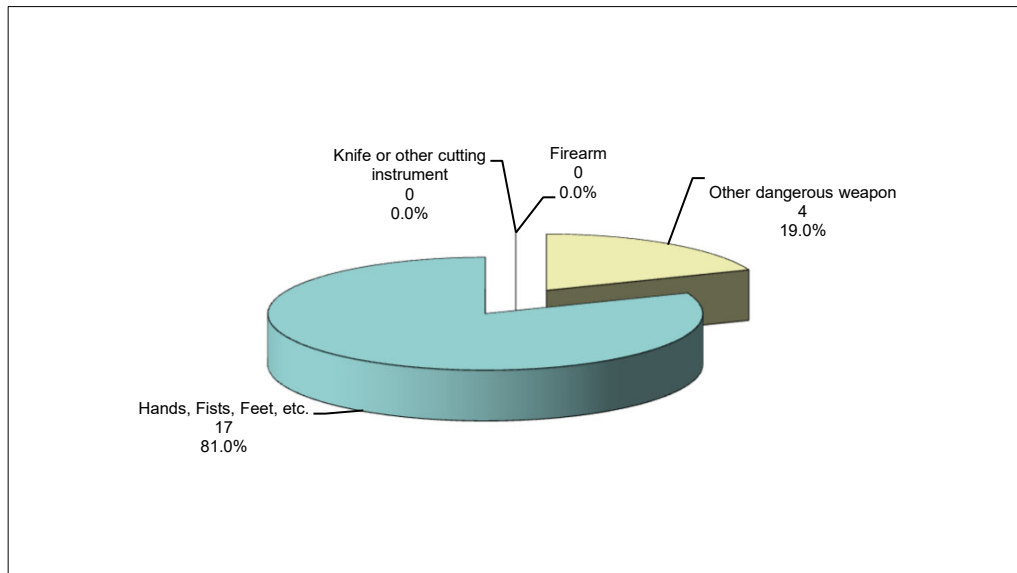
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically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

### OFFICER'S ASSAULTED \*



158 officers were assaulted.

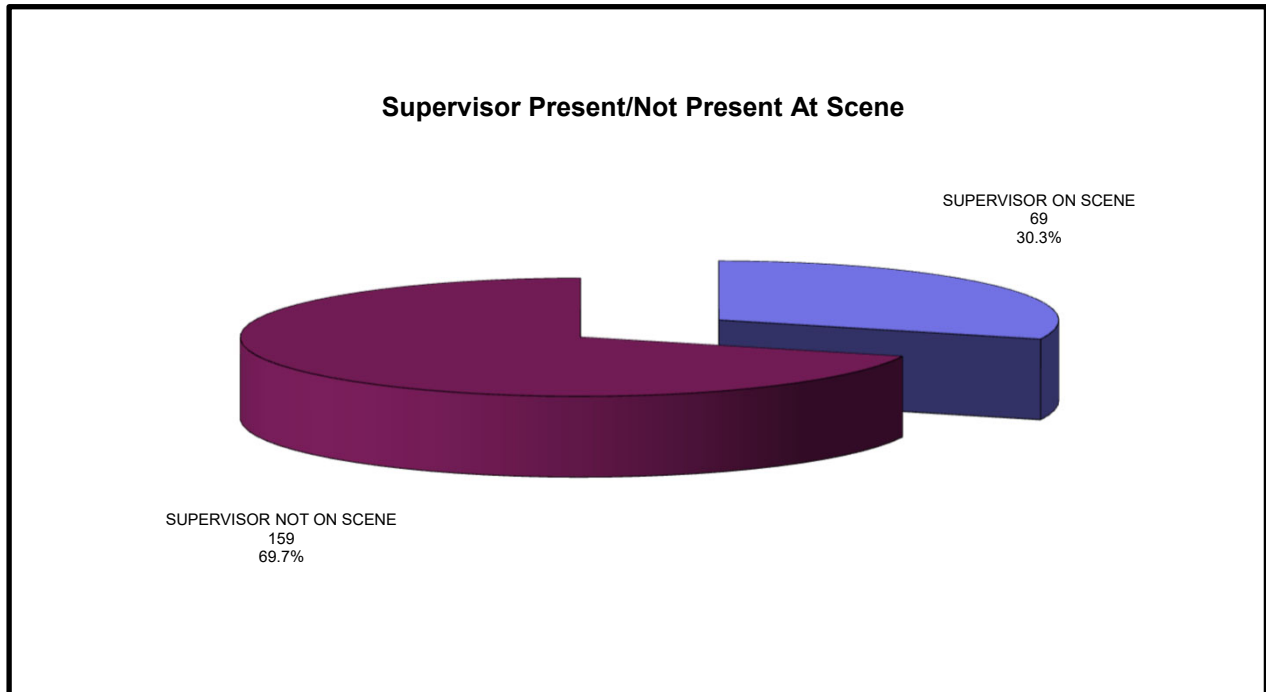
### OFFICER'S INJURED \*



21 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

\* Data based on the Year 2020 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."