

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 Policy and Procedure 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:

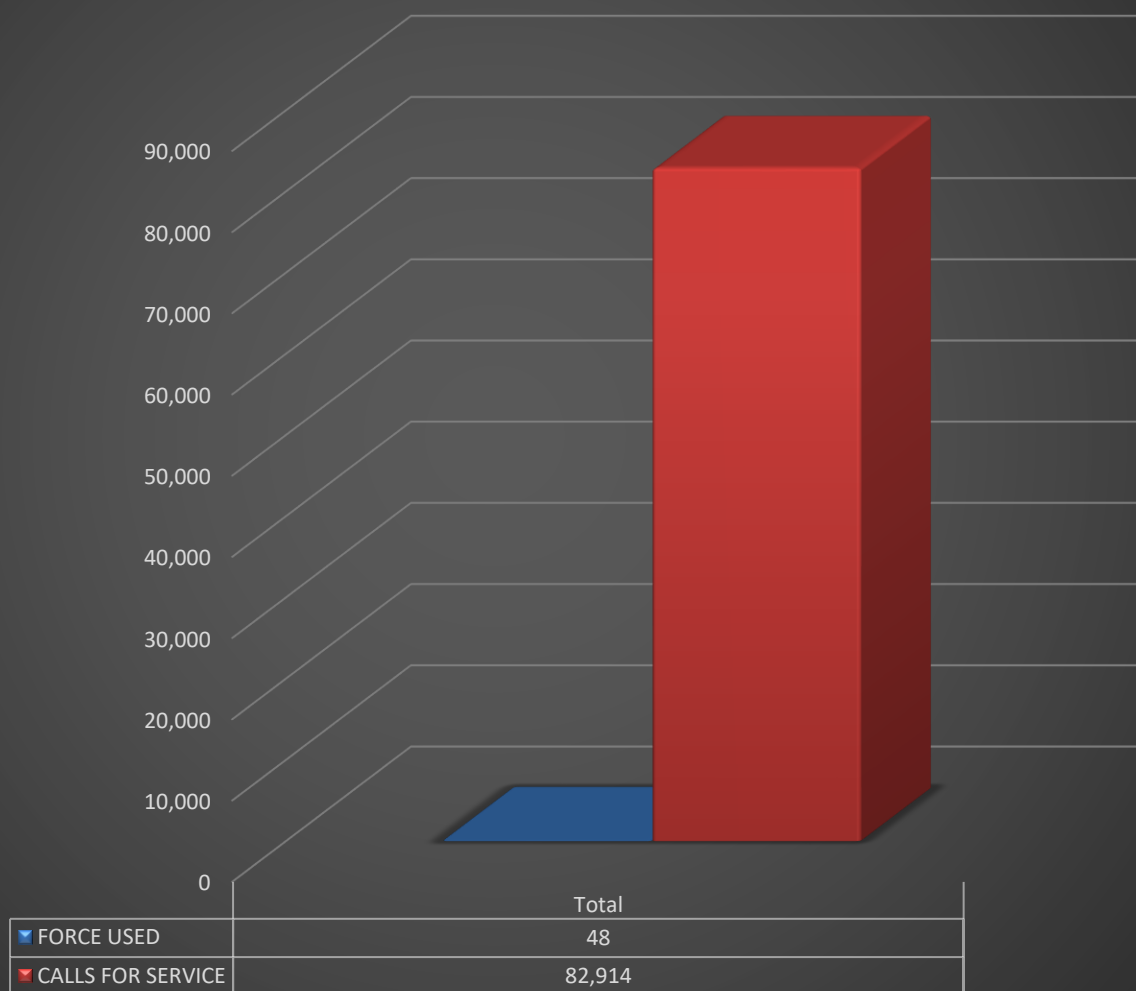
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured, has expressed a complaint of pain or has been rendered unconscious; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (e.g., fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (e.g., flashlight, clipboard, etc.); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display)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

Fresno police officers applied force in 48 incidents while responding to 82,914 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in 0.058% of all calls for service for this reporting period.

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



CFS does not include events handled telephonically.
0.058% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

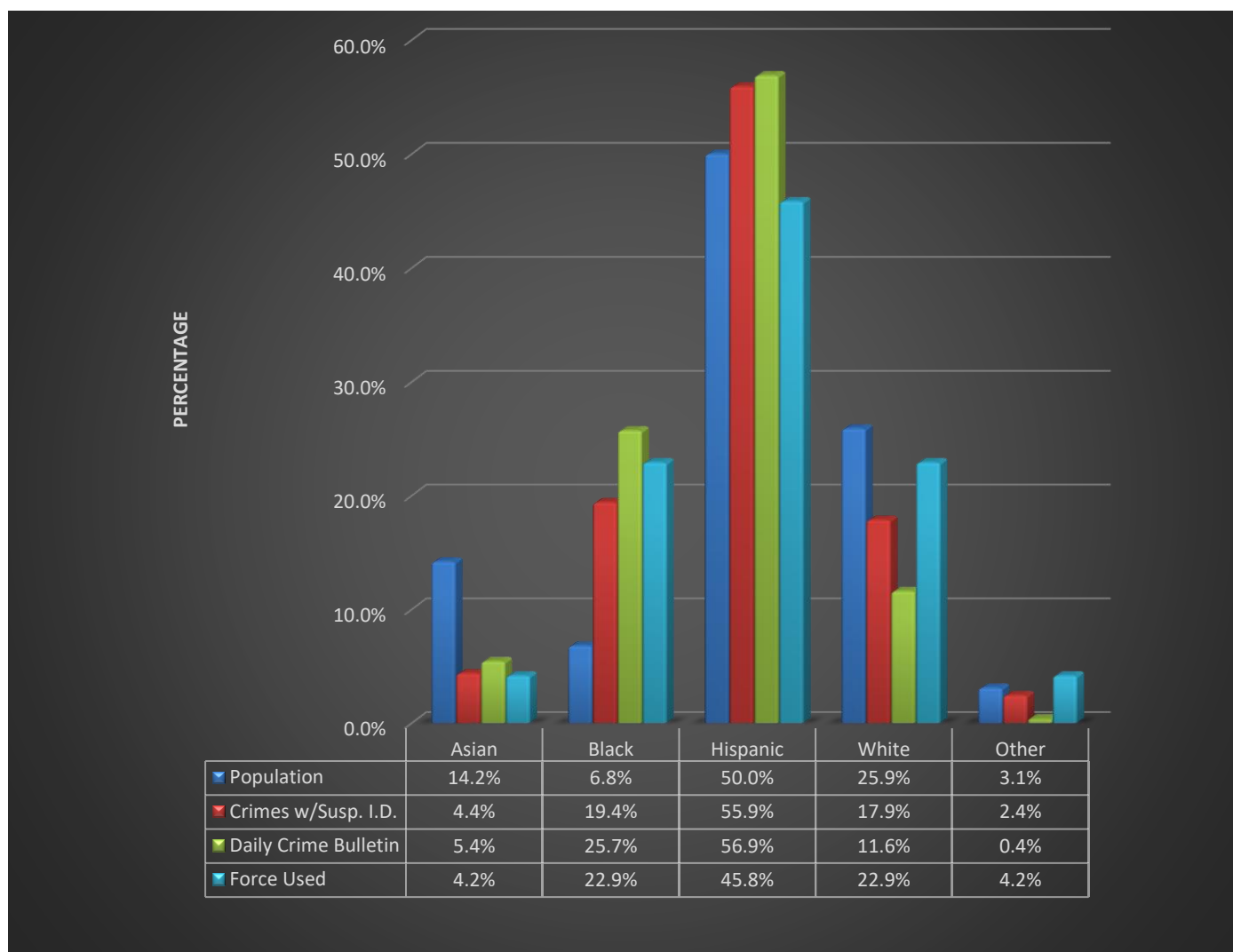
Suspect Demographics

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
City of Fresno Pop. (542,107)* Percentage	76,979 14.2%	36,863 6.8%	271,054 50.0%	140,406 25.9%	16,805 3.1%
Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (4,421) Percentage	193 4.4%	858 19.4%	2,472 55.9%	790 17.9%	108 2.4%
Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (276)** Percentage	15 5.4%	71 25.7%	157 56.9%	32 11.6%	1 0.4%
Force Applications (48)*** Percentage	2 4.2%	11 22.9%	22 45.8%	11 22.9%	2 4.2%

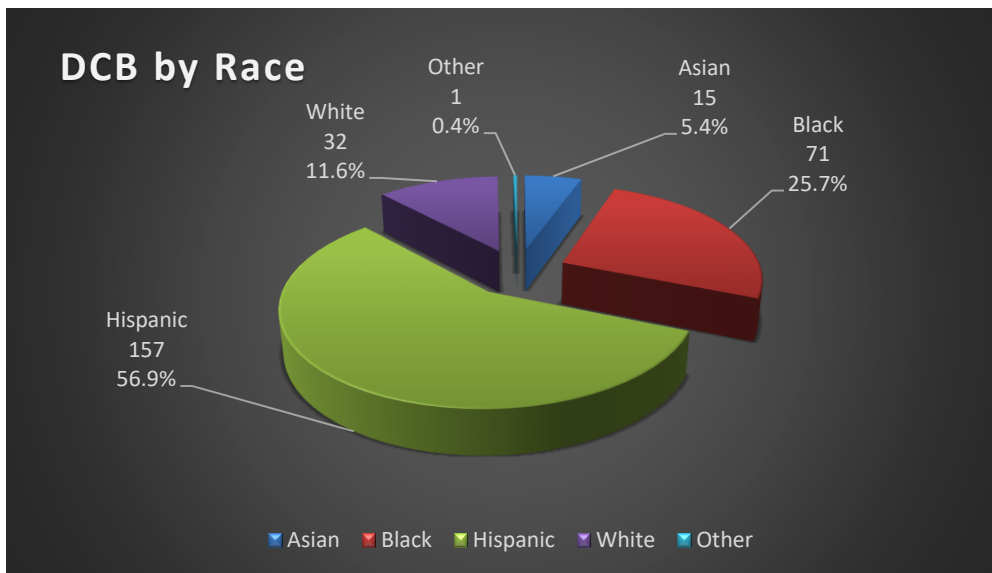
* 2020 Census

** 0 persons or 0.0% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

*** Of the 48 reportable force cases, 0 had no age or race data available



DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 276

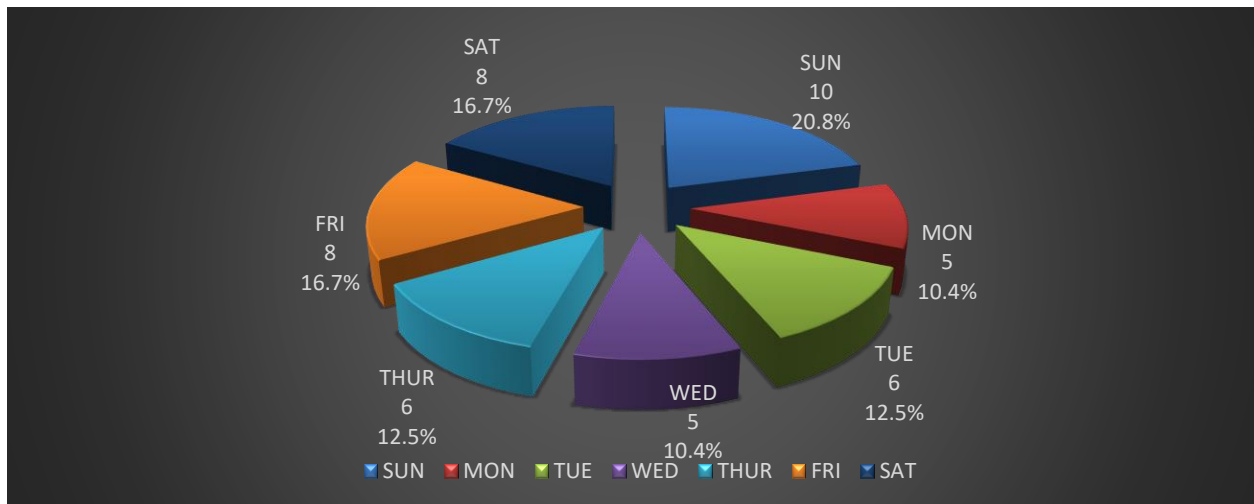


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	56.9%
	Black	-	25.7%
	White	-	11.6%
	Asian	-	5.4%
	Other	-	0.4%

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.)

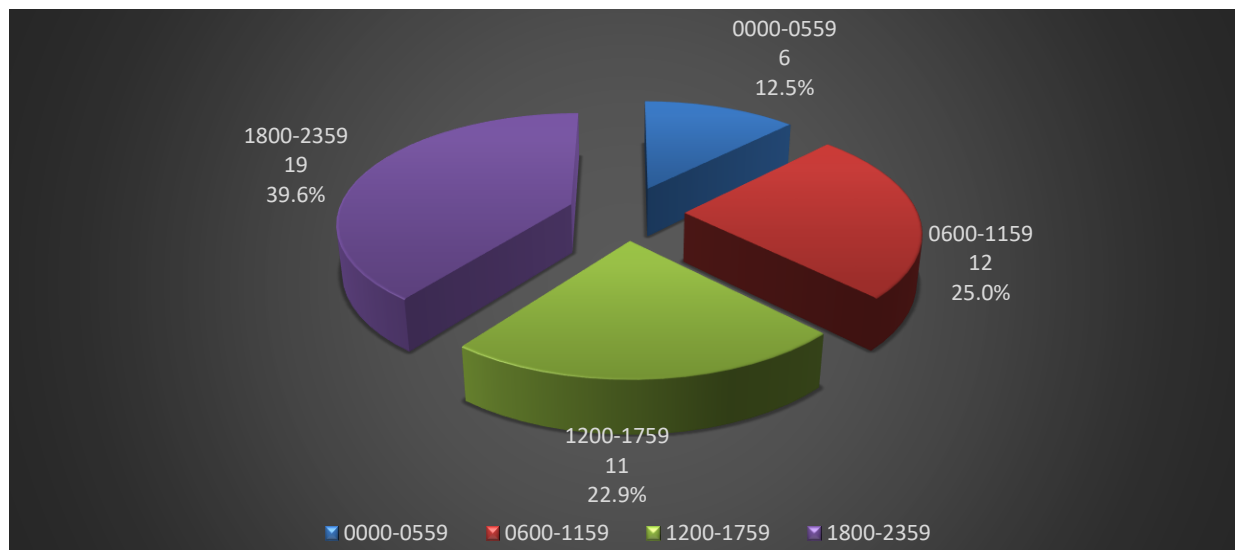
FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Sunday	-	20.8%
Saturday	-	16.7%
Friday	-	16.7%
Thursday	-	12.5%
Tuesday	-	12.5%
Wednesday	-	10.4%
Monday	-	10.4%

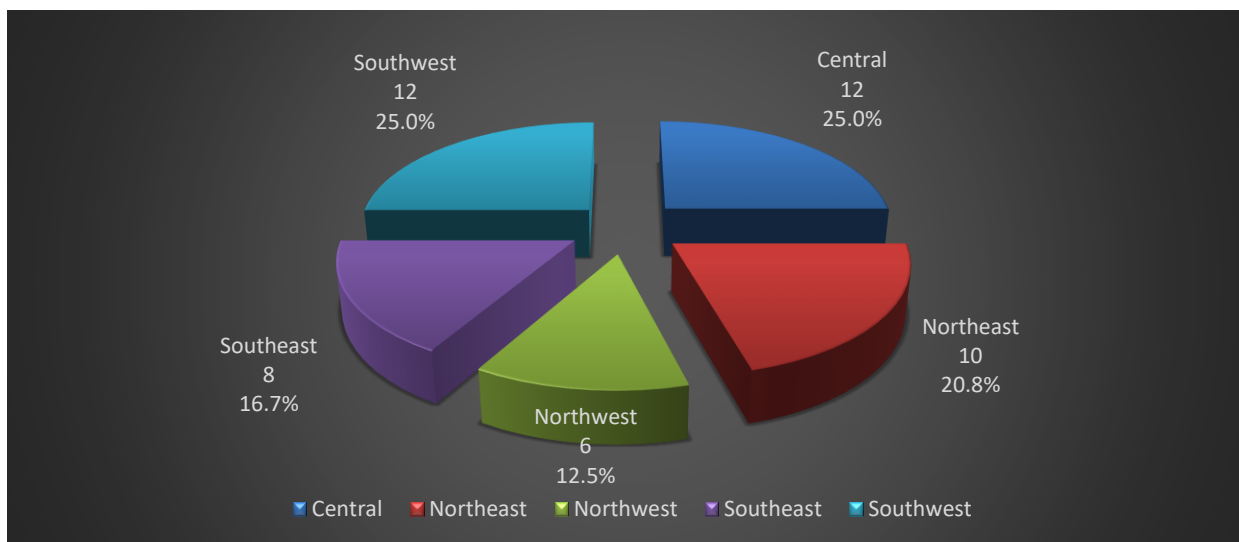
FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	39.6%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	25.0%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	22.9%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	12.5%

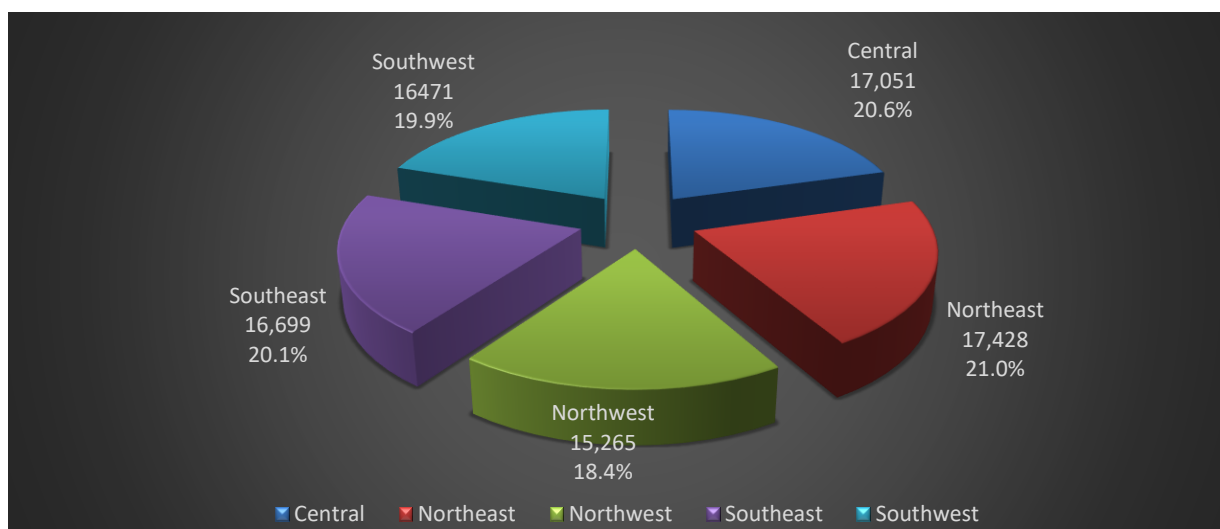
FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT*



Of the 48 force incidents, 0 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	District	Count	Percentage
	Central	-	25.0%
	Southwest	-	25.0%
	Northeast	-	20.8%
	Southeast	-	16.7%
	Northwest	-	12.5%

ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY POLICING DISTRICT*



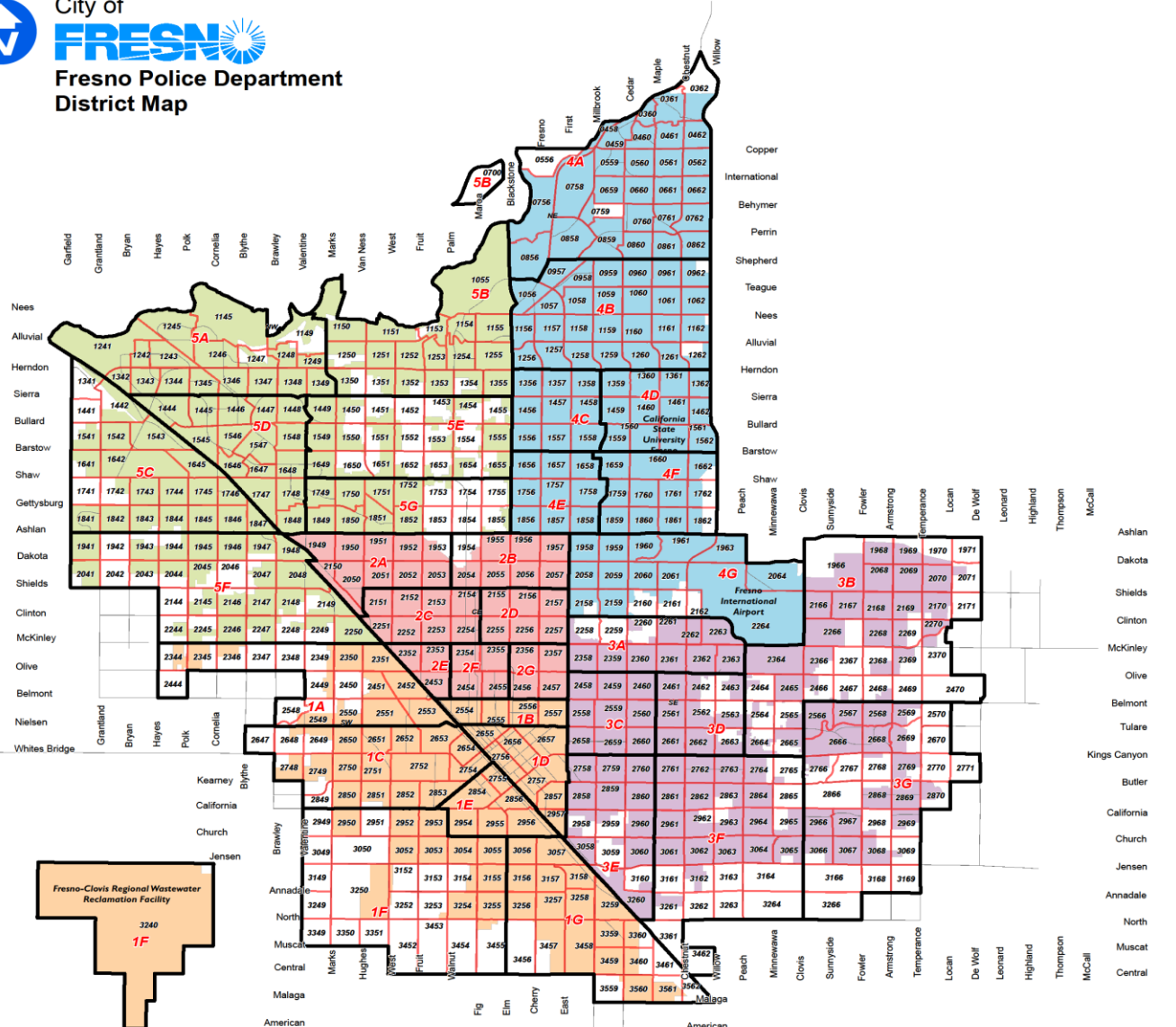
Of the 82,914 CFS, 0 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	District	Count	Percentage
	Northeast	-	21.0%
	Central	-	20.6%
	Southeast	-	20.1%
	Southwest	-	19.9%
	Northwest	-	18.4%

* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.



Fresno Police Department District Map

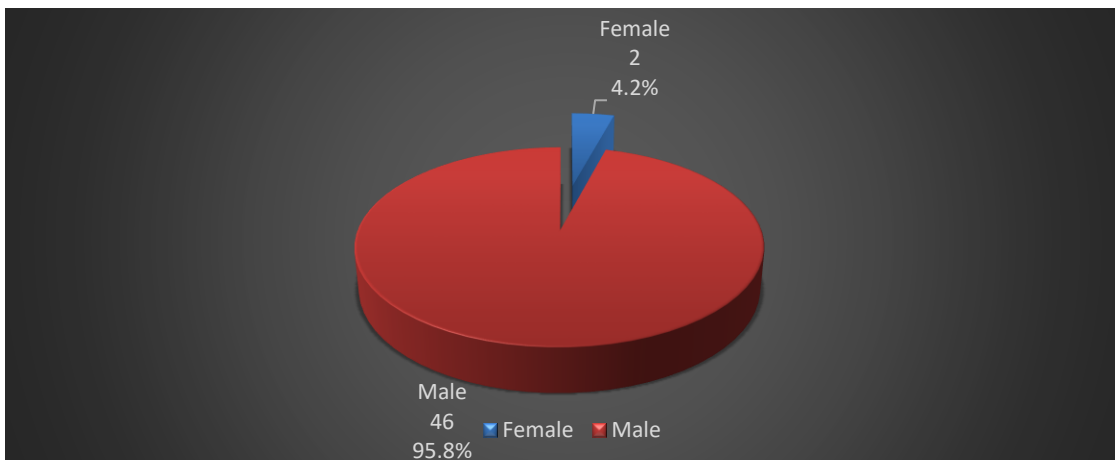


Legend

- Central
- Northeast
- Northwest
- Southeast
- Southwest



FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 48 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	7	37	134	16	2	196
18-23	20	123	413	73	18	647
24-29	37	187	507	128	25	884
30-35	59	158	518	166	18	919
36-41	41	115	397	144	25	722
42-47	20	104	242	109	8	483
48-53	3	62	113	70	6	254
54-59	3	35	80	38	4	160
60-65	3	24	50	39	2	118
66 and Over	0	13	18	7	0	38
Total	193	858	2,472	790	108	4,421

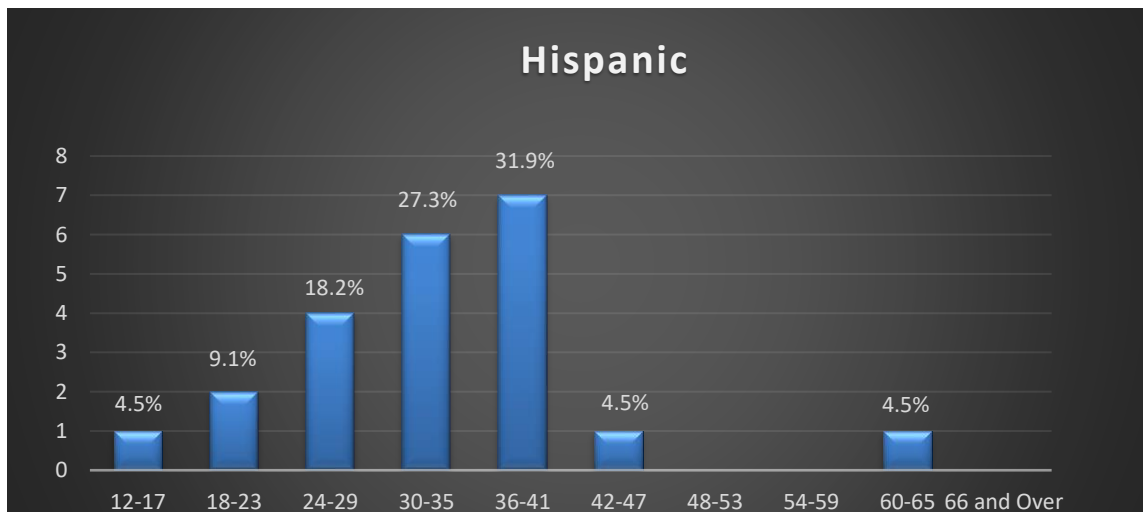
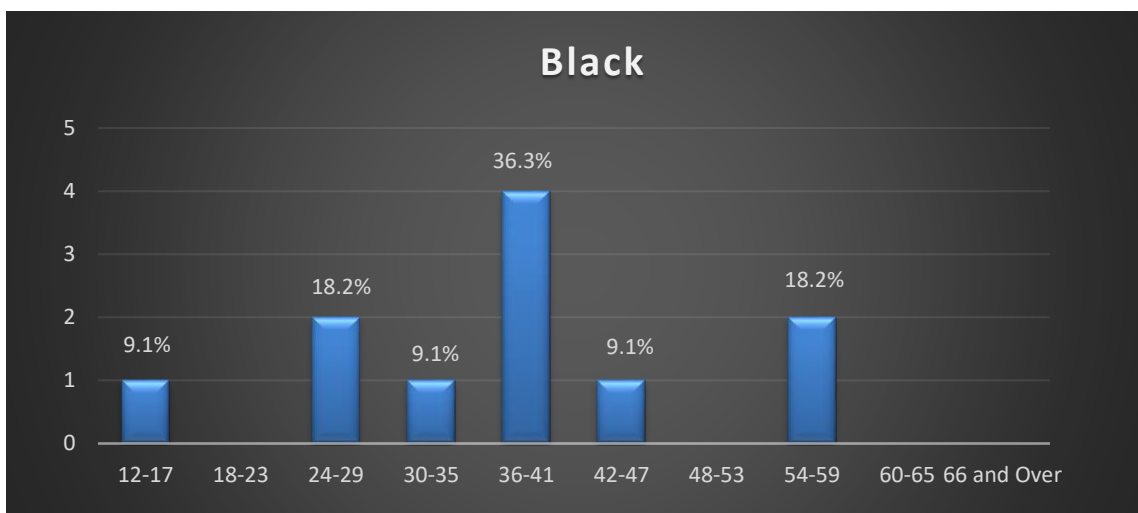
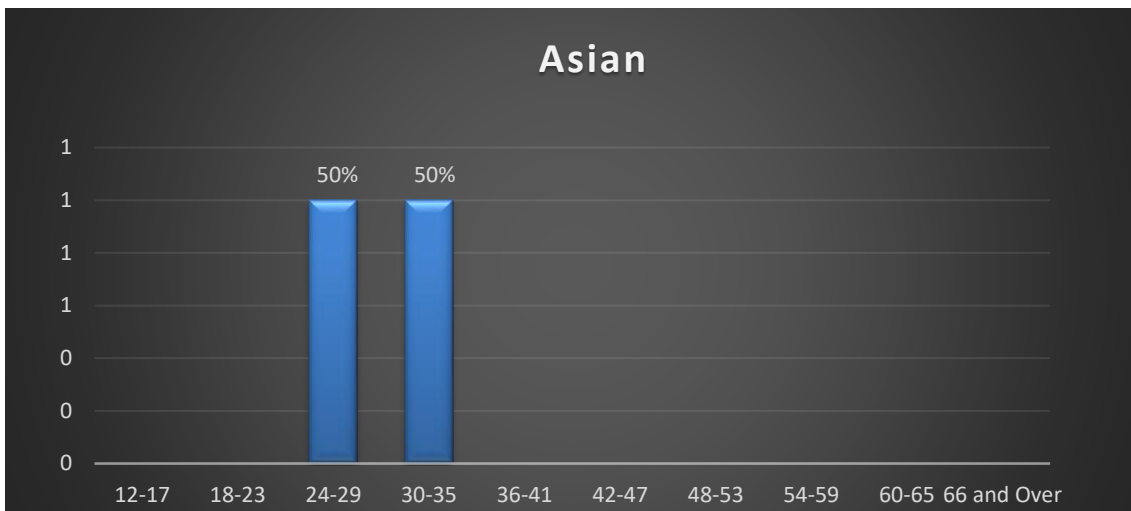
Of the 9,006 reported crime suspects, 4,421 had both age and race data.

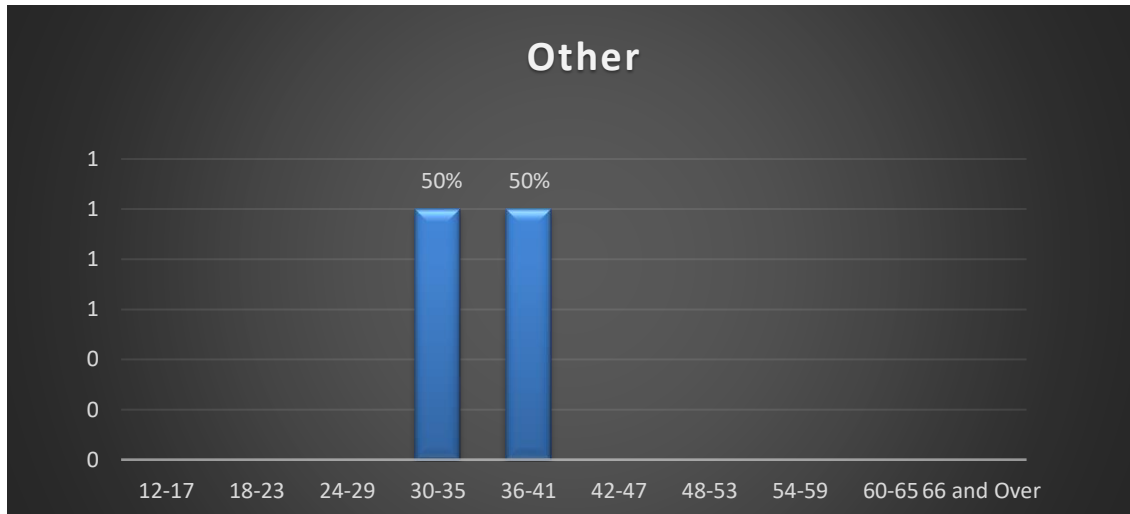
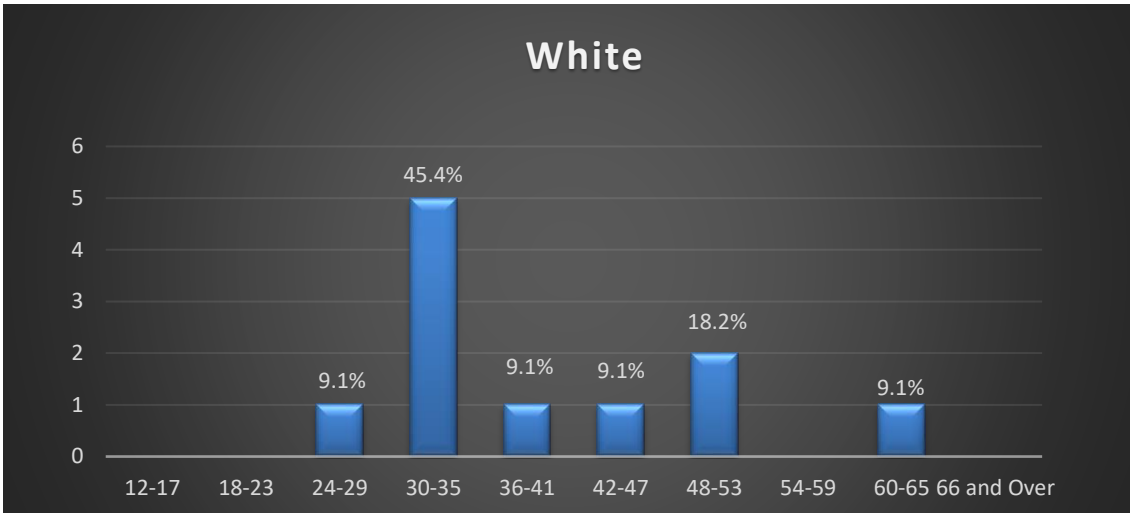
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17		1	1			2
18-23			2			2
24-29	1	2	4	1		8
30-35	1	1	6	5	1	14
36-41		4	7	1	1	13
42-47		1	1	1		3
48-53				2		2
54-59		2				2
60-65			1	1		2
66 and Over						0
Total	2	11	22	11	2	48

Of the 48 force incidents, 48 had both age and race data.

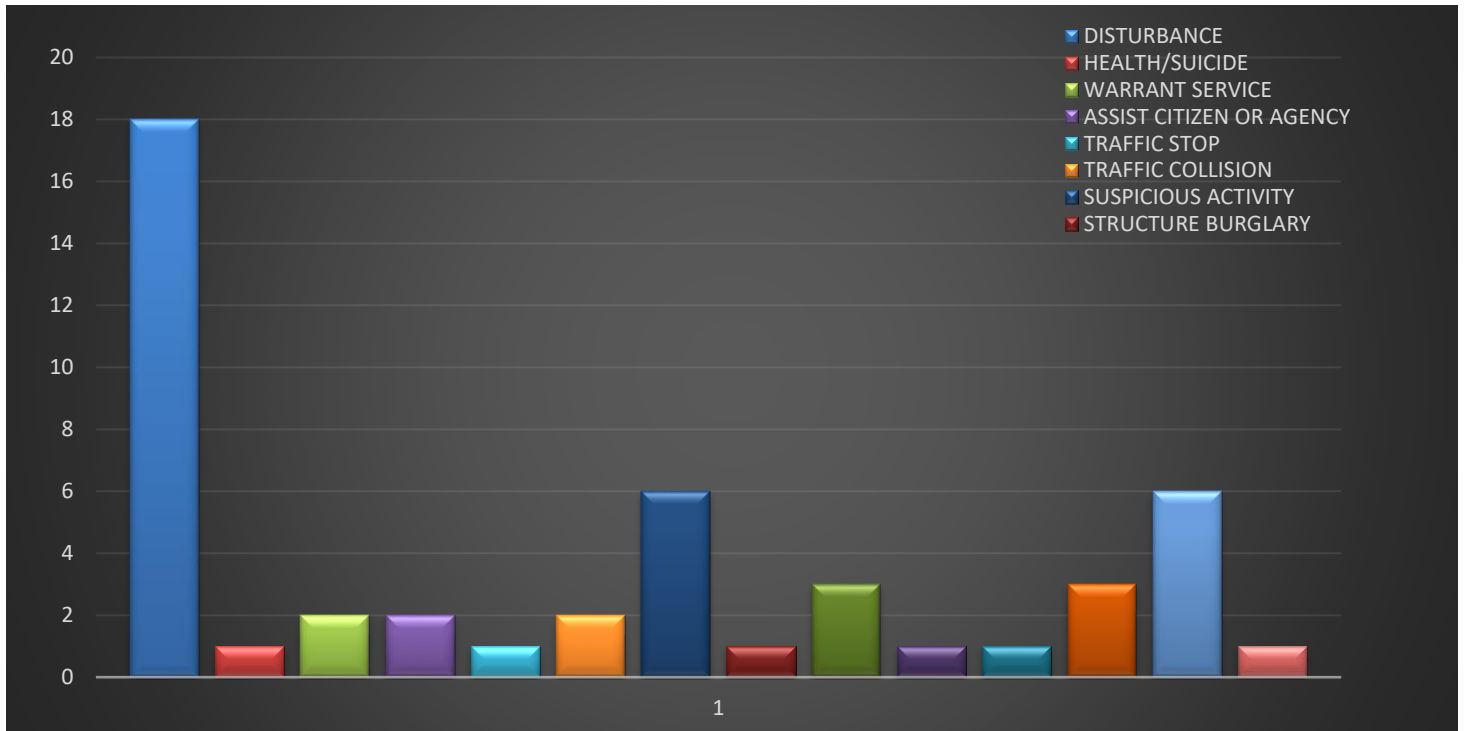
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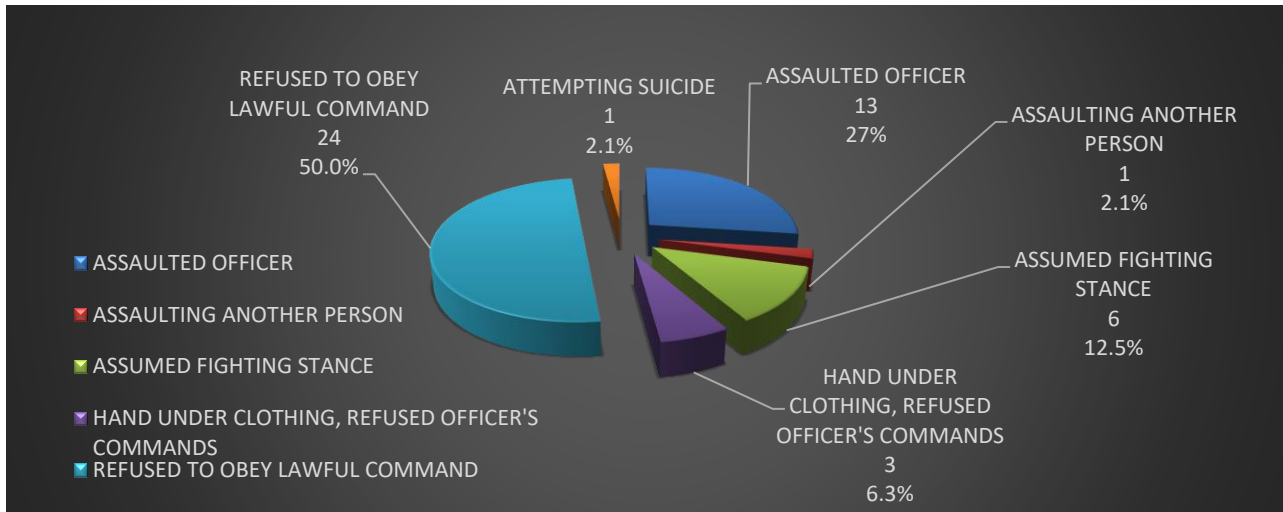
"Other" refers to persons whose race is not defined as Asian, Black, Hispanic or White, i.e. persons from the Pacific Islands or American Indian.

TYPE OF CFS RESULTING IN REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS



Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:	Force Incidents:	CFS Total:
DISTURBANCE	-	18
HEALTH/SUICIDE	-	1
WARRANT SERVICE	-	2
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	-	2
TRAFFIC STOP	-	1
TRAFFIC COLLISION	-	2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	-	6
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	-	1
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATON	-	3
FRAUD/FROGERY	-	1
THEFT	-	1
WEAPONS OFFENSE	-	3
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	-	6
CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT	-	1
TOTAL	48	60155

SUSPECT'S ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



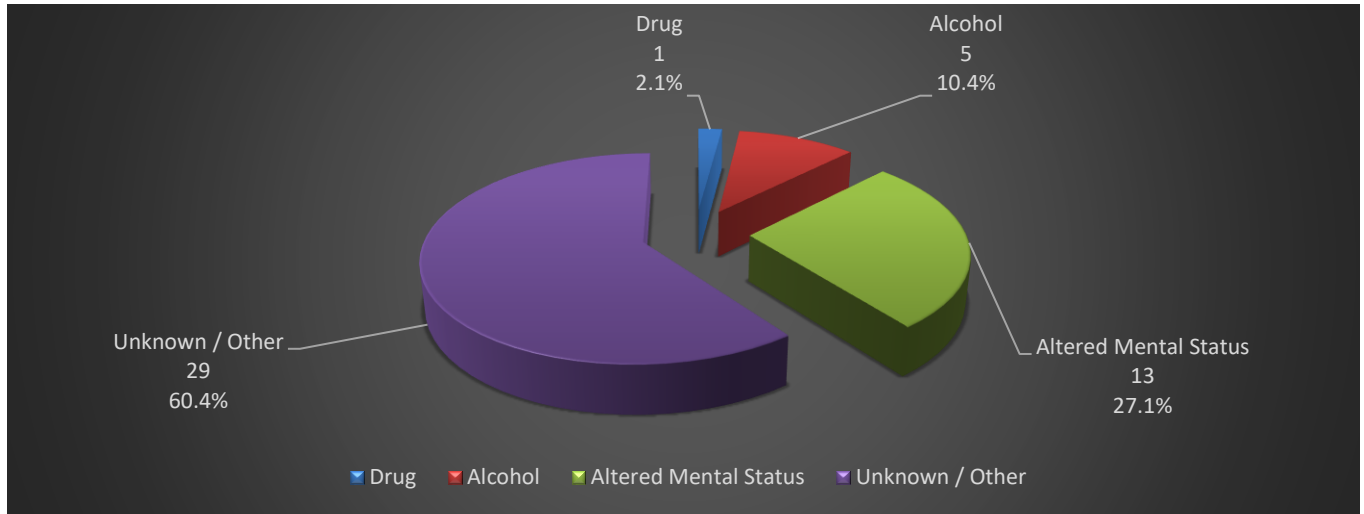
Order by Action:

ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	12.5%
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	50.0%
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	27.0%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	6.3%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	2.1%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	2.1%

REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY TYPE OF CFS AND SUSPECT'S ACTION

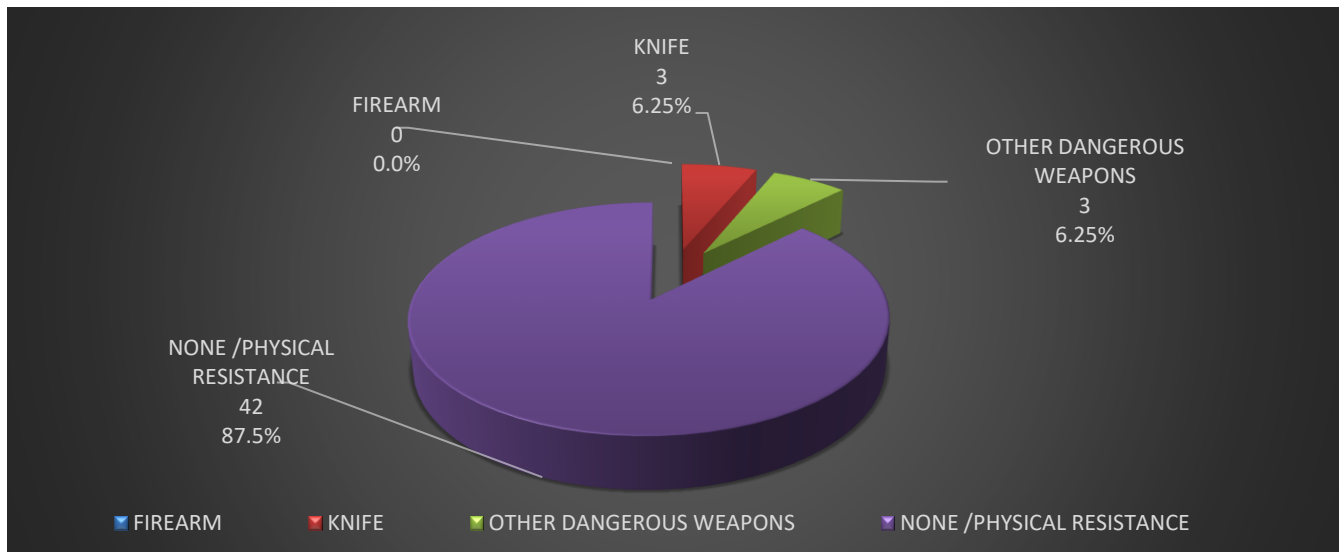
TYPE OF CFS	ASSAULTED OFFICER	ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND
ARSON						
ASSAULT						
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	1					1
CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT	1					
PATROL/BUILDING CHECK						
CONTRACT POLICING						
DISTURBANCE	3	1	4	1	2	7
FRAUD/FORGERY						1
HEALTH/SUICIDE						1
MISSING PERSON						
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION			1			2
ROBBERY						
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	1					
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	2		1		1	2
TELEPHONIC OFFENSE						
THEFT	1					
TRAFFIC COLLISION	2					
TRAFFIC STOP						1
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	1					5
VANDALISM						
VEHICLE THEFT						
WARRANT SERVICE						2
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1					2
Total	13	1	6	1	3	24

SUSPECT'S CONDITION AT TIME REPORTABLE FORCE APLIED



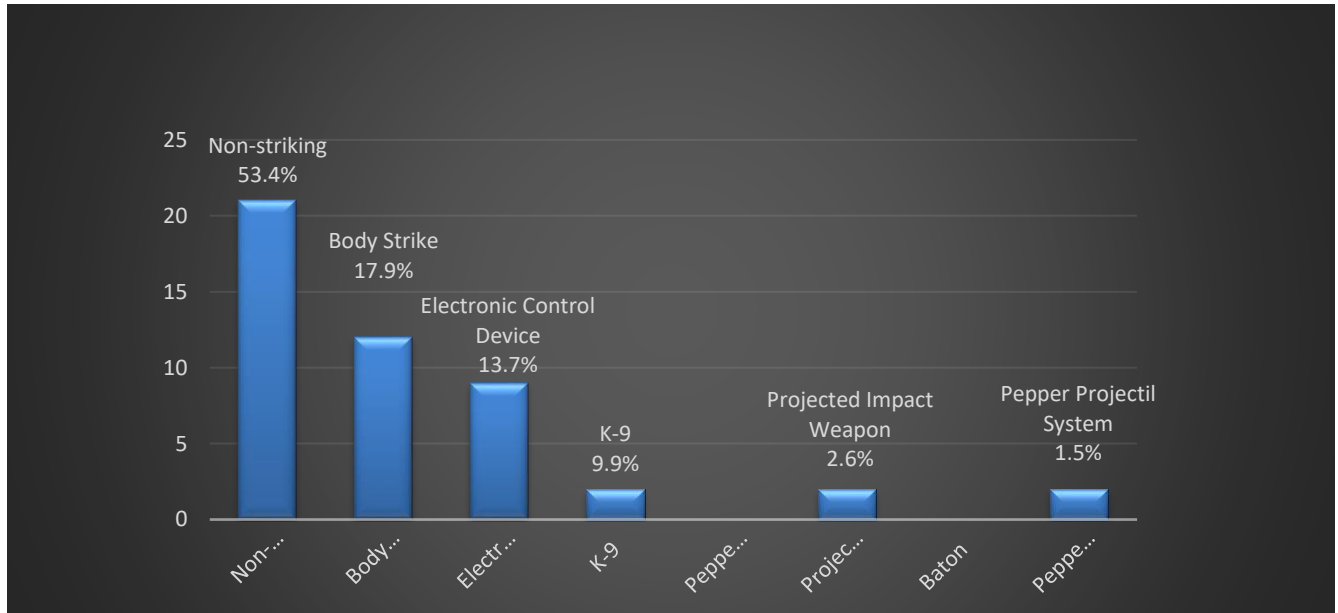
Some suspects had more than one condition.

SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APLIED



Order by Weapon:	WEAPON	Count	Percentage
	NONE	42	87.5%
	KNIFE	3	6.25%
	OTHER	3	6.25%
	FIREARM	0	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:

Non-striking	-	53.4%
Body Strike	-	17.9%
Electronic Control Device	-	13.7%
K-9	-	9.9%
Pepper Spray	-	0.7%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	2.6%
Baton	-	0.3%
Pepper Projectile System	-	1.5%

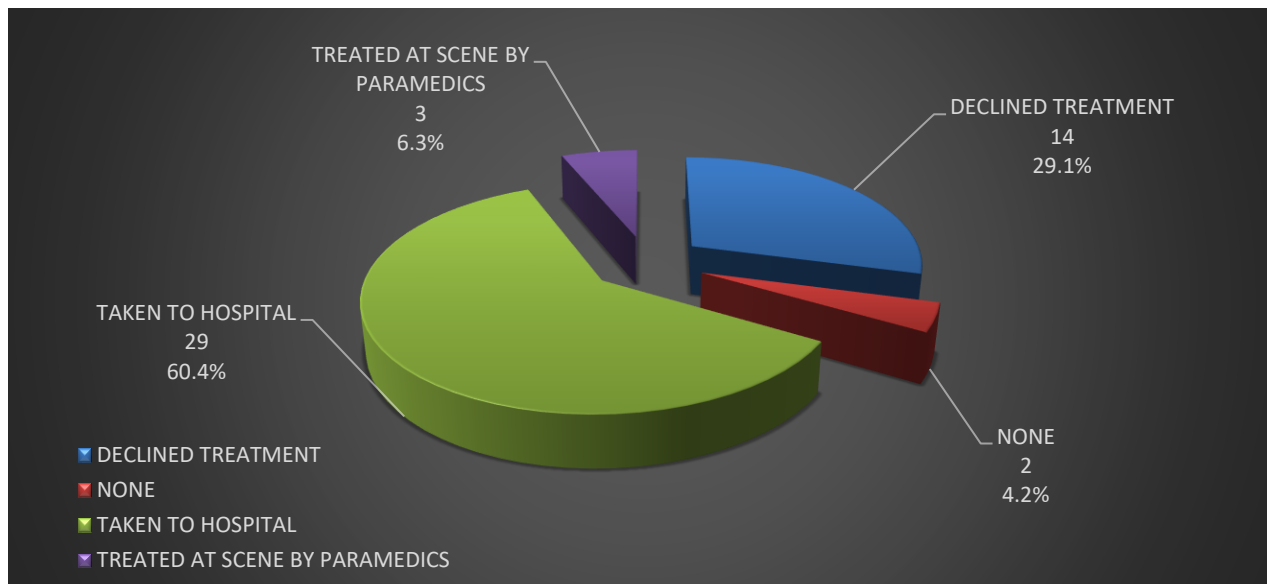
Note: Electronic Control Device is also referred to as a Taser.

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

OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES, WEAPON RETENTION

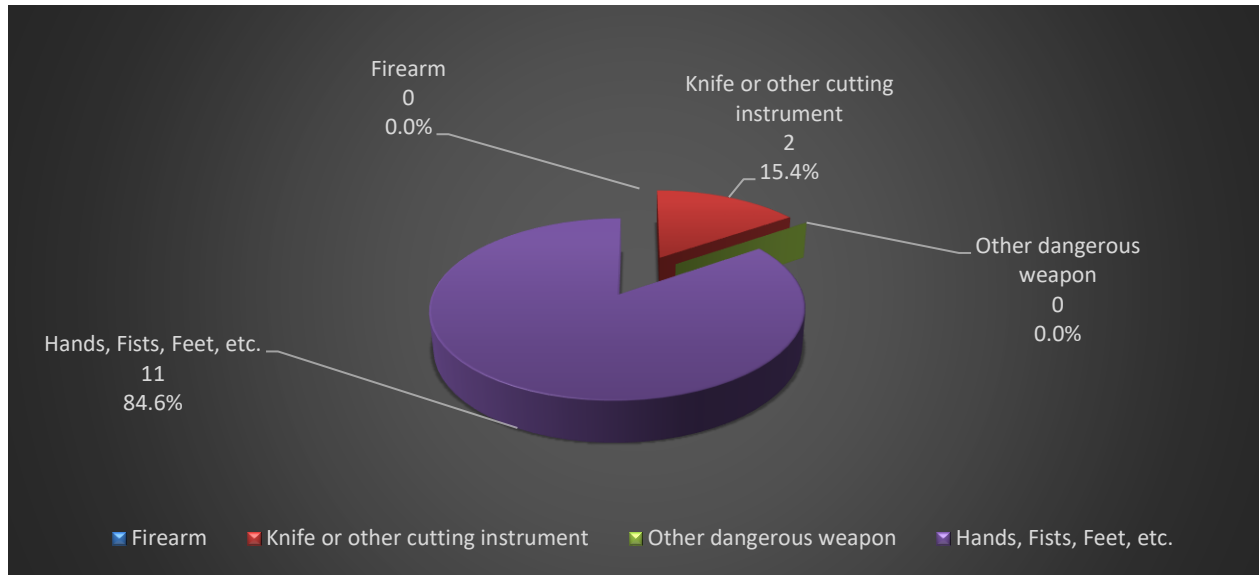
* No incidents occurred this quarter whereby a suspect attempted to remove, or removed, an officer's weapon.

SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



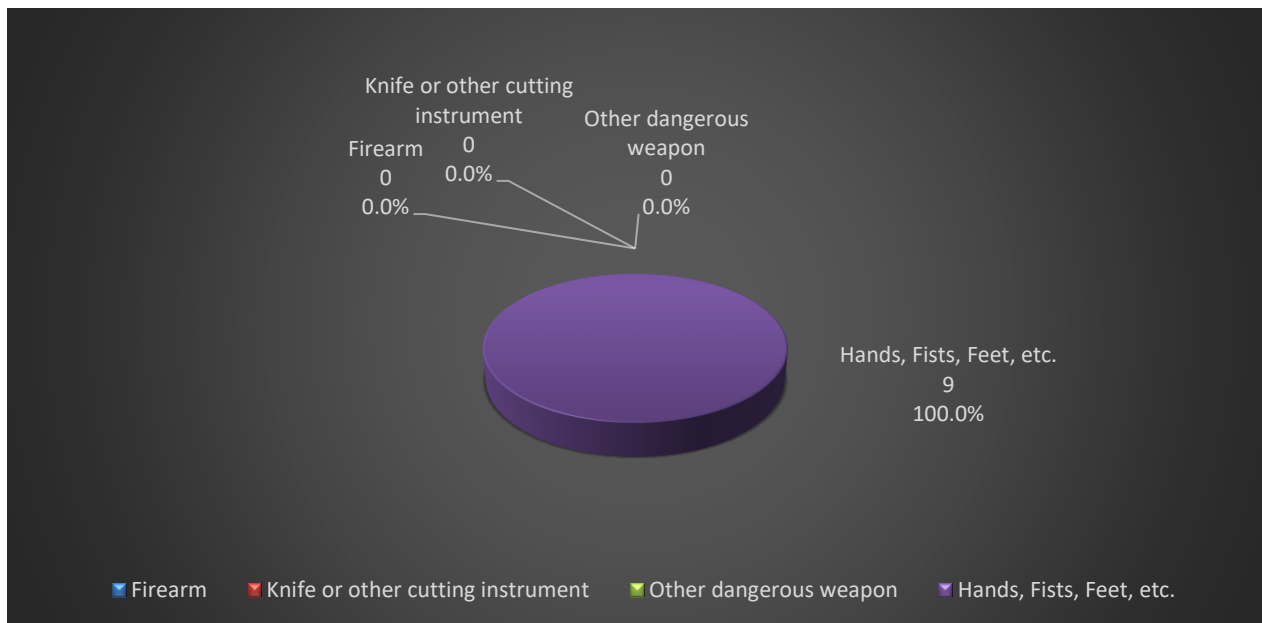
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic control device (Taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically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

OFFICERS ASSAULTED *



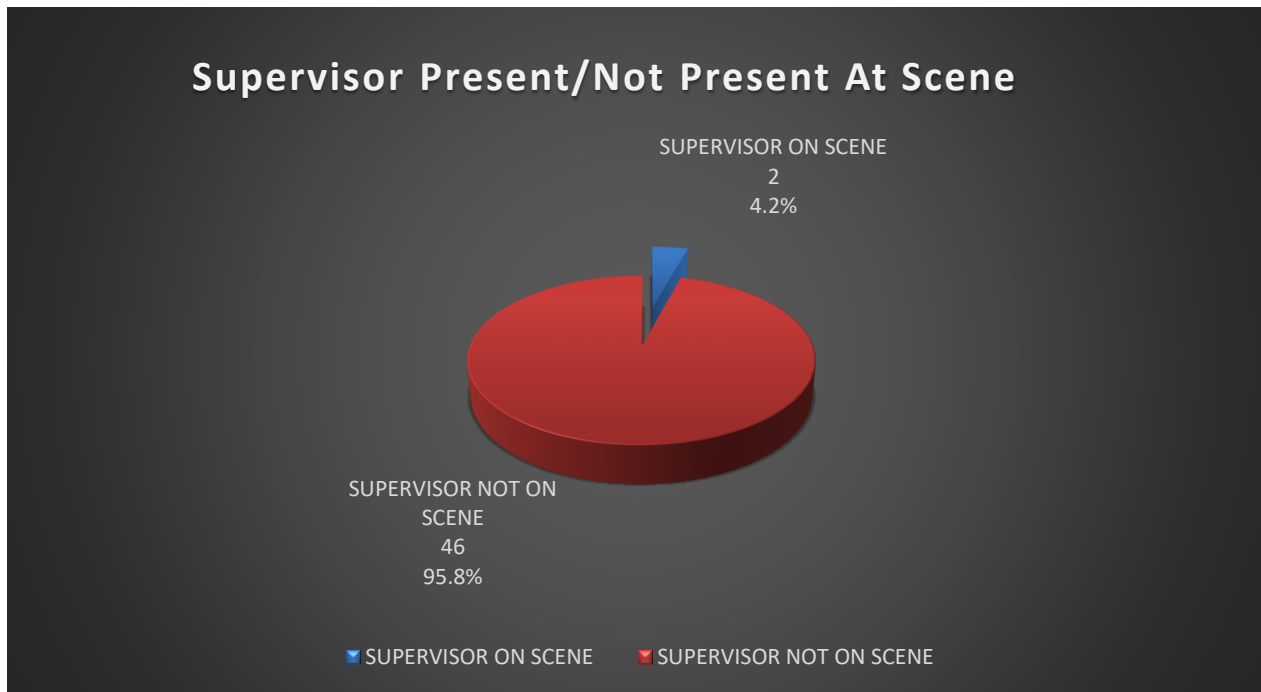
13 officers were assaulted.

OFFICERS INJURED *



9 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

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."