

# **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:

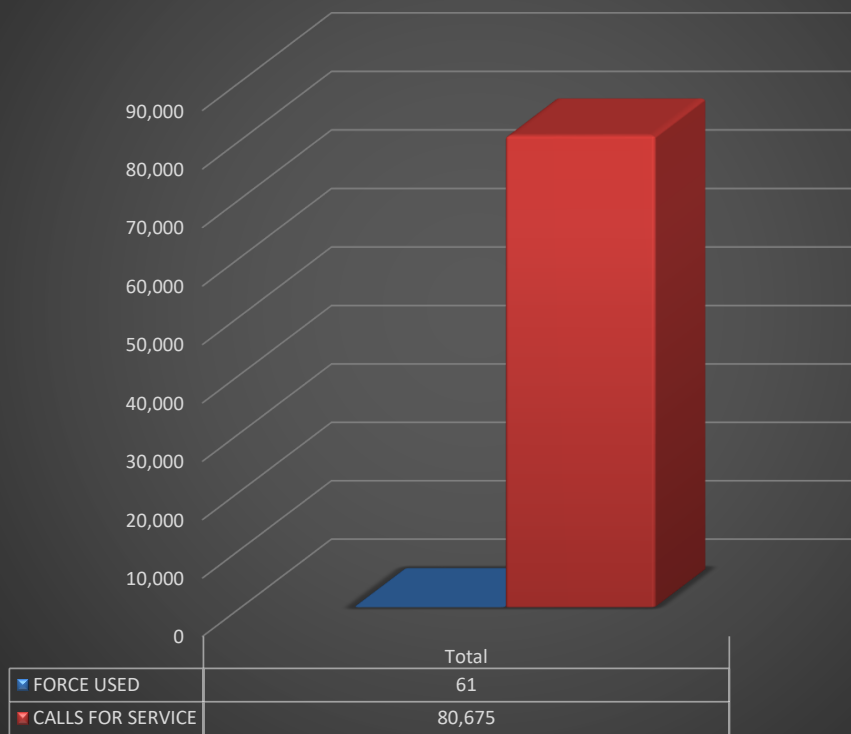
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured, has expressed a complaint of pain or has been rendered unconscious; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (e.g., fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (e.g., flashlight, clipboard, etc.); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display)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

Fresno police officers applied force in 61 incidents while responding to 80,675 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in 0.076% 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.  
0.076% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

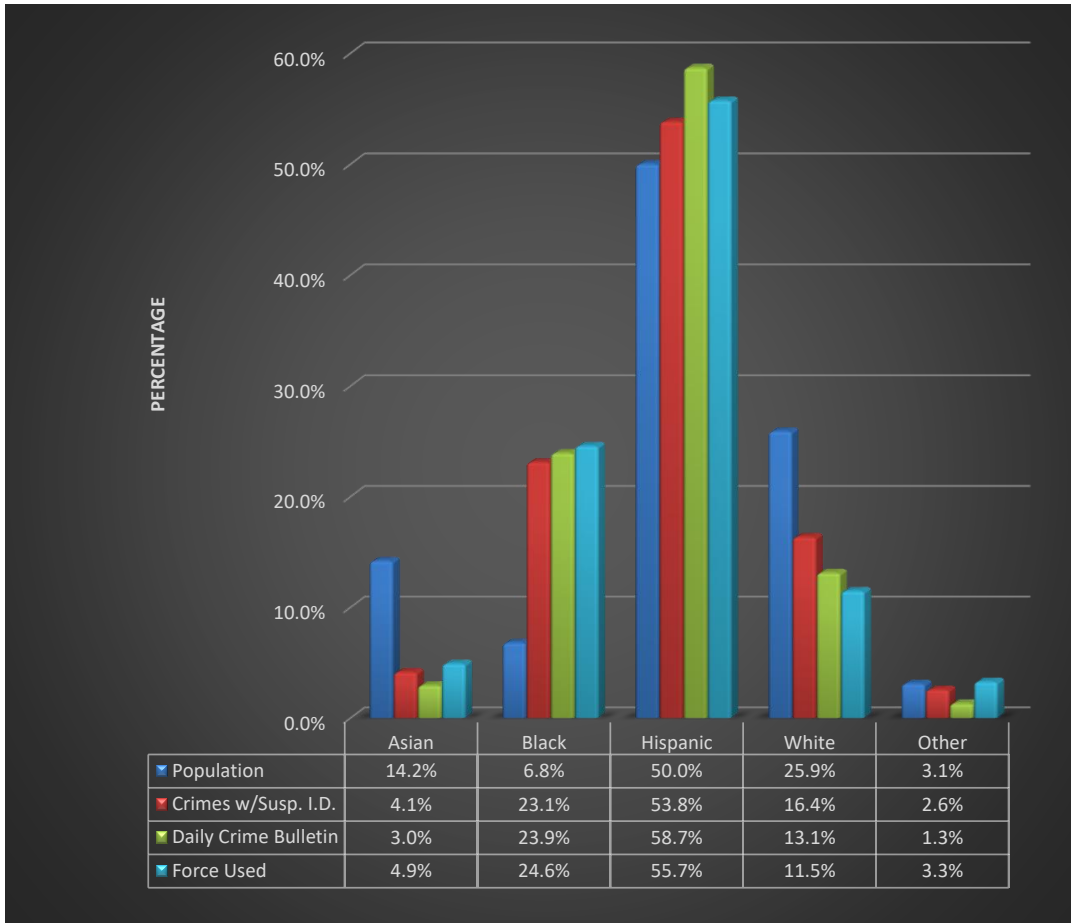
### Suspect Demographics

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
<b>City of Fresno Pop. (542,107)* Percentage</b>	76,979 14.2%	36,863 6.8%	271,054 50.0%	140,406 25.9%	16,805 3.1%
<b>Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (5,070) Percentage</b>	210 4.1%	1,172 23.1%	2,729 53.8%	829 16.4%	130 2.6%
<b>Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (305)** Percentage</b>	9 3.0%	73 23.9%	179 58.7%	40 13.1%	4 1.3%
<b>Force Applications (61)*** Percentage</b>	3 4.9%	15 24.6%	34 55.7%	7 11.5%	2 3.3%

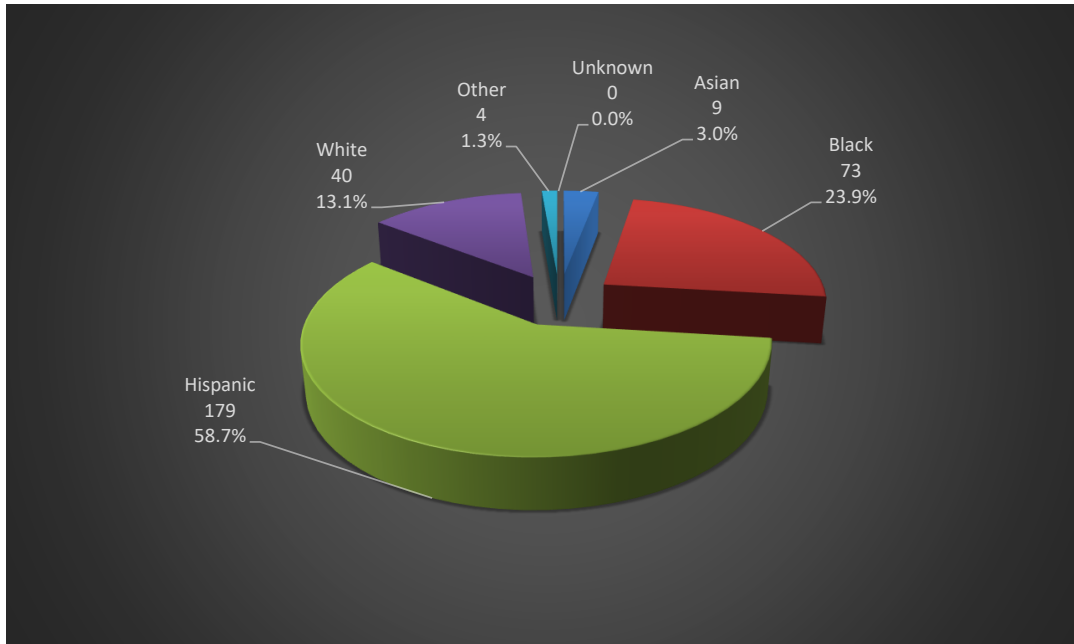
\* 2020 Census

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

\*\*\* Of the 61 reportable force cases, 0 had no age or race data available



### DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 305

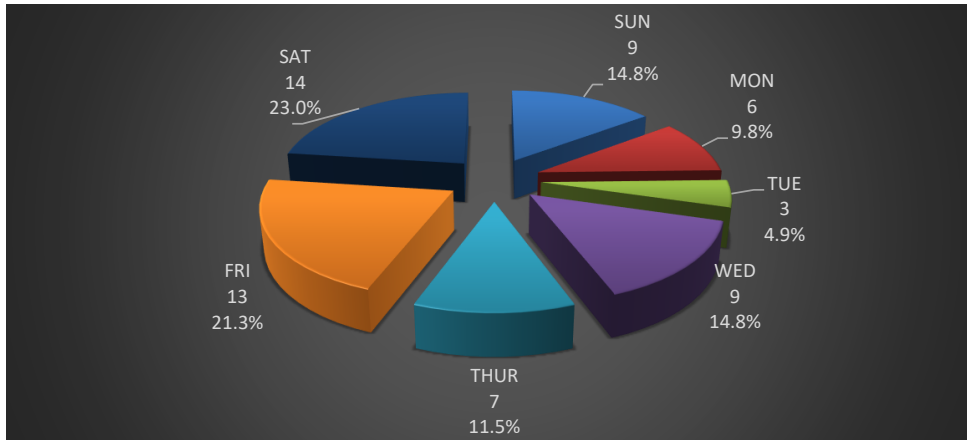


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	58.7%
	Black	-	23.9%
	White	-	13.1%
	Asian	-	3.0%
	Other	-	1.3%
	Unknown	-	0.0%

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.)

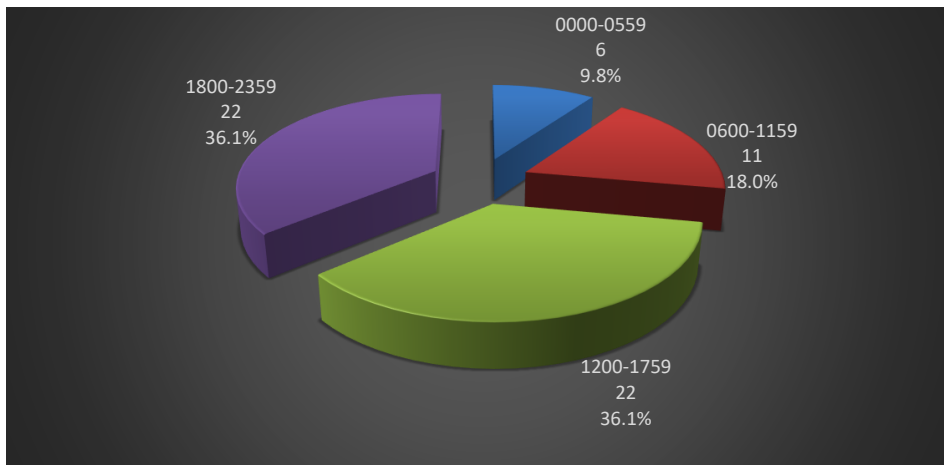
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Sunday	-	14.8%
Saturday	-	23.0%
Monday	-	9.8%
Friday	-	21.3%
Thursday	-	11.5%
Tuesday	-	4.9%
Wednesday	-	14.8%

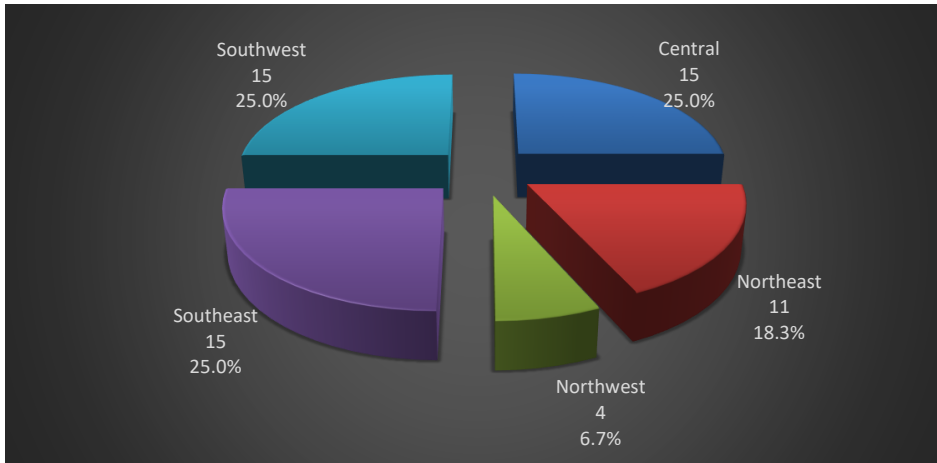
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	36.1%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	9.8%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	36.1%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	18.0%

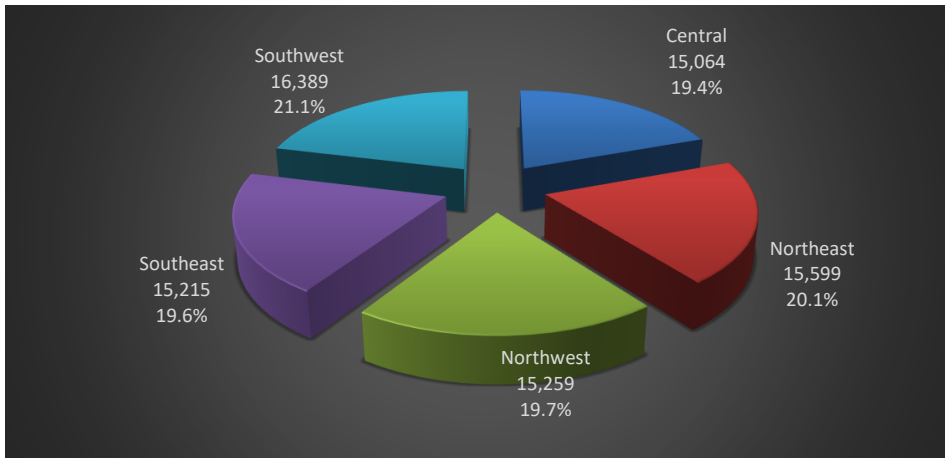
### FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT\*



Of the 61 force incidents, 1 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District: Central	-	25.0%
Northwest	-	6.7%
Southeast	-	25.0%
Southwest	-	25.0%
Northeast	-	18.3%

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

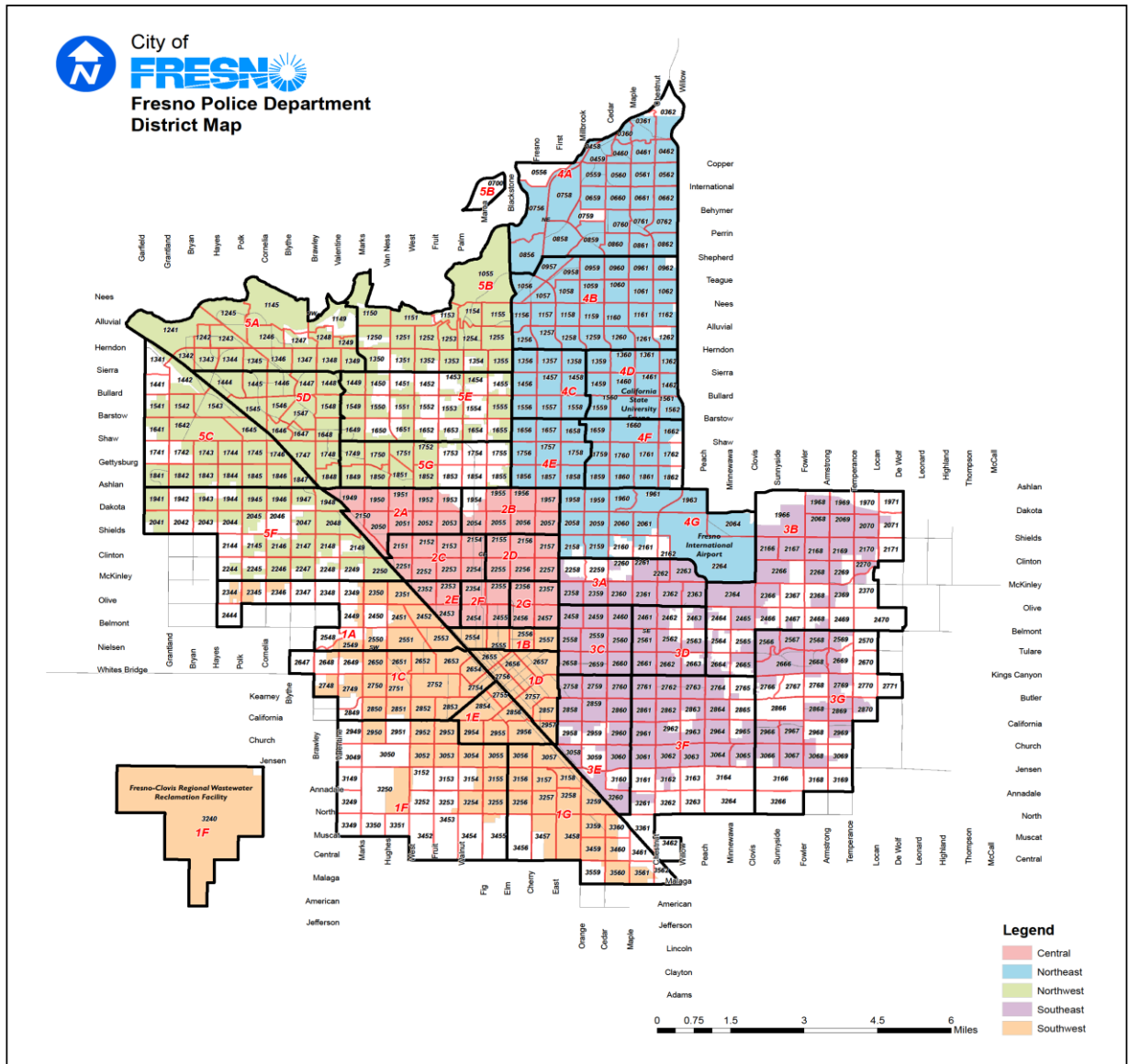


Of the 80,675 CFS, 3,149 were not assigned to a specific district.

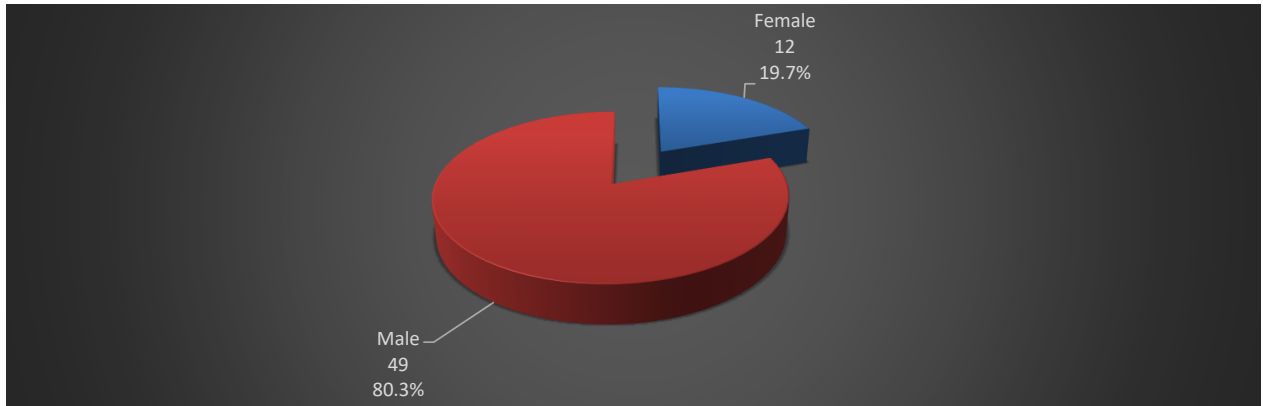
Order by District: Central	-	19.4%
Northeast	-	20.1%
Southwest	-	21.1%
Southeast	-	19.6%
Northwest	-	19.7%

\* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.





### FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 61 force incidents, 0 had no gender data available.

### REPORTED CRIMES BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

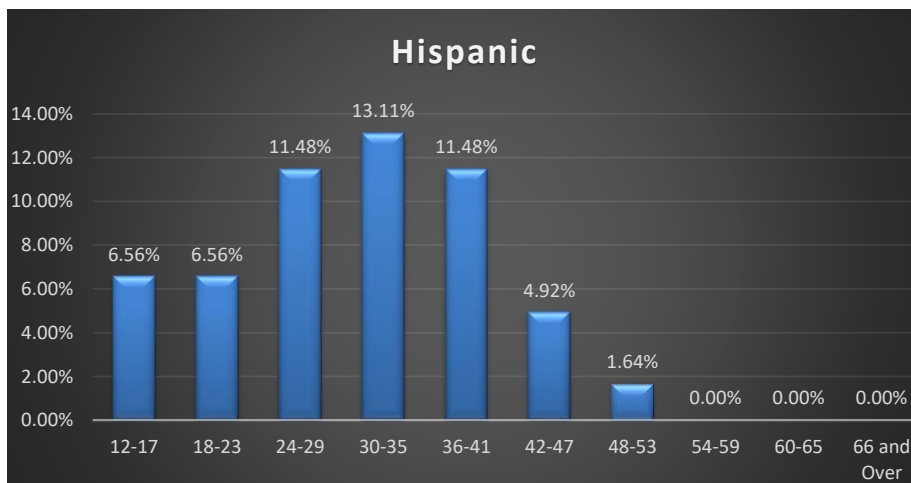
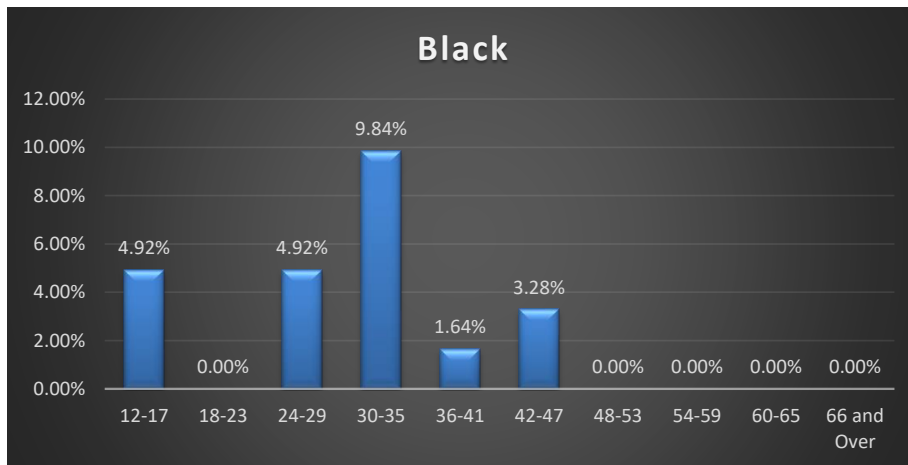
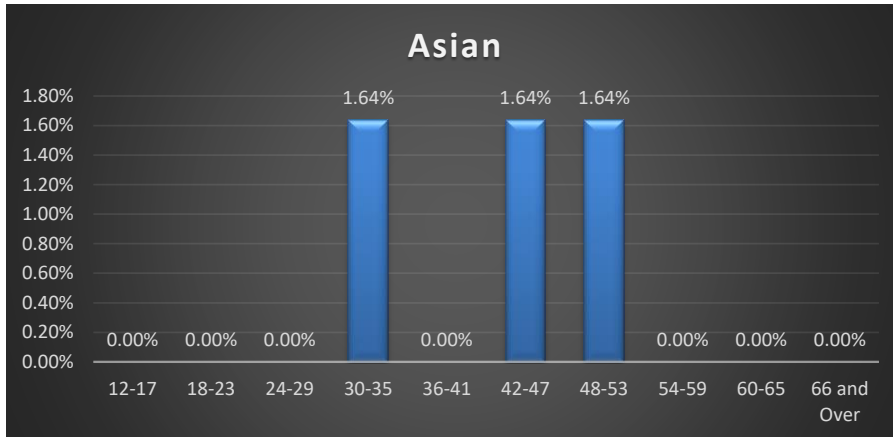
Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	14	175	276	48	9	522
18-23	33	169	334	68	9	613
24-29	24	196	510	110	26	866
30-35	48	230	607	133	23	1,041
36-41	35	135	468	173	28	839
42-47	37	123	257	106	14	537
48-53	13	49	155	72	9	298
54-59	3	43	76	51	6	179
60-65	1	32	33	37	4	107
66 and Over	2	20	13	31	2	68
Total	210	1,172	2,729	829	130	5,070

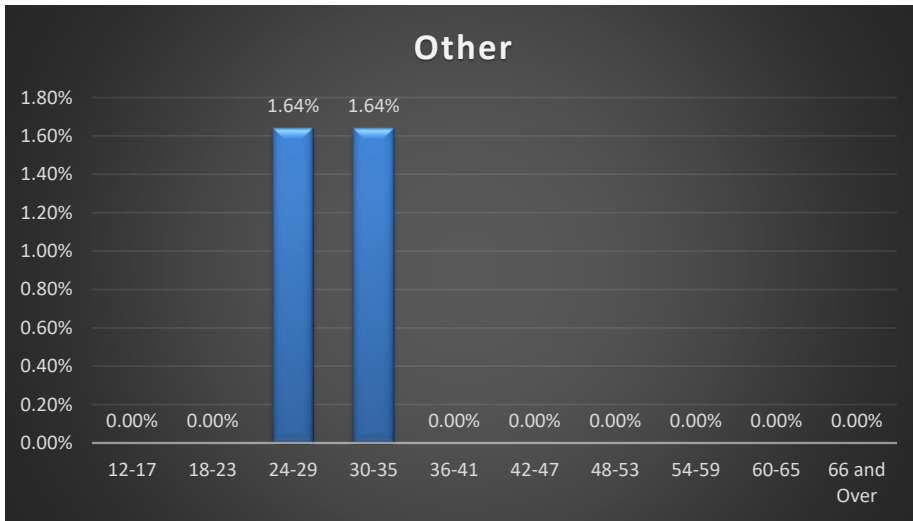
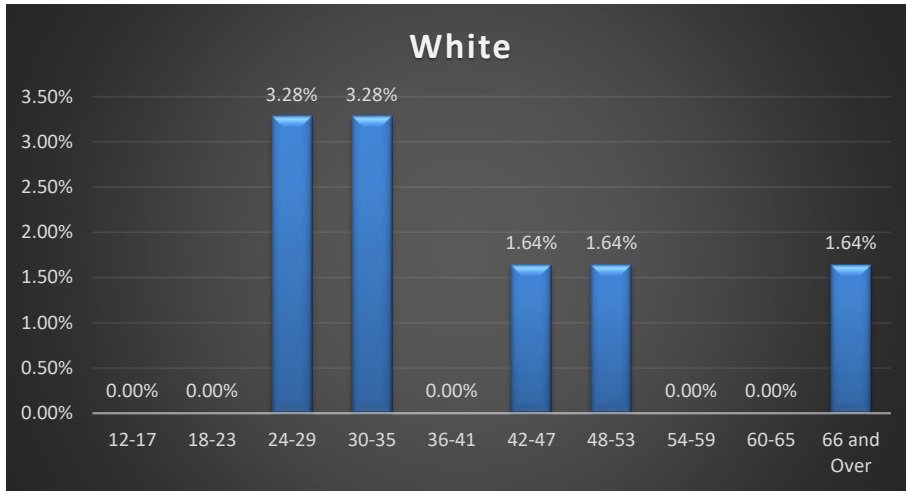
Of the 12,078 reported crime suspects, 5,070 had both age and race data.

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

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17		3	4			7
18-23			4			4
24-29		3	7	2	1	13
30-35	1	6	8	2	1	18
36-41		1	7			8
42-47	1	2	3	1		7
48-53	1		1	1		3
54-59						0
60-65						0
66 and Over				1		1
Total	3	15	34	7	2	61

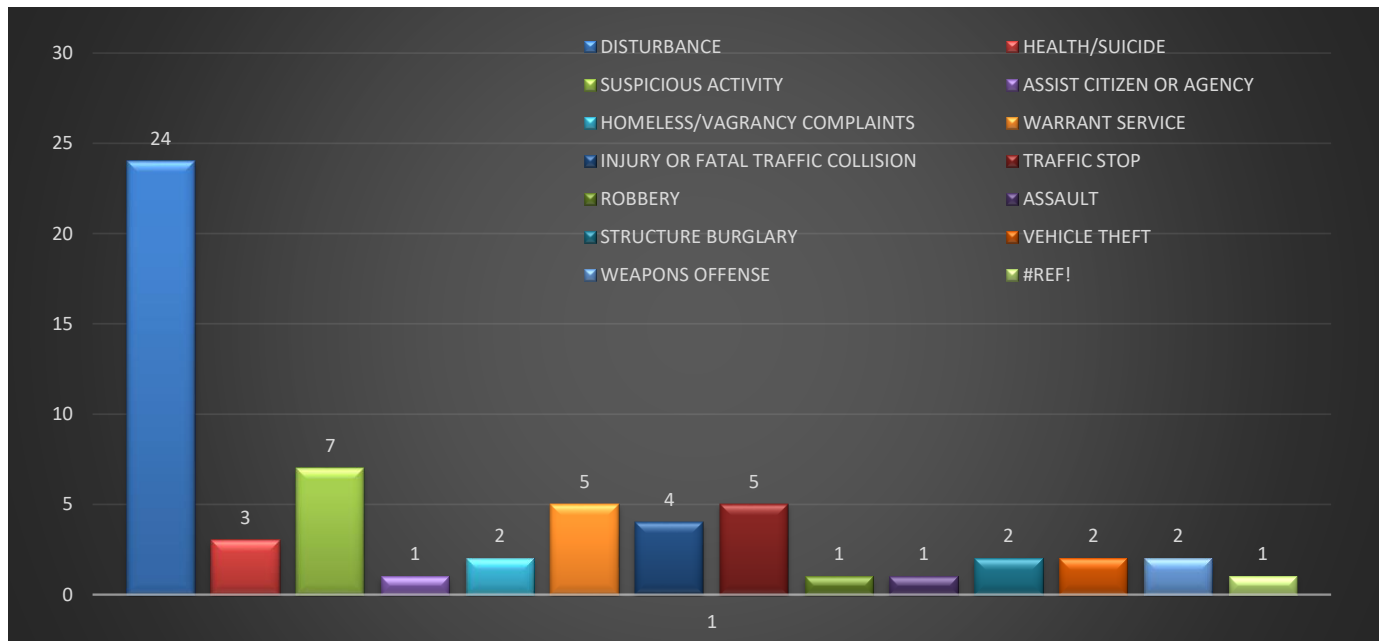
Of the 61 force incidents, 61 had both age and race data.

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



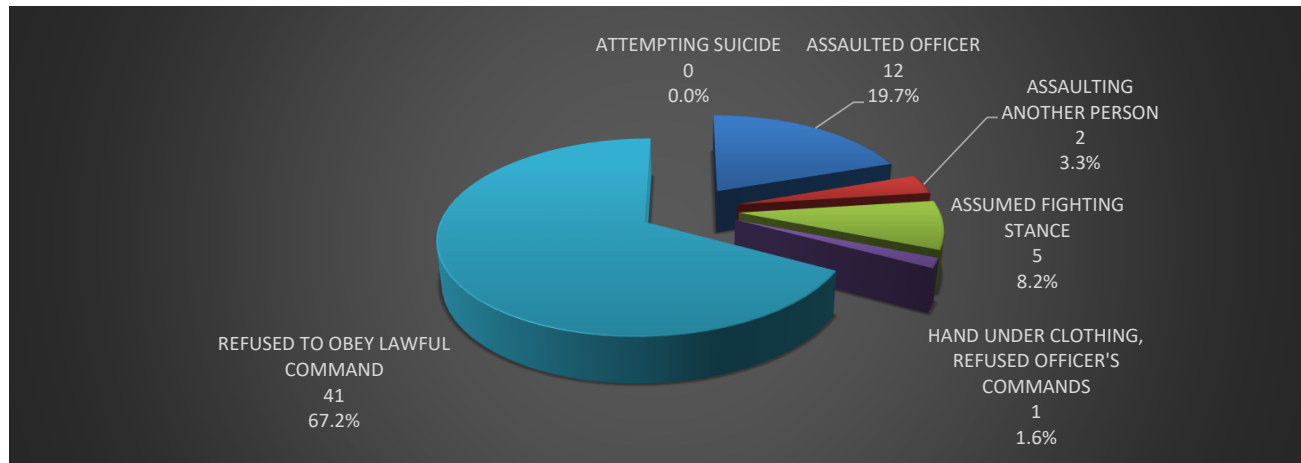
"Other" refers to persons whose race is not defined as Asian, Black, Hispanic or White, i.e. persons from the Pacific Islands or American Indian.

### TYPE OF CFS RESULTING IN REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS



Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:	Force Incidents:	CFS Total:
DISTURBANCE	- 24	13023
HEALTH/SUICIDE	- 3	5168
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	- 7	14020
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	- 1	2445
HOMELESS/VAGRANCY COMPLAINTS	- 2	4336
WARRANT SERVICE	- 5	815
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION	- 4	1365
TRAFFIC STOP	- 5	12961
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	- 1	1428
ROBBERY	- 1	258
ASSAULT	- 1	877
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	- 2	3797
VEHICLE THEFT	- 2	1975
WEAPONS OFFENSE	- 2	1362
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	- 1	117
Total	61	63947

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



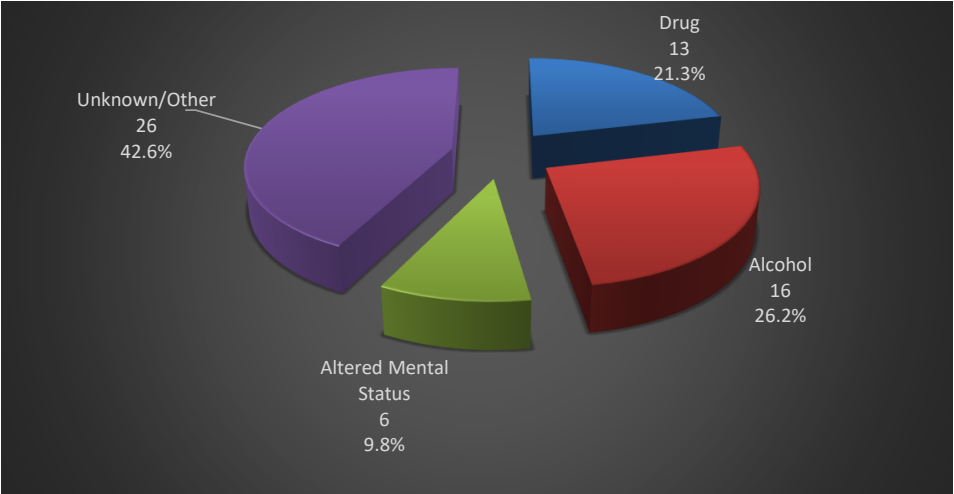
Order by Action:

REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	67.2%
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	19.7%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	8.2%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMAND	-	1.6%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	3.3%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	0.0%

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

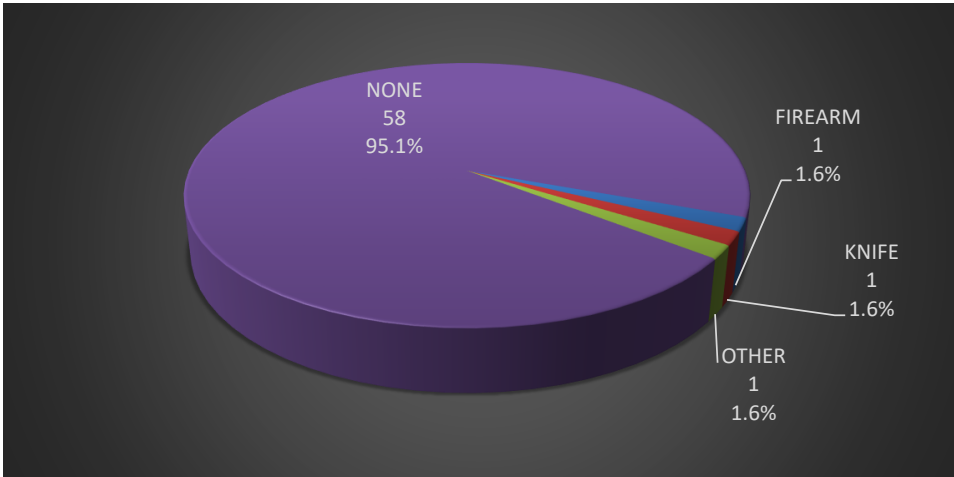
TYPE OF CFS	ASSAULTED OFFICER	ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND
DISTURBANCE	4	2	2			16
HEALTH/SUICIDE	1					2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	2				1	4
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY						1
HOMELESS/VAGRANCY COMPLAINTS						2
WARRANT SERVICE	2					3
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC STOP	1		1			3
TRAFFIC STOP			1			4
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT						1
ROBBERY			1			
ASSAULT						1
STRUCTURE BURGLARY			1			1
VEHICLE THEFT						2
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1					1
UNCLASSIFIED CRIMINAL	1					
Total	12	2	5	0	1	41

SUSPECT’S CONDITION AT TIME REPORTABLE FORCE APLIED



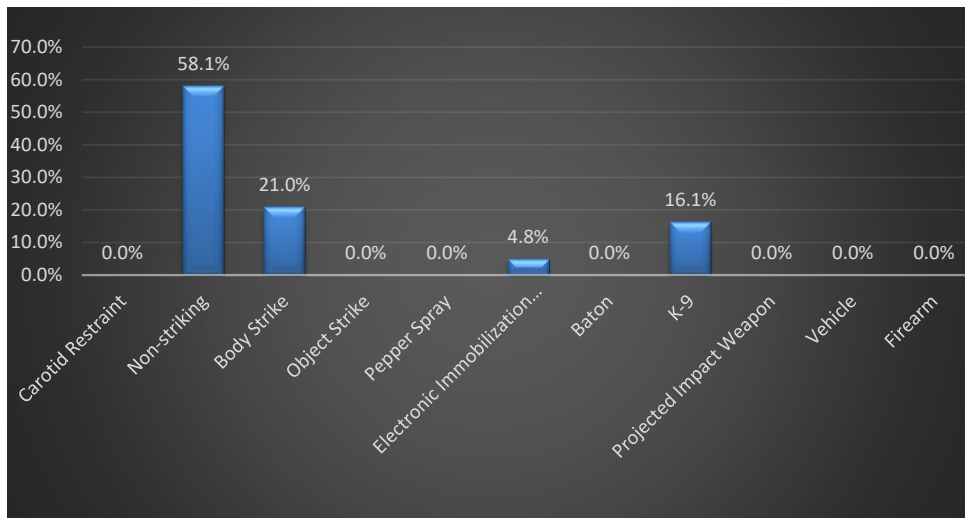
Some suspects had more than one condition.

SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon	NONE	-	95.1%
	KNIFE	-	1.6%
	FIREARM	-	1.6%
	OTHER	-	1.6%

### REPORTABLE FORCE USED BY OFFICERS



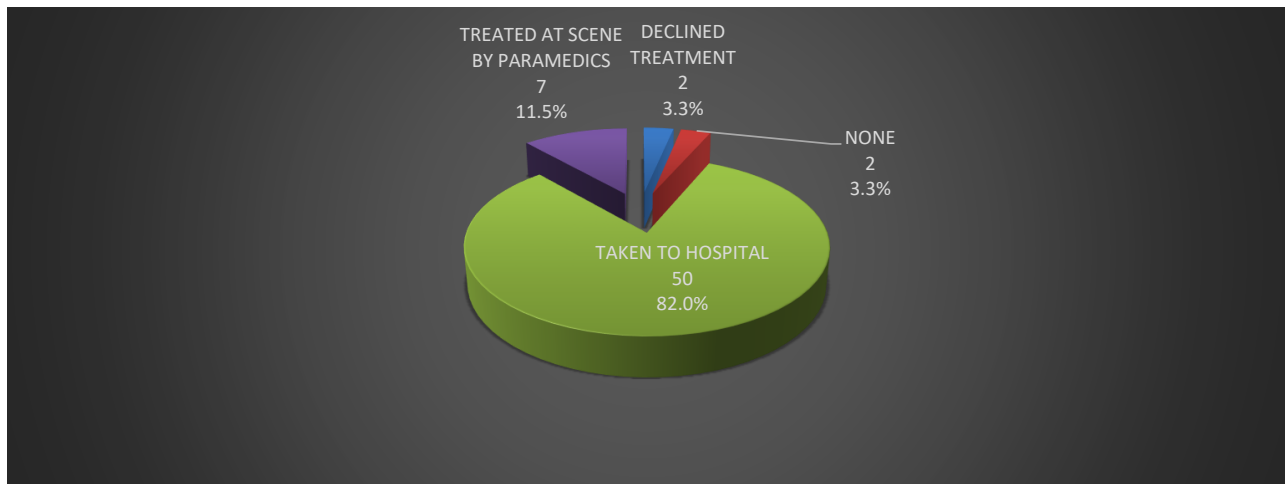
Some incidents require multiple applications of force to take a suspect into custody or stop an unlawful attack.

Order by Force:

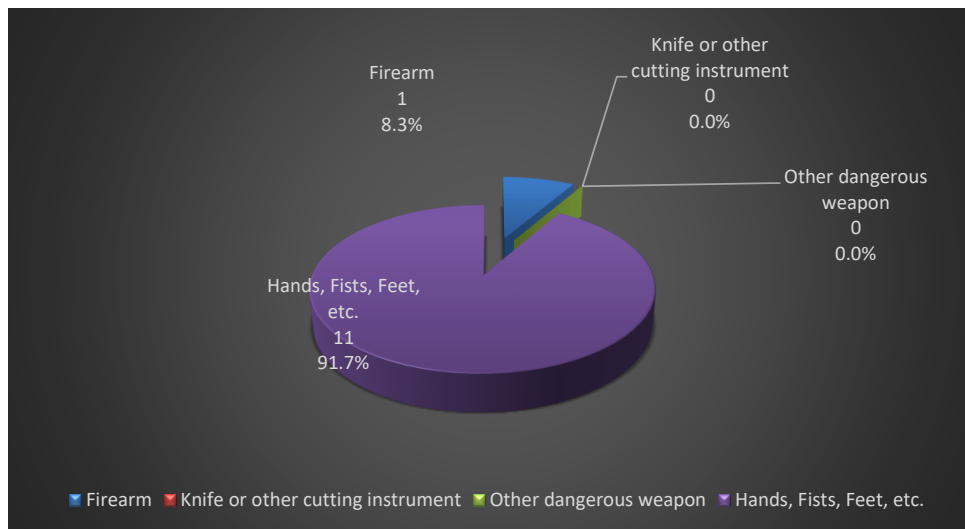
Carotid Restraint	-	0.0%
Non-striking	-	58.1%
Body Strike	-	21.0%
Object Strike	-	0.0%
Pepper Spray	-	0.0%
Electronic Immobilizatic	-	4.8%
Baton	-	0.0%
K-9	-	16.1%
Projected Impact Weap	-	0.0%
Vehicle	-	0.0%
Firearm	-	0.0%

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

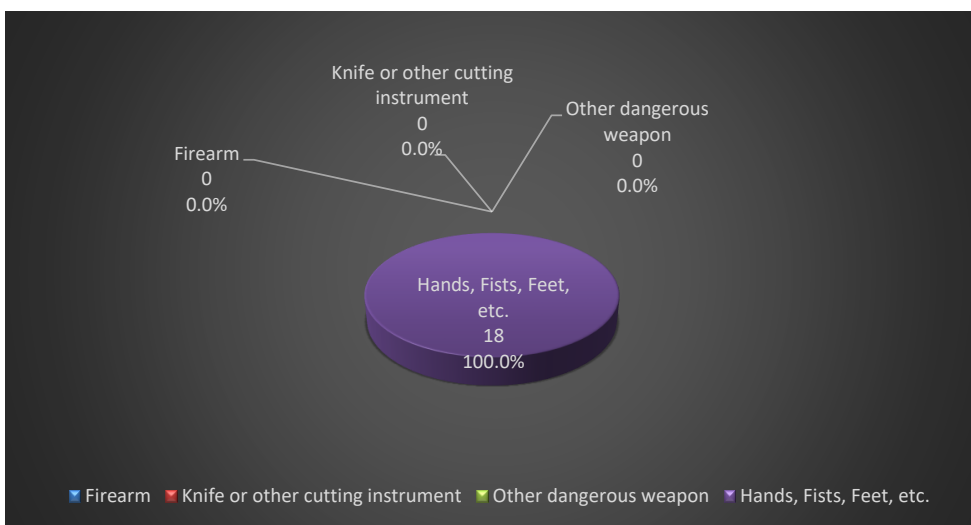


**OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES, WEAPON RETENTION****SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED**

Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic 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.

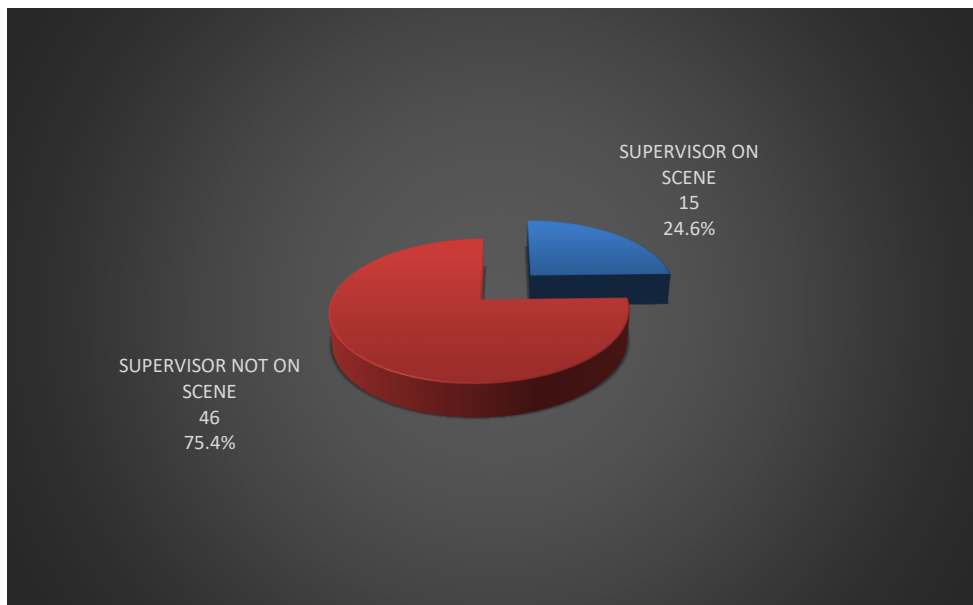
**OFFICERS ASSAULTED \***

12 officers were assaulted.

**OFFICERS INJURED \***

18 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."