

Annual Use of Force Statistics

Calendar Year

2018

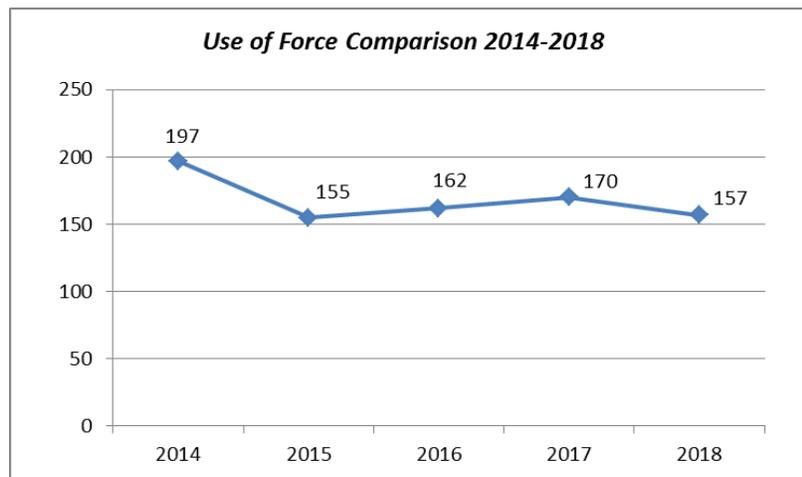
Overview:

In 2018 officers generated and responded to 329,822 incidents¹ and made 12,975 arrests; force was only used in 157 of these incidents. This translates to force being used in approximately .04 % of the total incidents and 1.2 % of all arrest situations. The data reflects that for the majority of calls for service and arrest situations officers are rarely required to use force to resolve the incident.

There were a total of 161 Use of Force reports submitted for 157 Use of Force incidents in 2018.

The chart and graph shown below indicate the Use of Force reports submitted over the past five years, including 2018. Analysis of the past five year Use of Force totals show that while 2015 saw a drastic reduction in uses of force, the totals since then have remained relatively consistent.

Year	Use of Force Reports	Change from Previous Year
2014	197	-9%
2015	155	-21%
2016	162	5%
2017	170	5%
2018	157	-7.65%

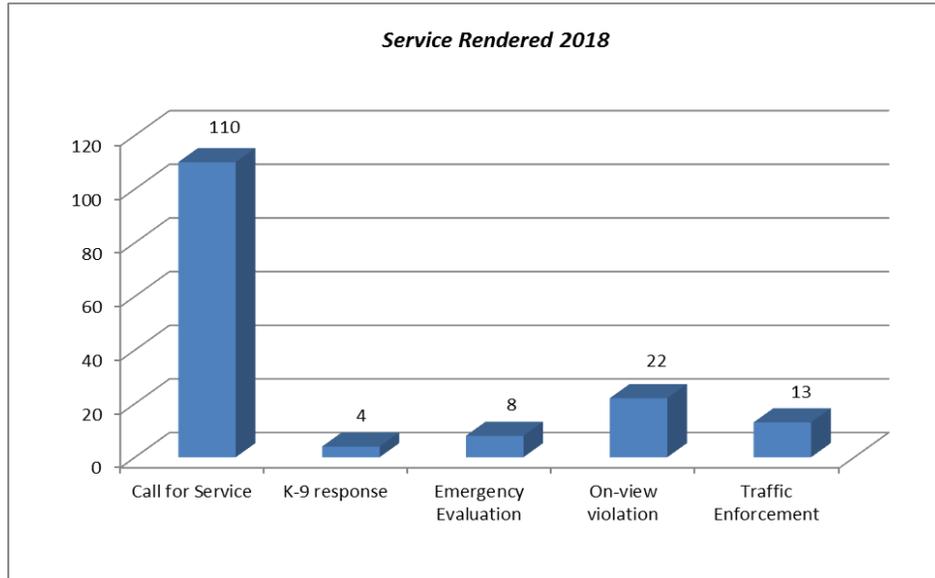


Injuries:

Index Code 401, Section VIII. Medical Aid requires police officers to obtain medical aid for individuals who complain of, or show signs of injury as a result of any use of force. The majority of injuries reported by suspects are minor in nature including lacerations and abrasions, OC exposure, Taser probe impacts, and complaints of pain. In 2018, 3 suspects reported broken bones, 1 suspect reported a dislocated arm, and 1 suspect death occurred. Departmental canine bites accounted for less than 2.5 percent of all Use of Force Incidents in 2018.

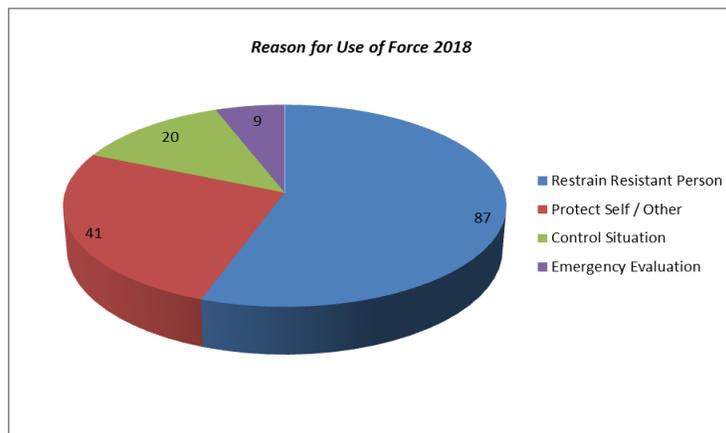
Officer’s injuries consisted of broken bones, strains/sprains, bruises, lacerations, scrapes and abrasions, a loose tooth and exposure to saliva. 1 officer was affected by OC spray, and 1 officer experienced a Taser probe impact.

Summary of Use of Force Incidents

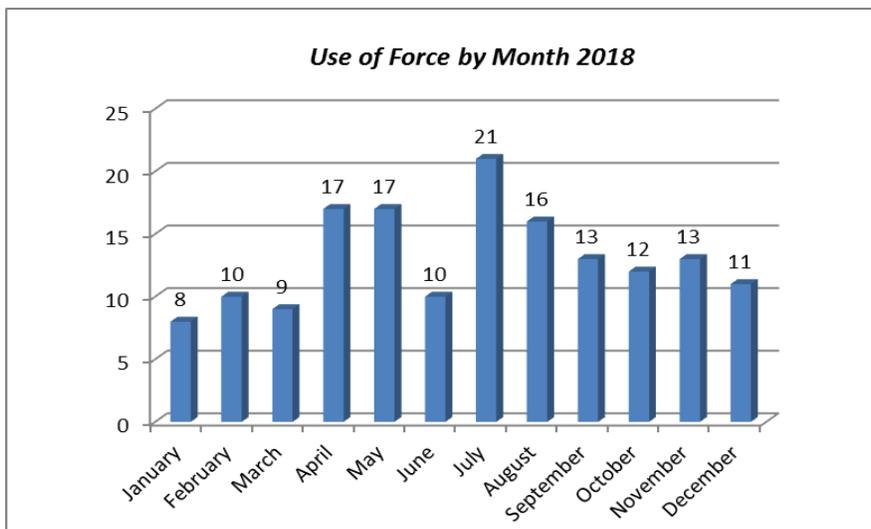


Below is a breakdown of the 4 “Reason” classifications for Use of Force, as collected by Blue Team. “Restrain Resistant Person” was the primary reason for Use of Force incidents in 2018, accounting for 87 of the 157 incidents. Protecting “Self or Others” from harm accounts for 41 of the incidents, “Controlling Situation” accounts for 20 incidents, and “Emergency Evaluation” calls account for 9 incidents.

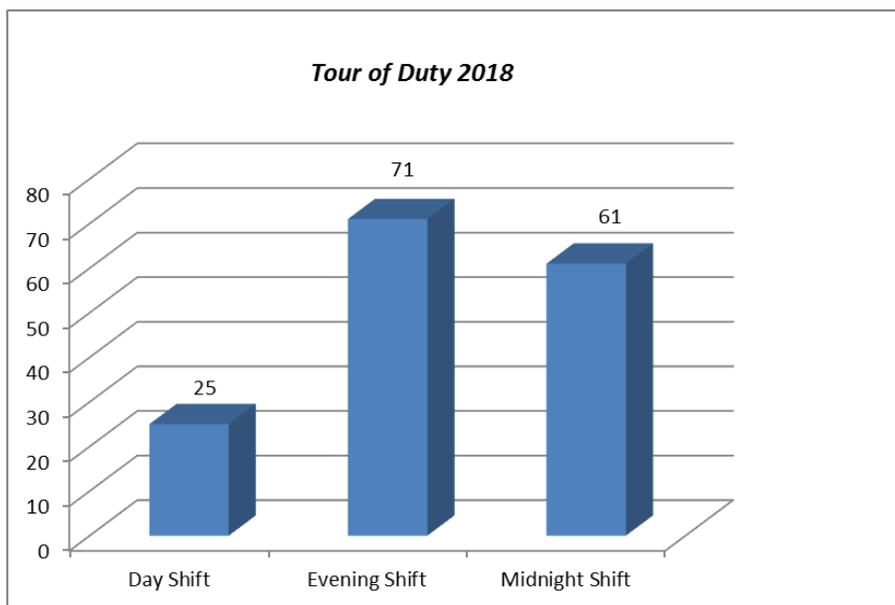
2018	TOTALS
Restrain resistant person	87
Protect self or other	41
Control Situation	20
Emergency Evaluation	9



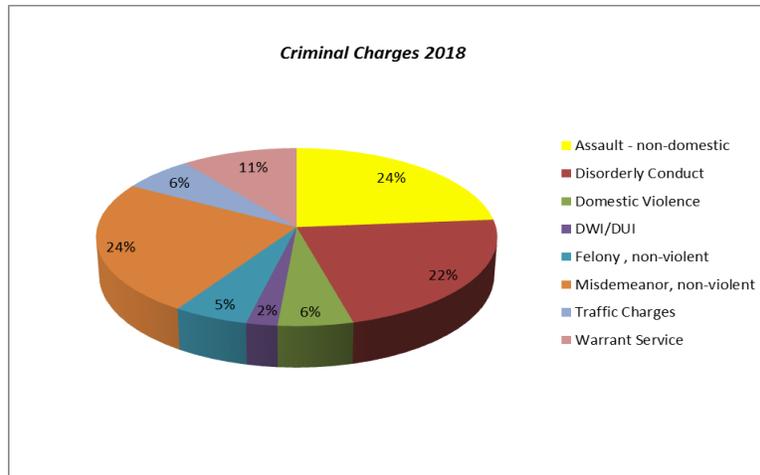
While conducting the analysis, it was found that Use of Force incidents increased in the spring and summer months, with the exception of June, then stabilized for the remainder of the year.



Use of Force incidents for the day shift decreased from 47 in 2017 to 25 in 2018. The evening shift increased from 64 in 2017 to 71 in 2018. The midnight shift increased from 59 in 2017 to 61 in 2018.

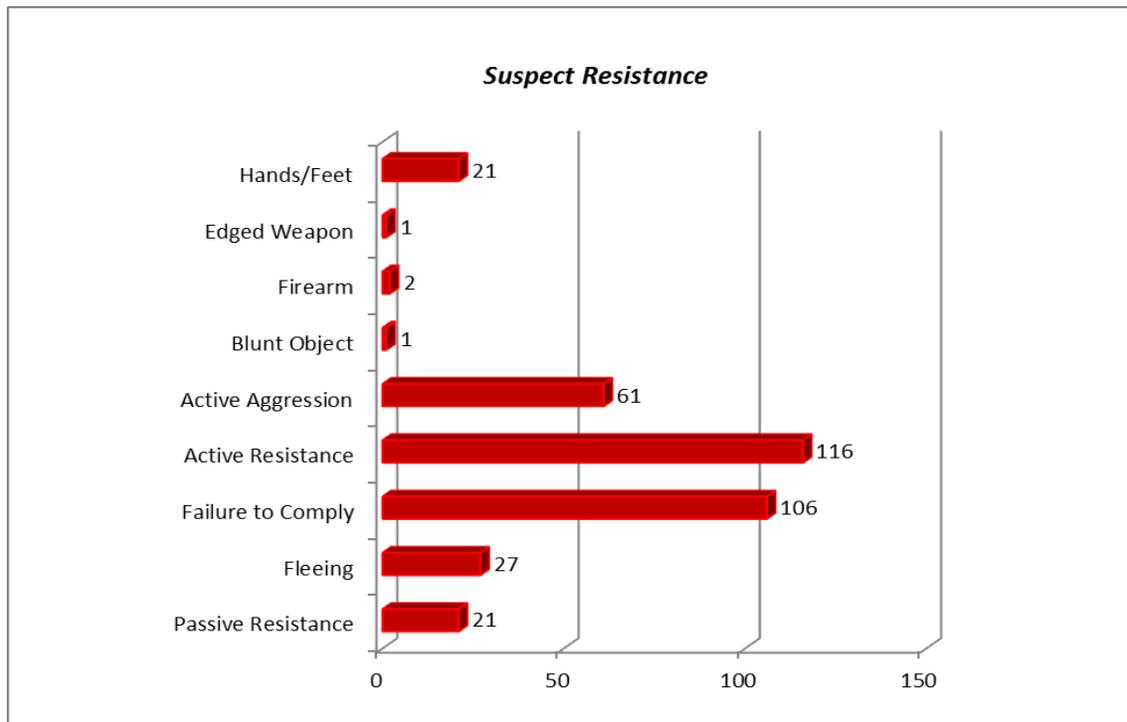


Blue Team collected criminal activity data, divided into 8 categories, for the 157 use of force incidents in 2018. Non-domestic Assaults and Non-violent Misdemeanor crimes account for the majority of criminal activity at 24% each, while Disorderly Conduct accounted for another 22% of criminal charges.

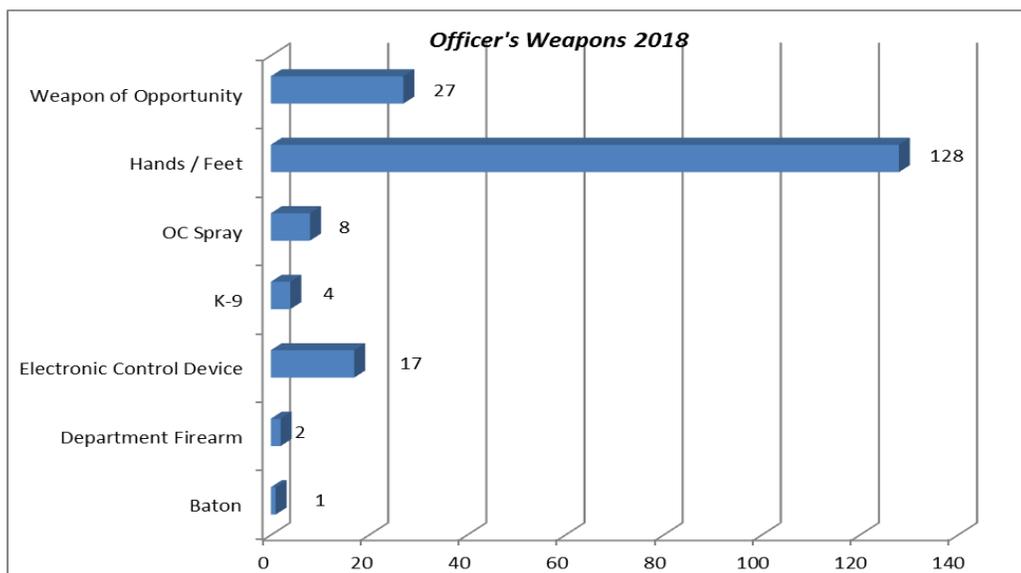


Upon review of the resistance and/or weapons used by suspects in the 157 incidents of Use of Force in 2018, there were a total of 357 entries, indicating a form of resistance. Officers reported hands/feet as the weapon used by suspects in 21 incidents. Suspects used a firearm in 2 incidents, and an edged weapon and blunt object in 1 incident each. Suspects did not use a weapon in 132 incidents.

In addition to the use of a weapon, additional non-weapon resistance was recorded in the Use of Force Reports, including Active Aggression 61, Active Resistance 116, Failure to Comply 106, Fleeing 27, and Passive Resistance 21. There were a total of 331 instances of Non-Weapon resistance reported in the 157 Use of Force incidents.



In 2018, officers primarily used a Hands/Feet technique to control/subdue suspects in the majority of Use of Force incidents. Hands/Feet is reported as the tool used by officers in 128 reports. The Taser was used 18 times, OC was used in 8 incidents, ASP Baton in 1 incident and a weapon of opportunity (flashlight, handcuff, radio) was used 27 times. Department issued firearms were used in 2 incidents.



Use of Force by Assignment:

Use of Force reports in 2018 were submitted by officers from Units in eight different duty Divisions, including the four Districts. The average Use of Force reports submitted by assignment for 2014-2018 were as follows: Northern District averaged 57 reports, Eastern District averaged 38 reports, Southern District averaged 17 reports and Western District averaged 38 reports. The other units including the Chiefs Office, TPU/DDU, K9, SRO, SES, SOD, CID, Traffic Safety, Training Academy and Community Relations averaged 15 Use of Force reports.

The Use of Force breakdown shows the totals by assignment for 2018 and the five year average.

Duty Assignment	Total Incidents for 2018	Five Year Average
Northern	55	57 (57.2)
Eastern	32	38 (37.8)
Southern	11	17 (16.6)
Western	38	38
Other Units	21	15

