

Annual Use of Force Statistics

Calendar Year

2015

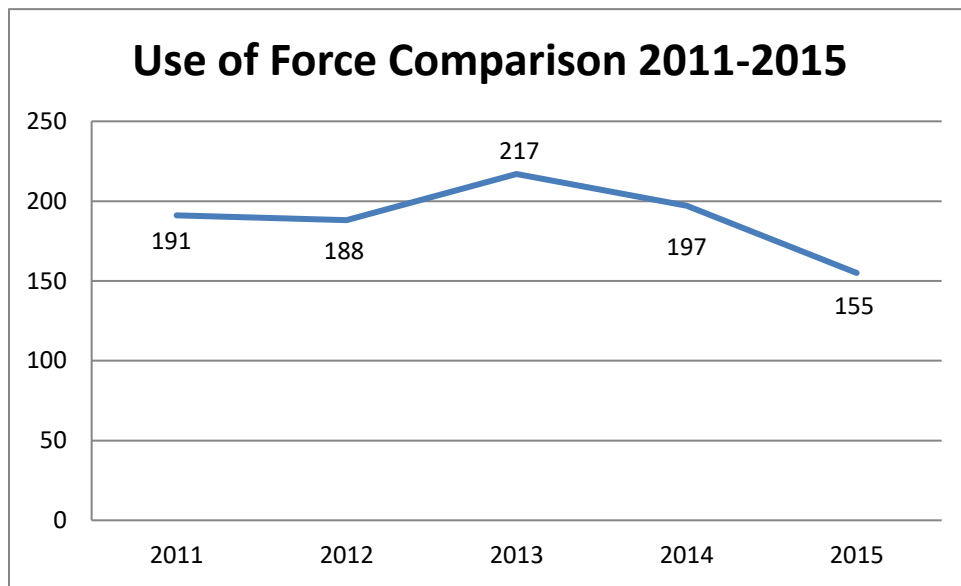
Overview:

In 2015 officers made 13,861 arrests. Force was used by officers in one hundred and twenty seven (127) arrests representing less than one percent of all arrests.

The total number of officers submitting Use of Force reports was one hundred fifty-five (155). Incidents where multiple officers used force account for the difference in the totals. There were twenty-one (21) incidents where more than one officer submitted a Use of Force report for the same incident.

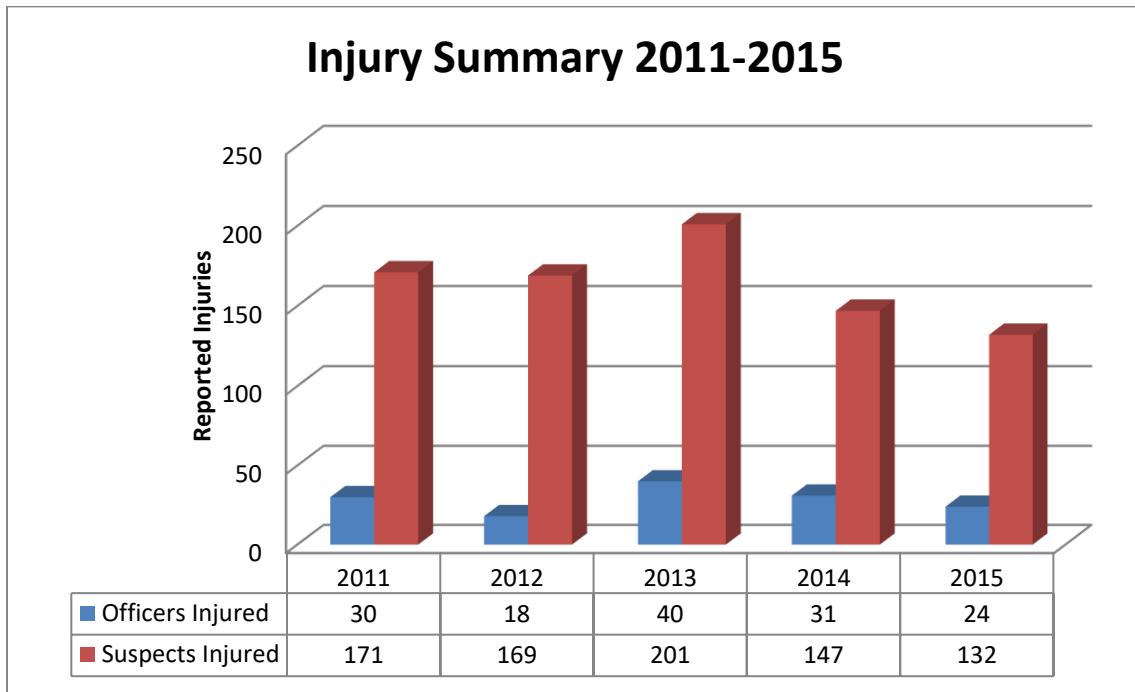
The chart and graph indicate the Use of Force incidents over the past five years, including 2015. They clearly indicate a downward trend since 2013.

Year	Use of Force Reports	Change from Previous Year
2011	191	5
2012	188	-3
2013	217	29
2014	197	-20
2015	155	-42



Injuries:

Injuries to suspects are reported any time a suspect has a visible injury or claims to be injured as a result of a Use of Force. Departmental Policy also dictates that officers are responsible for obtaining medical aid for the individuals. The majority of injuries reported are minor in nature, such as Taser probe deployments, abrasions, cuts, complaints of pain. Departmental canine bites, and firearms, combined accounted for .85 percent of all Use of Force Incidents.



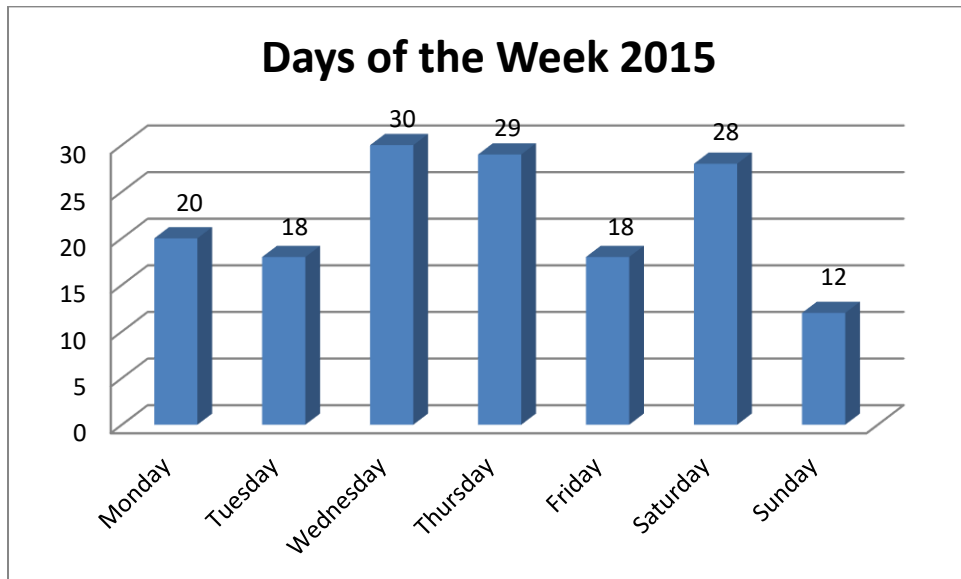
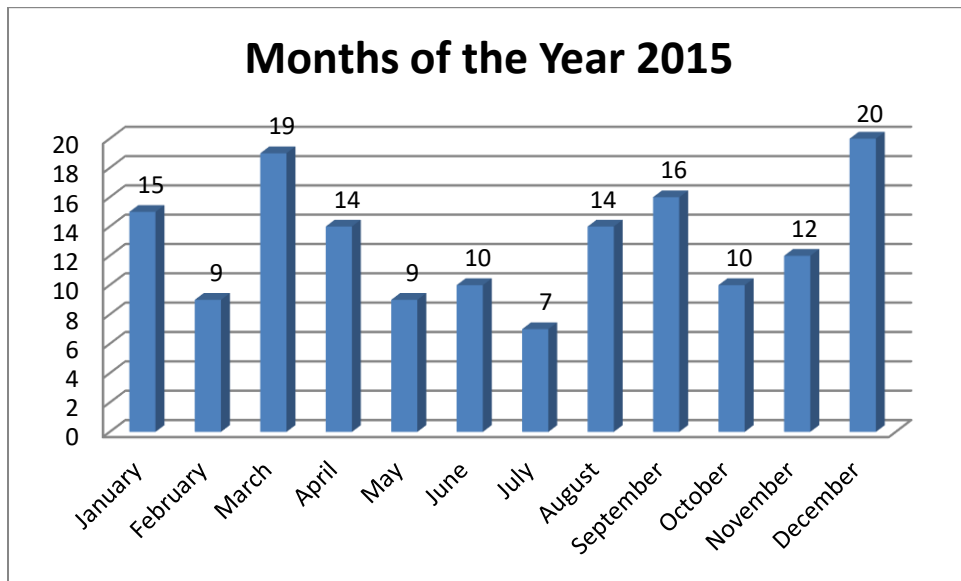
Summary of Use of Force Incidents

The following information, along with supporting graphs, summarizes 2015 Use of Force incidents reported by Anne Arundel County Police Officers.

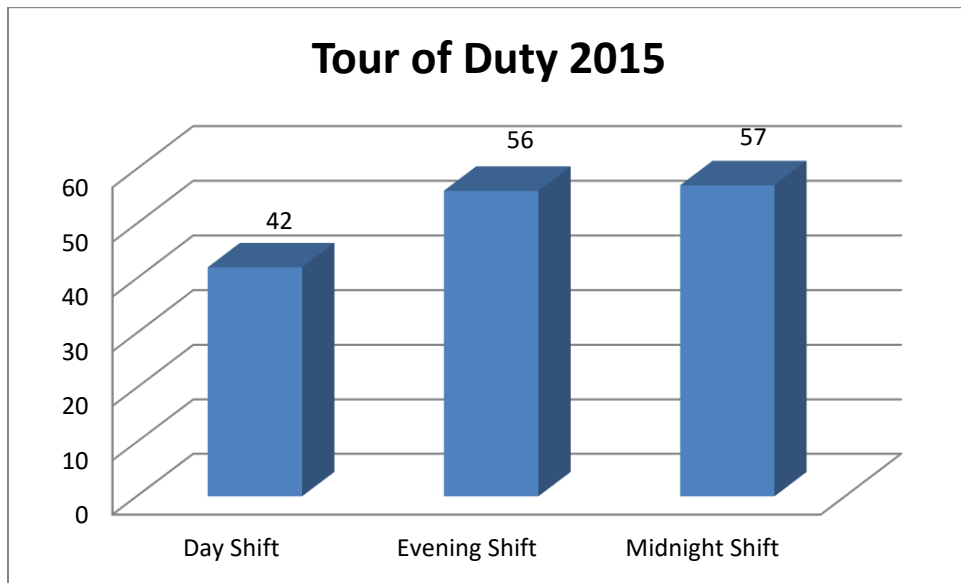
2015	Totals	2014	Totals
Disorderly	29	Domestic	26
Domestic	20	Disorderly	24
Emergency Eval.	16	Check Subject	20
Armed Subject	15	DUI/DWI	17
Theft	15	Assault-Officer	16

2013	Totals	2012	Totals
Disorderly	40	Disorderly	34
Domestic	28	Assault-Other	25
Assault-Officer	22	Emergency Eval.	24
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Theft	17	DUI/DWI	18

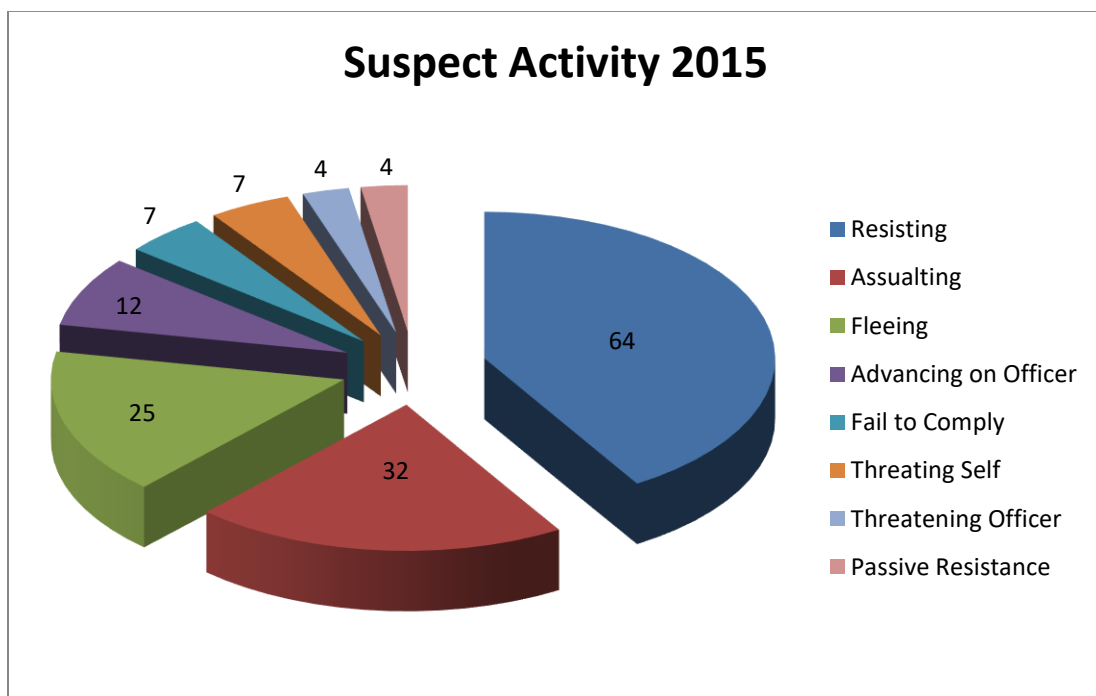
While conducting the analysis there was no trend found regarding the month of year, or the day of week, that the Use of Force incidents occurred. Totals are shown below for reference purposes only.



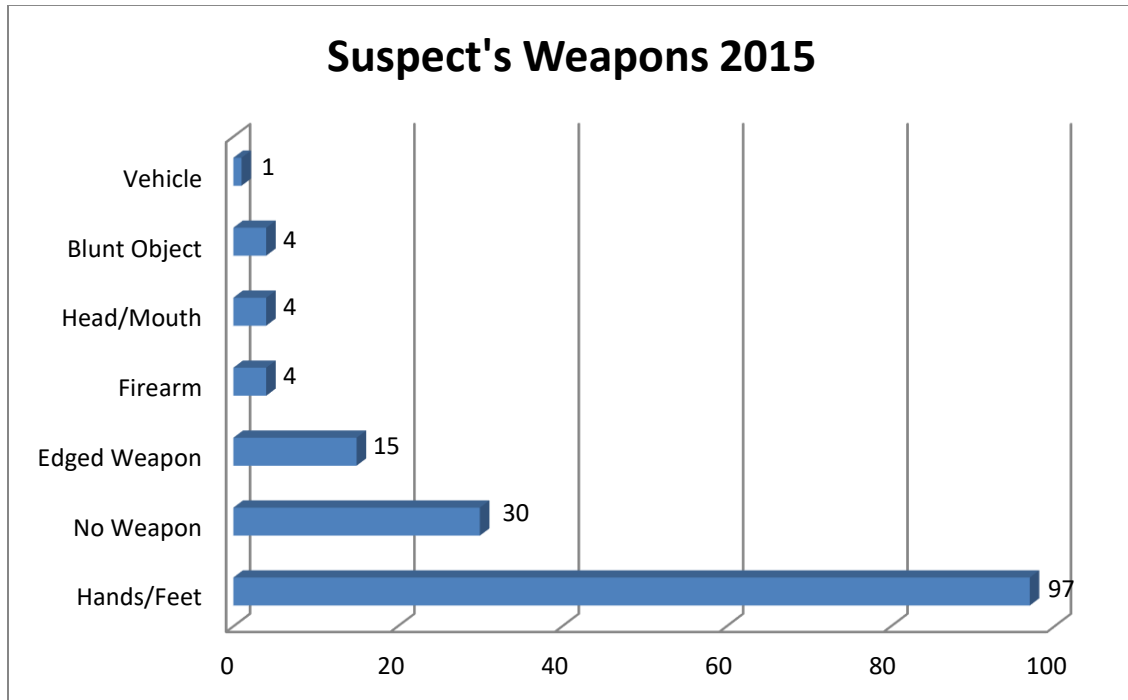
In 2015 there was a relatively even occurrence of Use of Force incidents spread out over the three tours of duty. This trend seems consistent with past years, although the evening shift saw a reduction from eighty five (85) incidents in 2014 down to fifty six (56) incidents in 2015.



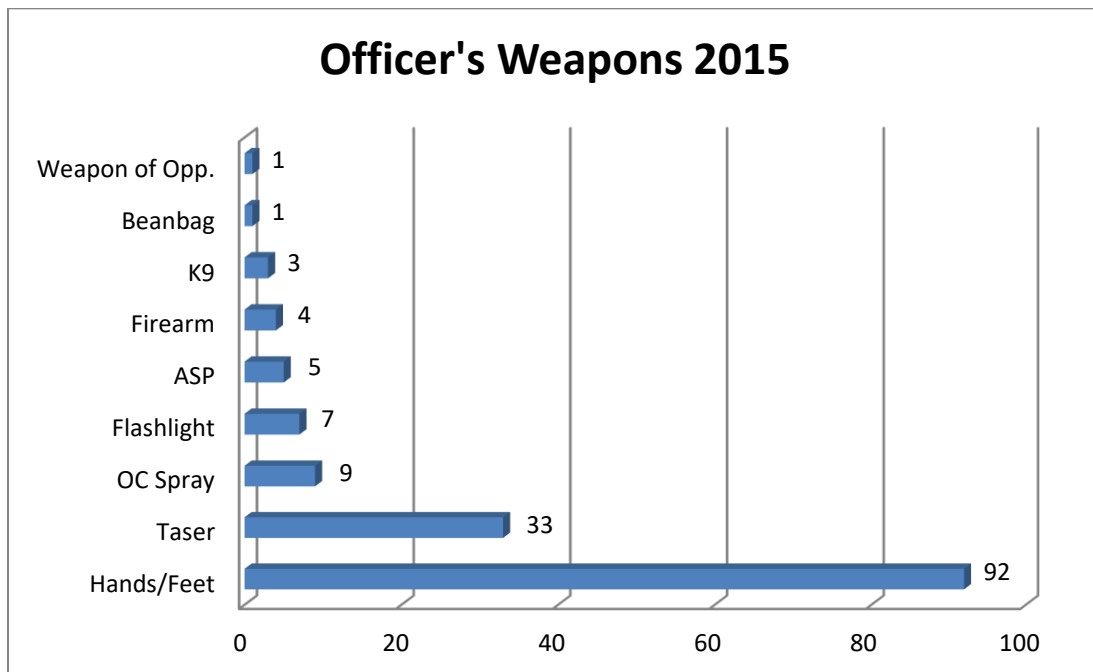
In reviewing the Use of Force incidents in 2015 compared to 2014 the top three suspect activities that resulted in the Use of Force remain resisting, assaulting, and fleeing. In 2015 there were sixty-four (64) Use of Force incidents that resulted from resisting arrest compared to eighty-two (82) in 2014. In 2015 there were thirty-two (32) incidents involving assaults on officer compared to twenty-three (23) in 2014. In 2015 there were twenty-five (25) incidents involving fleeing or attempting to flee compared to twenty-eight (28) incidents in 2014.



Upon review of weapons utilized by suspects in Use of Force Incidents in 2015, there appears to be an increasing trend towards using hands/feet against officers. In ninety-seven (97) incidents hands/feet were used, compared to sixty (60) incidents in 2014. Suspects that did not use weapons, fell to thirty (30) incidents in 2015 compared to seventy-eight (78) incidents in 2014.



Weapons utilized by officers remained consistent with usage in 2014. Hands/Feet were used in ninety-two (92) incidents in 2015 compared to one hundred twenty-three (123) in 2014; Taser's were used in thirty-three (33) incidents in 2015 compared to thirty-nine (39) incidents in 2014.



The Use of Force breakdown shows the totals by assignment for 2015 and the five year average.

Duty Assignment	Total Incidents for 2015	Five Year Average
Northern	61	56
Eastern	31	50
Southern	10	26
Western	33	41
Other Units	20	19

