

Annual Use of Force Statistics

Calendar Year

2016

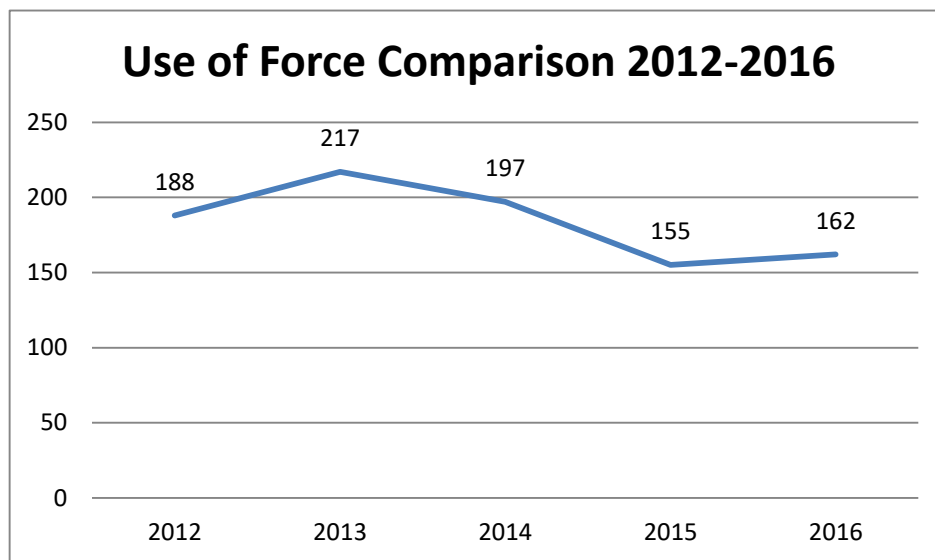
Overview:

In 2016 officers generated and responded to 420,153 calls for service, made 14,110 arrests and force was only used in 121 incidents. This translates to force being used in approximately .03% of the total calls for service and in less than 1% 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.

The total number of officers submitting Use of Force reports was one hundred sixty two (162). Incidents where multiple officers used force account for the difference in the totals. There were thirty-five (35) incidents where more than one officer submitted a Use of Force report for the same incident.

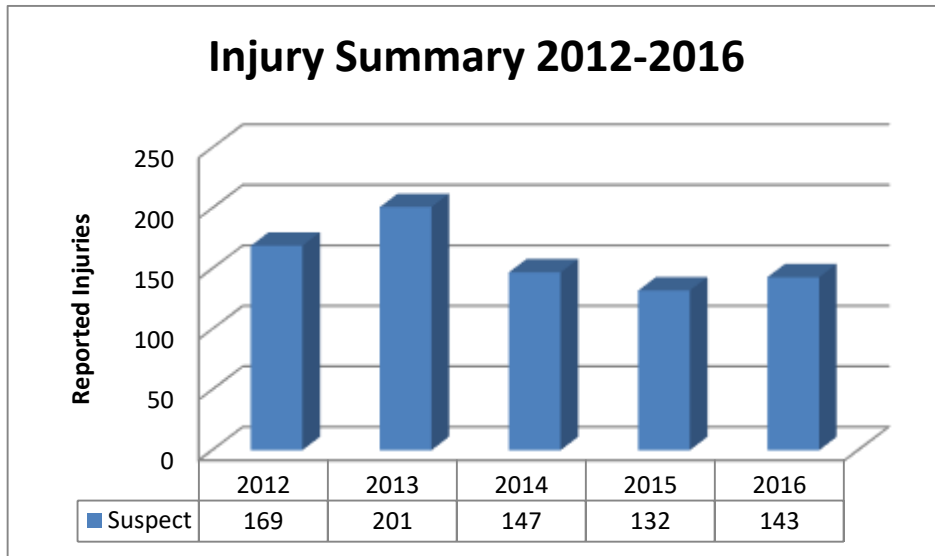
The chart and graph indicate the Use of Force reports submitted over the past five years, including 2016. The amounts of uses of force have been relatively consistent since 2012, with an overall downward trend.

Year	Use of Force Reports	Change from Previous Year
2012	188	-2%
2013	217	15%
2014	197	-9%
2015	155	-21%
2016	162	5%



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 minor lacerations and abrasions, Taser probe impacts, and complaints of pain. Departmental canine bites, and firearms, combined accounted for .88 percent of all Use of Force Incidents in 2016. Officer’s injuries consisted of lacerations and abrasions, contusion, human bites, and strains/sprains.



Summary of Use of Force Incidents

The following information, along with supporting graphs, summarizes 2016 Use of Force incidents reported by Anne Arundel County Police Officers.

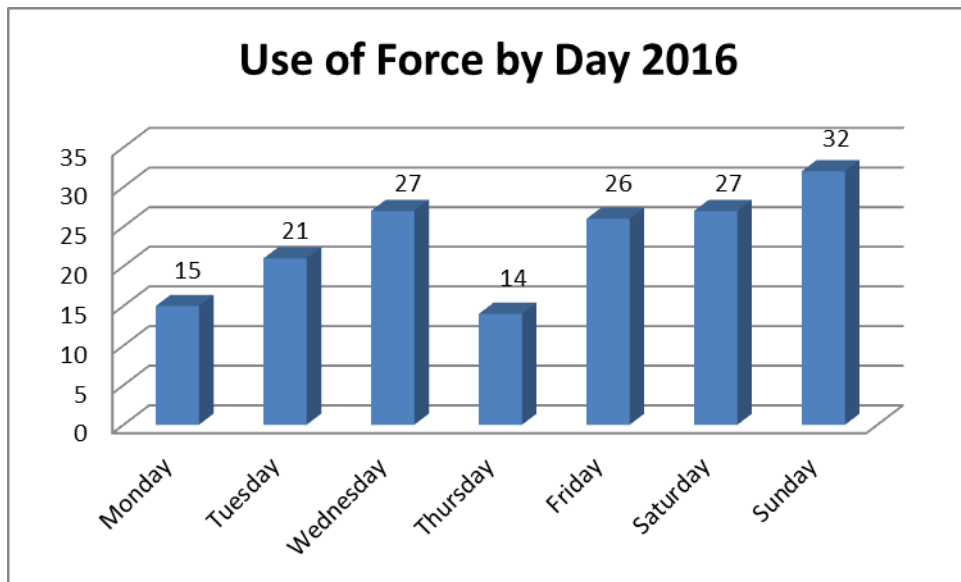
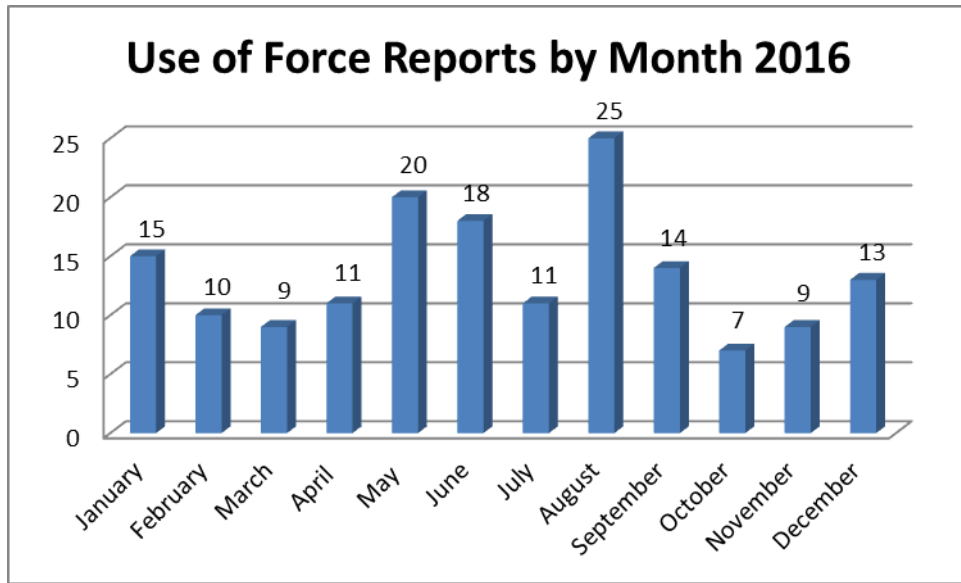
2016	TOTALS
Disorderly	27
Emergency Eval.	27
Domestic	22
Theft	15
Assault-Officer	13

2015	TOTALS
Disorderly	29
Domestic	20
Emergency Eval.	16
Armed Subject	15
Theft	15

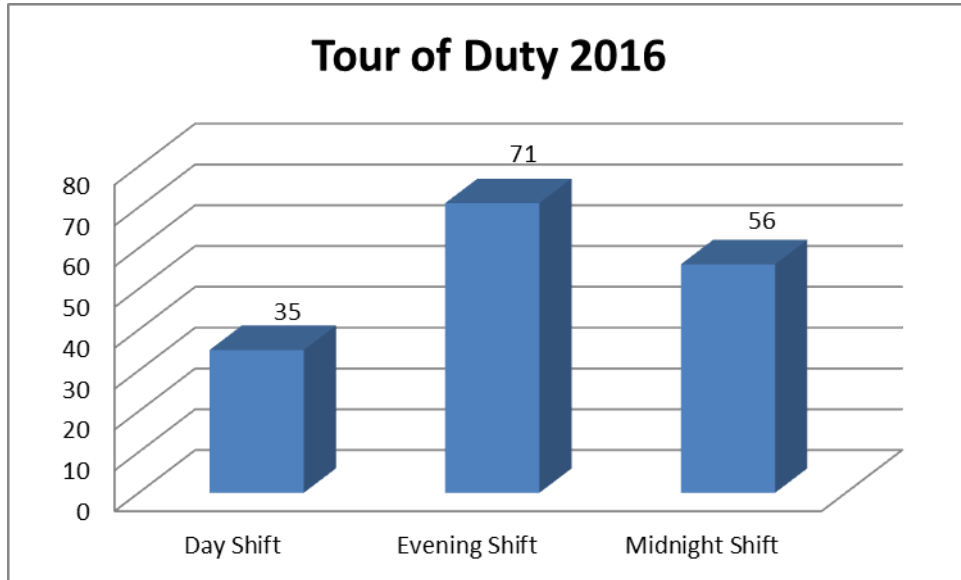
2014	TOTALS
Domestic	26
Disorderly	24
Check Subject	20
DUI/DWI	17
Assault-Officer	16

2013	TOTALS
Disorderly	40
Domestic	28
Assault-Officer	22
Emergency Eval.	21
Theft	17

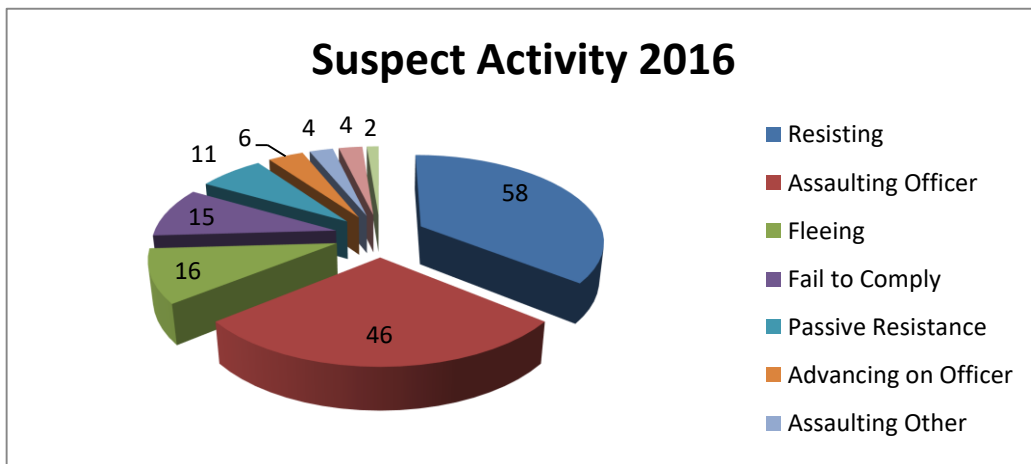
While conducting the analysis, it was found that Use of Force incidents increased in the warmer months and around the holiday months, as can be expected. Weekends accounted for the larger number of incidents.



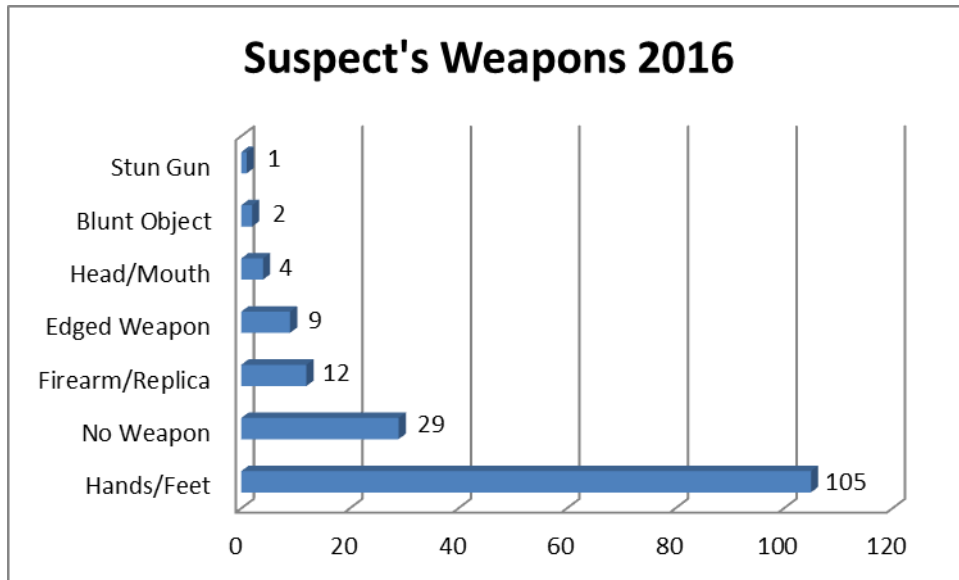
Use of Force reports for the day shift saw a reduction from forty-two in 2015 to thirty-five (35) in 2016. The evening shift increased from fifty-six (56) in 2015 to seventy-one (71) in 2016. The midnight shift had fifty-seven (57) Use of Force reports in 2015 compared to fifty-six (56) in 2016.



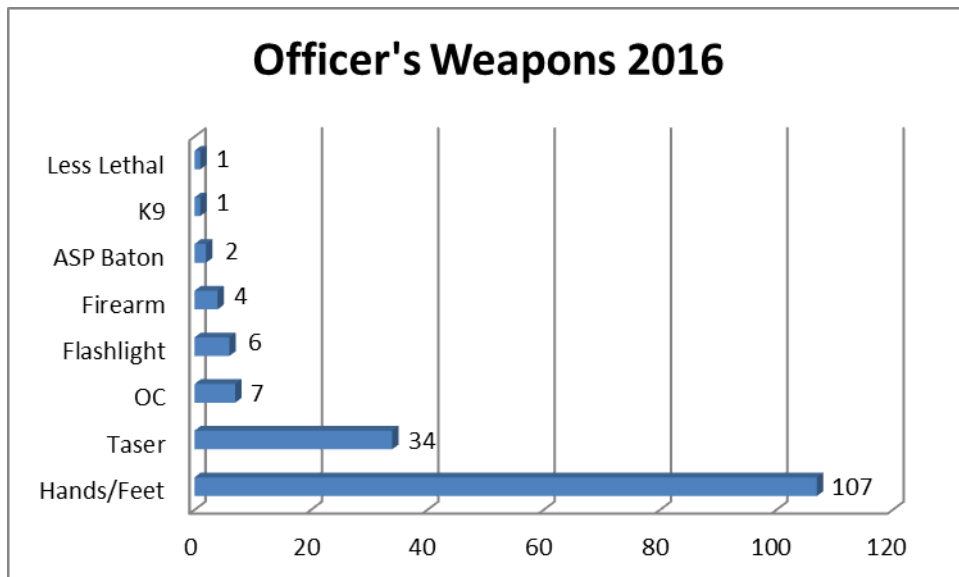
In reviewing the 2016 Use of Force reports, the top three suspect activities resulting in the Use of Force incidents were resisting arrest, assaulting officer, and suspect fleeing from officer. There were fifty-eight (58) Use of Force reports that resulted from resisting arrest, forty-six (46) from assaulting officer and sixteen (16) from suspects fleeing officers.



Upon review of the suspect's weapons in the 2016 Use of Force reports, hands/feet were used as the weapon of choice by suspects in one hundred five (105) reports. Suspects did not use weapons, (i.e. fleeing or passive), in twenty-nine (29) reports. The suspect used a firearm or replica firearm in twelve (12) reports.



Officers primarily used a Hands/Feet technique to control / subdue suspects in the majority of Use of Force incidents. Hands/Feet were reported as the tool used by officers in one hundred seven (107) reports. Tasers were reported as used in thirty-four (34) reports. OC and Flashlight were reported as used in seven (7) and six (6) reports respectively.



Use of Force by Assignment:

Use of Force reports in 2016 were submitted by officers in eleven (11) different duty assignments. The average Use of Force reports submitted by assignment for 2012-2016 were as follows: Northern District averaged fifty-six (56) reports, Eastern District averaged forty-seven (47) reports, Southern District averaged twenty-five (25) reports and Western District averaged thirty-eight (38) reports. Other units including SOD, K9, SES, CID, Traffic Safety, Training Academy and Community Relations averaged nineteen (19) Use of Force reports.

The Use of Force breakdown shows the totals by assignment for 2016 and the five year average.

Duty Assignment	Total Incidents for 2016	Five Year Average
Northern	50	56
Eastern	37	47
Southern	12	25
Western	46	38
Other Units	17	19

