

Annual Use of Force Statistics

Calendar Year

2017

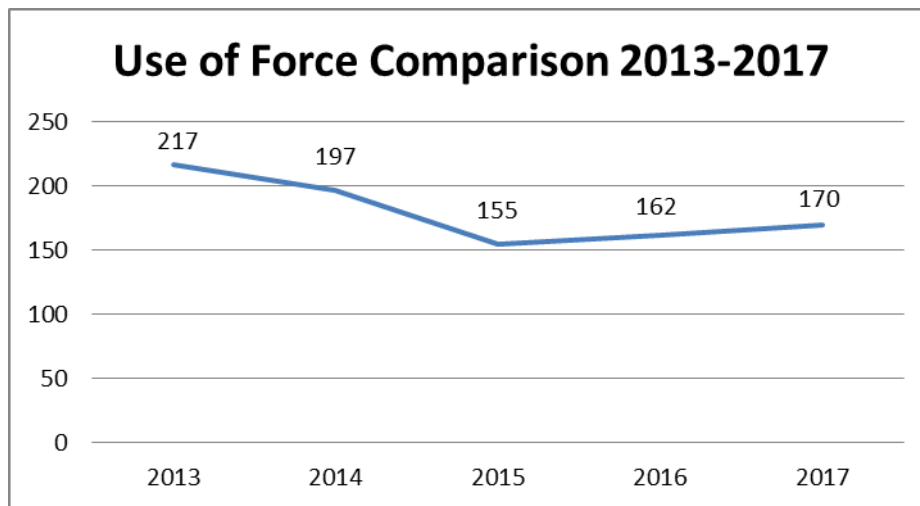
**Overview:**

In 2017 officers generated and responded to 450,210 calls for service, made 13,720 arrests and force was only used in one hundred twenty-nine 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 for 2017 was one hundred seventy. There were thirty incidents where more than one officer submitted a Use of Force report for the same incident. Incidents where multiple officers used force account for the difference in the totals.

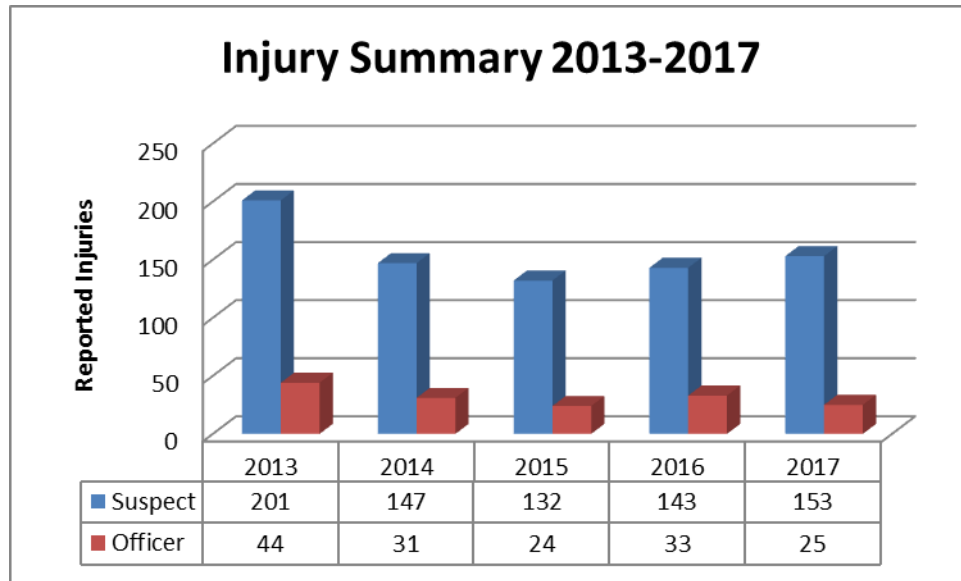
The chart and graph indicate the Use of Force reports submitted over the past five years, including 2017. Analysis of the past five year Use of Force totals show that while 2015 saw a drastic reduction in uses of force, the totals since then have remained relatively consistent.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Use of Force Reports</b>	<b>Change from Previous Year</b>
2013	217	15%
2014	197	-9%
2015	155	-21%
2016	162	5%
2017	170	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 lacerations and abrasions, OC exposure, Taser probe impacts, and complaints of pain. Departmental canine bites accounted for less than 0.9 percent of all Use of Force Incidents in 2017. Officer's injuries consisted of broken bones, strains/sprains, lacerations and abrasions, contusion, human bites and exposure to saliva.



**Summary of Use of Force Incidents**

The following information, along with supporting graphs, summarizes 2017 Use of Force incidents reported by Anne Arundel County Police Officers.

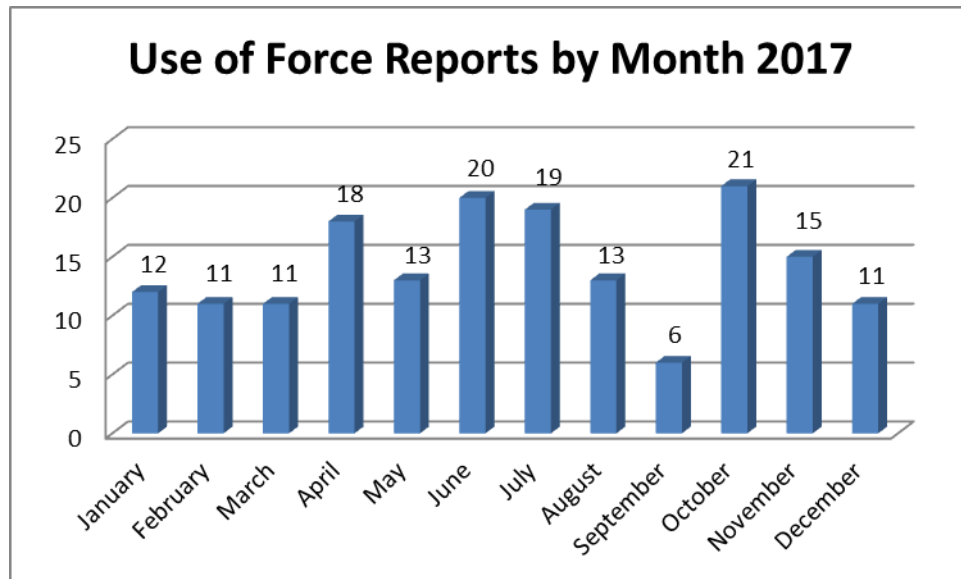
2017	TOTALS
Disorderly	28
Emergency Eval.	25
Domestic	21
Assault-Other	21
Traffic Stop	16

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

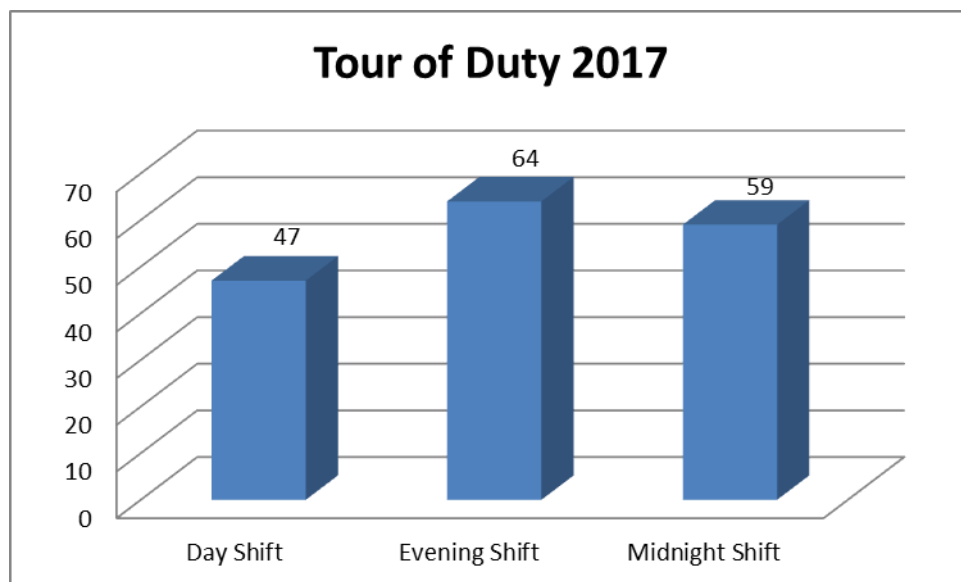
2016	TOTALS
Disorderly	27
Emergency Eval.	29
Domestic	22
Theft	15
Assault-Officer	13

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

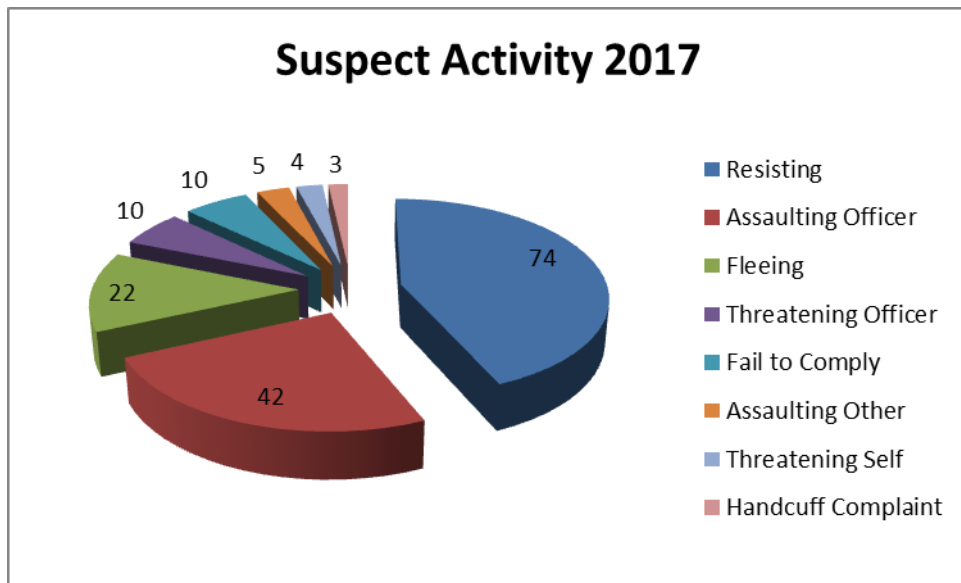
While conducting the analysis, it was found that Use of Force incidents increased in the spring and summer months then briefly decreased in September before increasing again in the fall.



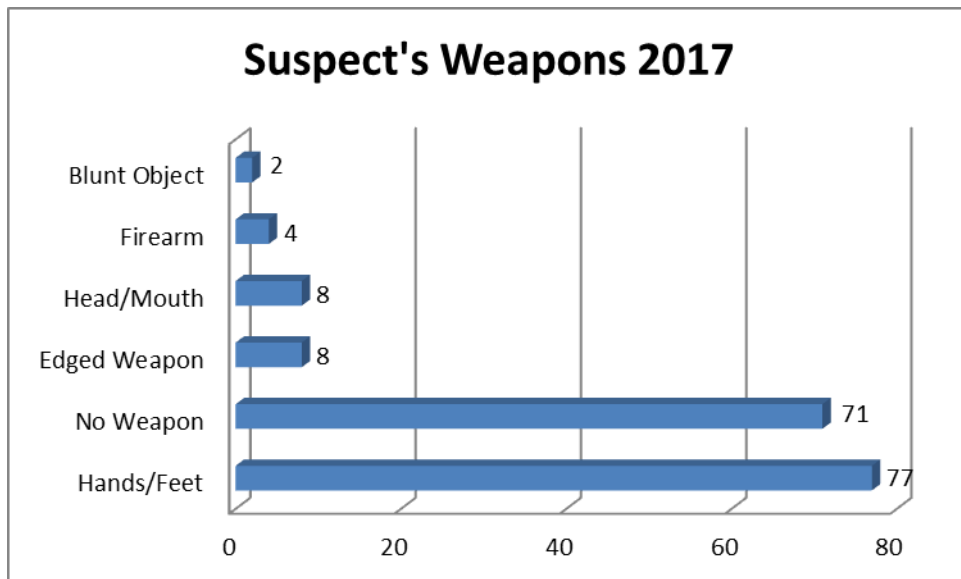
Use of Force reports for the day shift increased from thirty-five in 2016 to forty seven in 2017. The evening shift decreased from seventy one in 2016 to sixty four in 2017. The midnight shift remained relatively consistent with fifty six reports in 2016 and fifty nine in 2017.



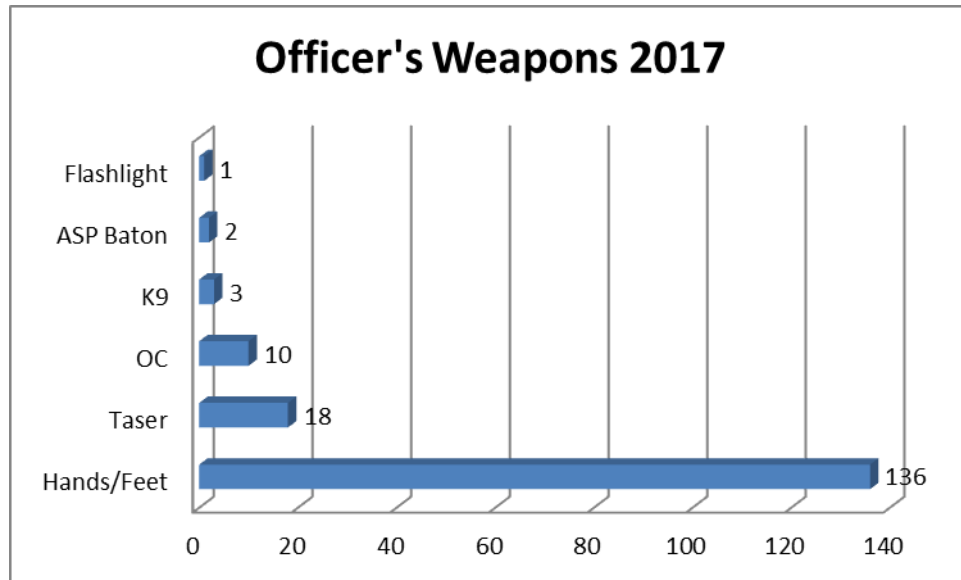
In reviewing the 2017 Use of Force reports, the top three suspect activities resulting in the Use of Force incidents were resisting arrest, assaulting officer, and suspect fleeing from officer. There were seventy-four Use of Force reports that resulted from resisting arrest, forty-two from assaulting officer and twenty-two from suspects fleeing officers.



Upon review of the suspect's weapons in the 2017 Use of Force reports, hands/feet were used as the weapon of choice by suspects in seventy seven reports. Suspects did not use weapons, (i.e. fleeing or passive), in seventy-one reports. The suspects used edged weapons in eight incidents and firearms in four incidents.



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 thirty-six reports. In 2017 there was a drastic reduction in Taser usage. Tasers were used thirty four times in 2016 compared to eighteen times in 2017. OC was used in ten incidents, ASP Baton in two incidents and a flashlight was used in one incident.



**Use of Force by Assignment:**

Use of Force reports in 2017 were submitted by officers in fourteen different duty assignments. The average Use of Force reports submitted by assignment for 2013-2017 were as follows: Northern District averaged sixty reports, Eastern District averaged forty-two reports, Southern District averaged twenty-three reports and Western District averaged thirty-seven reports. Other units including the Chiefs Office, TPU/DDU, K9, SRO, SES, SOD, CID, Traffic Safety, Training Academy and Community Relations averaged nineteen Use of Force reports.

The Use of Force breakdown shows the totals by assignment for 2017 and the five year average.

<b>Duty Assignment</b>	<b>Total Incidents for 2017</b>	<b>Five Year Average</b>
Northern	65	60
Eastern	41	42
Southern	21	23
Western	32	37
Other Units	11	19

## Use of Force by Duty Assignment 2013-2017

