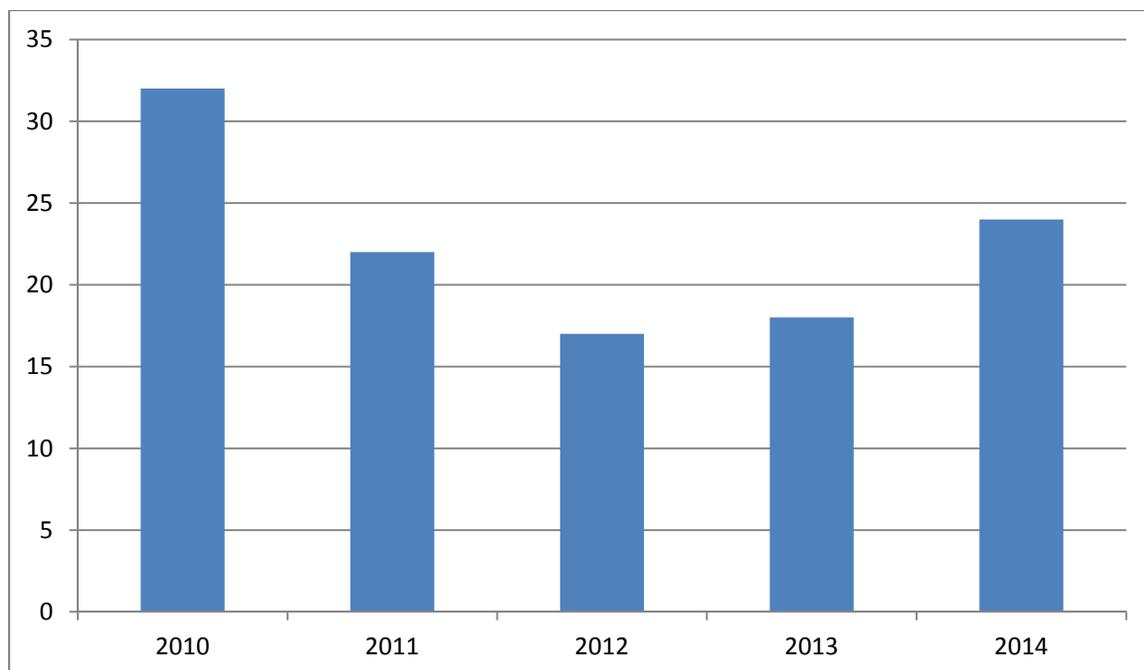


Use of Force Analysis 2014

Attached is the 2014 Use of Force Report. I conducted an analysis of all of our Use of Force incidents. Below is a brief synopsis for each report category.

Total Use of Force Incident(s)

In 2014, there were twenty-four (24) instances where officers were required to use force while conducting their duties. All of the incidents were justified under the Hudson Police Department Policies and Procedures, and New Hampshire State Law. In 2013, there were 18 incidents involving use of force. In 2014, the number of Use of Force reports was increased by six (6). In 2013, there were nine (9) instances where the Animal Control Officer or a Police Officer was authorized to euthanize an injured or sickly animal. In 2014, there were eleven (11) instances where the Animal Control Officer or a Police Officer was authorized to euthanize an injured or sickly animal.



**Information regarding the Animal Euthanization is not accounted for in the Use of Force Analysis.

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

More Use of Force incidents occurred on Sunday (6) than on any other day of the week. B Squad (1500-2300) had eleven (11) Use of Force incidents, A Squad (0700-1500) had nine (9) Use of Force incidents, and C Squad (2300-0700) had four (4) Use of Force incidents.

INJURIES

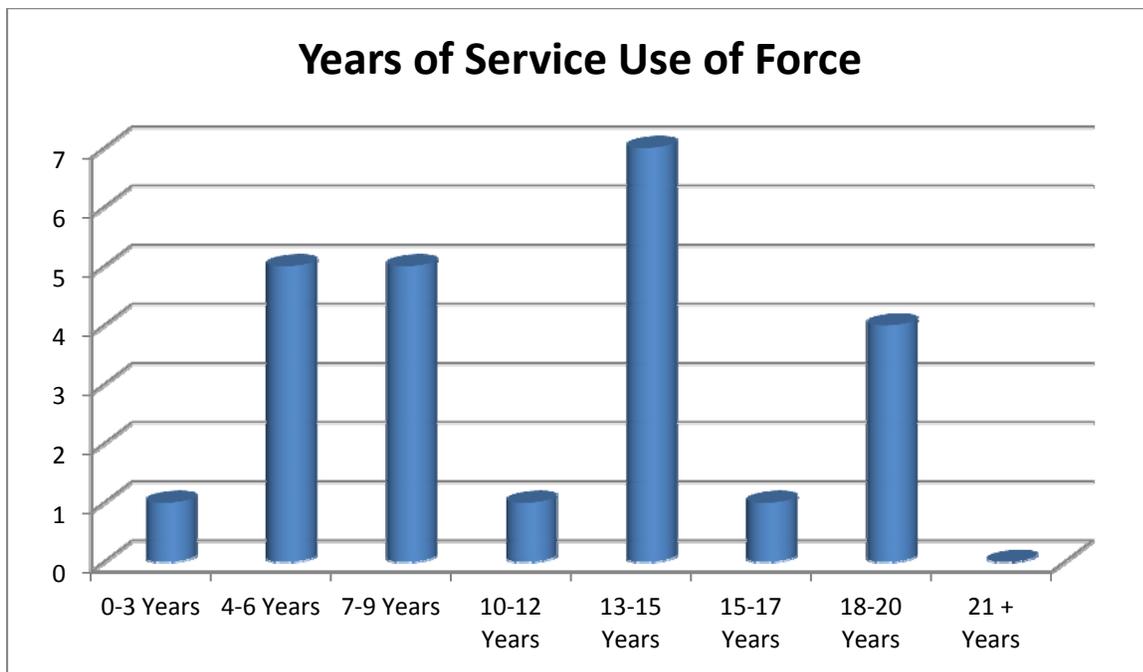
In 2014, there were three (3) incidents resulting in injury to a suspect. In one instance a suspect received a minor abrasion to his knees. This suspect was running from an officer when he fell. Another suspect purposely stuck his head and face on the cruiser while handcuffed. The officers had to previously use defensive tactic techniques to get him under control. The third suspect had previously shot himself in the head, however was still alive when the officers approached him with their weapons drawn.

In 2014, we had two (2) any officers report injuries as a result of a Use of Force situations. We continue to see officers and suspects sustaining fewer injuries during the Use of Force incidents. Although, in 2013 we did not have any officers injured during Use of Force situations. One (1) officer was injured when his elbow struck a door frame while trying to take a suspect into custody. The second officers left arm was scratched as well as his ring finger while attempting to arrest a female drunk driver. The Taser Weapon System combined with training appears to be a contributing factor. With the deployment of the Taser Weapon System the officers have another tool to remain at a safer distance from violent suspects until they are neutralized. Officers' have also used the Taser Weapon System to "drive stun" suspects opposed to utilizing other defensive tactic techniques. Regular training on Use of Force issues and tactics assists officers in maintaining a level of proficiency the public expects.

OFFICERS AGE AND YEARS OF SERVICE:

In 2014, the average age of the officers involved in Use of Force incidents was 35 years old; while the average age of the Hudson Police Sworn Officers is 37 years old. This is the first year we tracked the average age of the officers involved in these incidents. Moving forward we will compare the age of the officers to see if any trends are being set.

This year I began tracking the years of service of the officers involved in Use of Force situations. This statistic will allow the Hudson Police Administration to analyze whether younger inexperienced officers are more apt to resort to using force compared to the more experienced officers. However, in analyzing this statistic I learned only one (1) officer with less than three years of experience had a use of force incident. A possible reason for this is the Hudson Police had six recruit officers who were either in the police academy or with a Field Training Officer from March through August. As illustrated below officers with 13 to 15 years of service had more instances of Use of Force (7) than any other group of officers. While the average years of service for the Hudson Police Department is 37 years of age. Refer to the below graph for a breakdown of officers years of service and use of force situations.



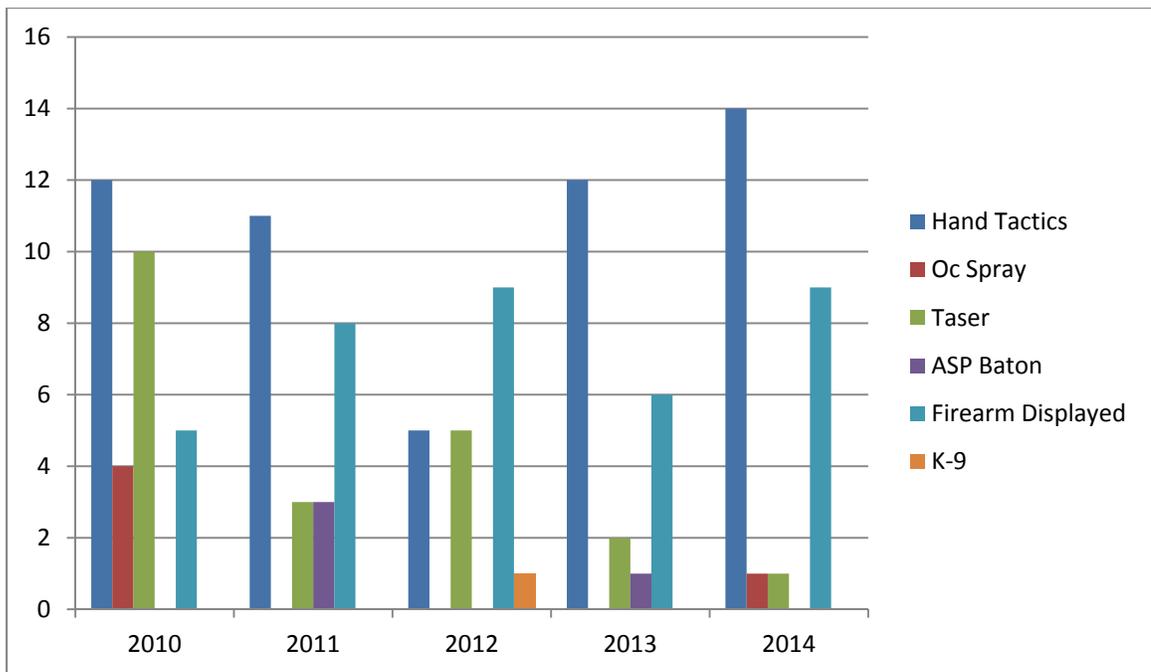
SITUATION

- The most common initial call that resulted in a Use of Force incident was officers initiating an arrest, fifteen (15) instances; followed by motor vehicle stops, four (4); dealing with suicidal people two (2); two (2) incidents occurred at disturbances; dealing with a mentally ill person resulted in one (1).
- It appears from reviewing the Use of Force reports there were sufficient police personnel present for each incident.
- All Use of Force incidents involved uniform officers. In each case where the officer(s) displayed a firearm, the officers were justified based on the fact they were investigating

a felony or the suspect had committed a felony involving the use or threatened use of a weapon accept.

TYPE OF FORCE USED

The most common types of force used in 2014 were officers using Defensive Tactic techniques to gain control of a suspect. Defensive Tactics were used fourteen (14) times to gain compliance of a suspect. Officers displayed their firearms to gain control of a suspect nine (9) times. Officers deployed the Taser Weapon System to make an arrest or control a suspect one (1) time. An officer also used OC on one (1) occasion. During 2014 officers did not utilize their ASP nor was the K-9 used in a Use of Force situation to apprehend a suspect.



SUSPECT INFORMATION

Males were involved in Use of Force situations in seventeen (17) instances, while females seven (7). The average age of both the male and female suspects is 30 years of age. After reviewing this data there is so correlation between young adults being more apt to resist arrest than middle age people.

Officers used the Taser Weapon system in one (1) Use of Force situations in 2014. It appears that officers used techniques and tools, such as the Taser Weapon System, that allow officers to control suspects when they are physically resisting arrest/detention.

TRAINING ISSUES

I have conducted a careful review of all Use of Force incidents, and no training issues were identified.

I have conducted an annual analysis of Use of Force incidents and policies. Based upon the review, I did not identify any areas of the policies that needs to be modified.

SUMMARY

The highlights of this analysis are listed below:

- 24 Use of Force Reports
- 3 Suspects Injured
- 2 Officers Injured
- Average age of Suspects: 30 years old
- Average age of Officers involved in a Use of Force incident: 35 years old
- Average age of the Hudson Police Department 37 years old
- Average years of service involved in a Use of Force incident is 13-15 years
- Average years of service for the Hudson Police Department is 11 years