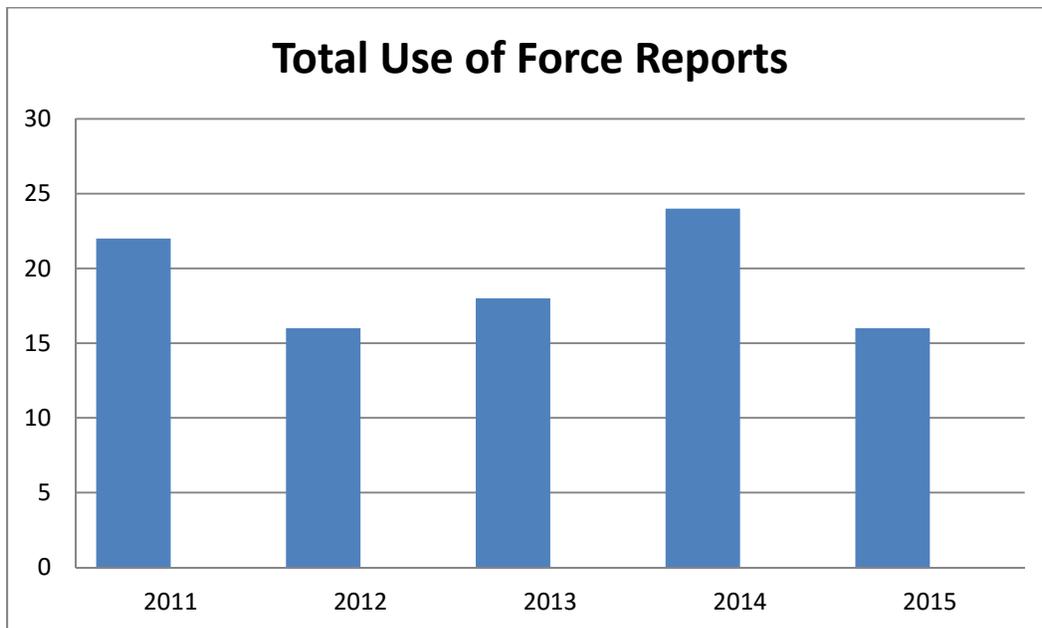


Use of Force Analysis 2015

Attached is the 2015 Use of Force Report. I conducted an analysis of all Hudson Police Use of Force incidents.

Total Use of Force Incident(s)

In 2015, there were sixteen (16) 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 2014, there were twenty-four (24) incidents involving the use of force. In 2015, the number of Use of Force reports was decreased by eight (8). 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. In 2015, there were six (6) 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 Thursday (5) than any other day of the week. B Squad (1500-2300) had ten (10) Use of Force incidents, A Squad (0700-1500) had four (4) Use of Force incidents, and C Squad (2300-0700) had two (2) Use of Force incidents.

INJURIES

In 2015, there were two (2) incidents resulting in injury to a suspect. In both instances the suspect's injuries were a result of being shot with the officer's taser. The taser prongs caused minor bleeding.

In 2015, we had zero (0) officers reported being injured as a result of a Use of Force situation. Although, we had two officers assaulted during 2015. A suspect spit in an officer's face while being unruly during the booking process; this resulted in a Use of Force incident. Another suspect slapped an officer's arm while the officer was investigating a motor vehicle accident. This incident did not result in a Use of Force incident, however the female was arrested.

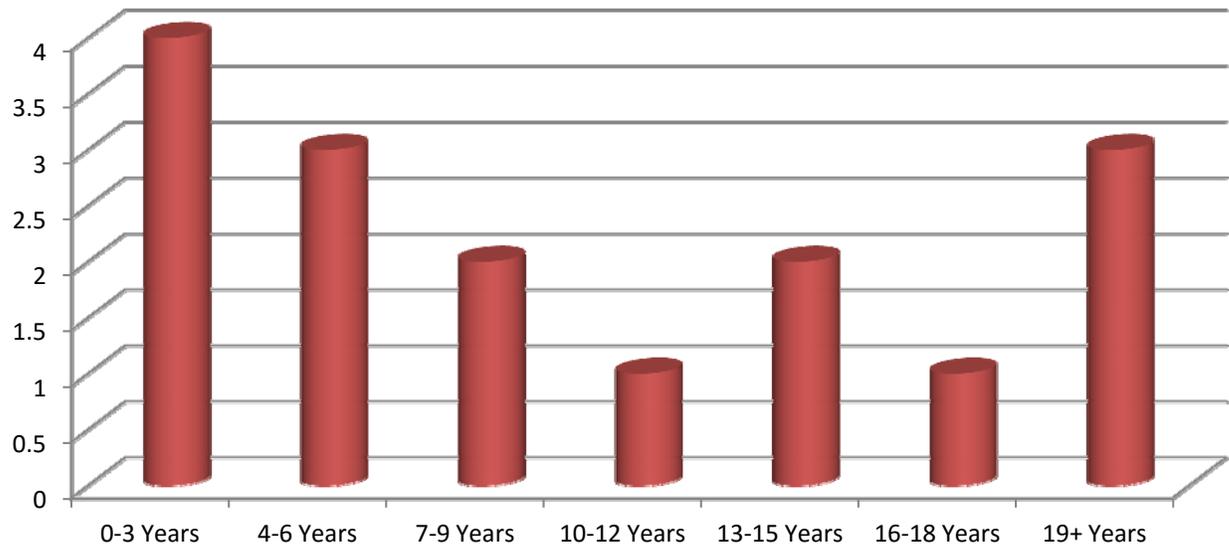
The Taser Weapon System combined with training on how to deal with unruly suspects appear to be contributing factors as to why we are seeing less injuries to officers as well as suspects. With the deployment of the Taser Weapon System the officers have another tool to remain at a safer distance from 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 2015, the average age of the officers involved in Use of Force incidents was 37 years old; while the average age of the Hudson Police Sworn Officers is 35 years old.

This is the second (2nd) year I have tracked the years of service of officers involved in Use of Force situations. Currently, the Hudson Police Administration is not seeing a trend that younger inexperienced officers are more apt to resort to using force compared to more experienced officers. However, I did see that four (4) Use of Report incidents were from police officers who had 0 to 3 years of experience; while the average years of service for Hudson Police Sworn Officers is nine (9) years. I will continue to closely monitor the above information.

Years of Service Use of Force

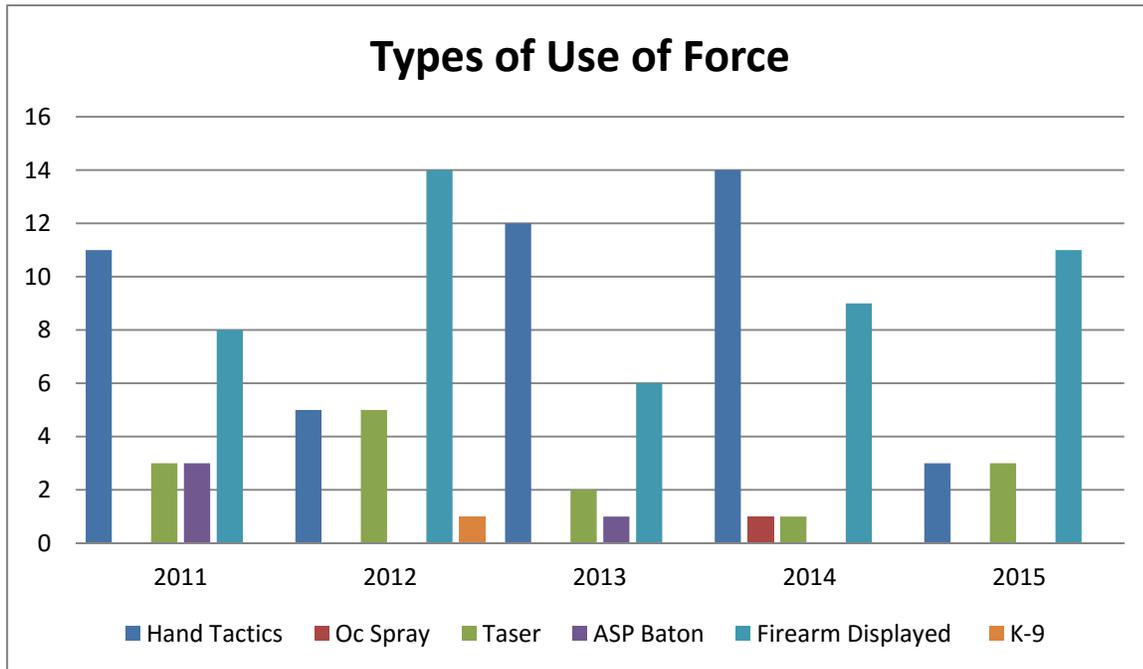


SITUATION

- The most common initial call that resulted in a Use of Force incident was officers responding for suicidal people, six (6) instances; followed by initiating an arrest, four (4) instances; three (3) incidents occurred during motor vehicle stops; two (2) incidents occurred while responding to disturbances; and one (1) instance occurred during the booking process.
- 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 except one (1). A detective as well as uniformed officers displayed their firearm while taking a bank robber into custody shortly after the robbery occurred.
- 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 the use of a weapon.

TYPE OF FORCE USED

The most common types of force used in 2015 were officers displaying their firearms to gain control of a suspect. This occurred on eleven (11) occasions. Officers used defensive tactics and deployed their taser on three (3) occasions. During 2015, officers did not utilize their ASP, OC, nor did the K-9 use force to apprehend a suspect.



SUSPECT INFORMATION

Males were involved in Use of Force situations in ten (10) instances, while females six (6). The average age of both male and female suspects is 36 years of age. During 2014, the average age of suspect(s) was 30 years old.

Officers used the Taser Weapon system in three (3) Use of Force situations in 2015. It appears that officers are becoming more apt to utilize the Taser Weapon system than to utilize Defensive Tactic techniques. Using the Taser Weapon system is also more apt to reduce the amount of injuries to both the suspect and officers.

Training Issues

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

I have further 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 need to be modified.

SUMMARY

The highlights of this analysis are listed below:

- 16 Use of Force Reports
- 2 Suspects Injured (taser probes)
- 0 Officers injured
- Average age of Suspect: 36 years old
- Average age of Officers involved in Use of Force incidents: 37 years old
- Average age of the Hudson Police Department: 35 years old
- Average years of service for the Hudson Police Department: 9 years