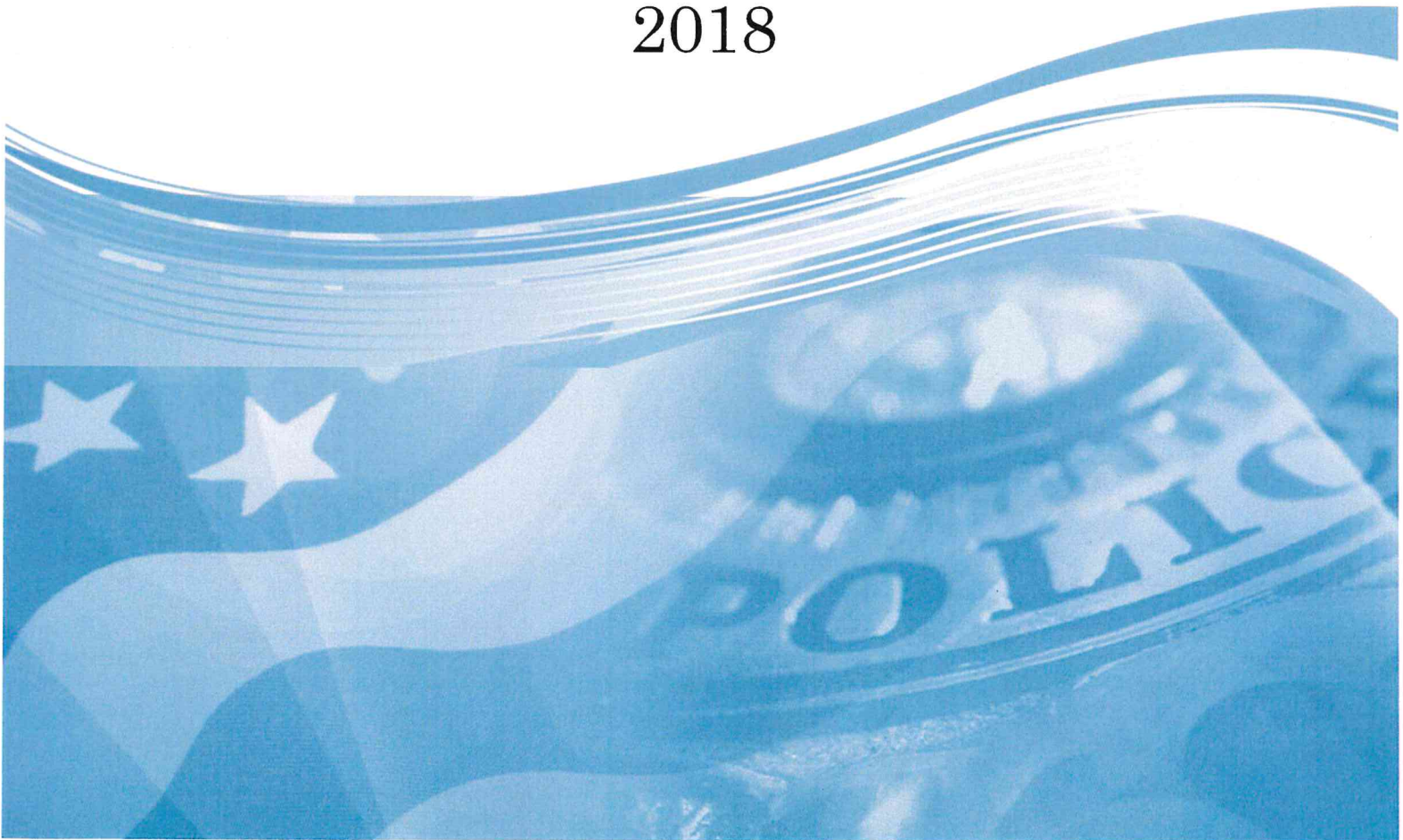


Temple Police Department



Response to Resistance Report
2018



Background

This document summarizes the essential data points relating to Response to Resistance reporting. Department Policy Response to Resistance (Use of Force) Policy explains:

A police officer's duty is to protect the life and property of citizens and to preserve the peace. To obtain these objectives, the use of force is sometimes required. It is the policy of this department that force only be used to effect the lawful arrest and or/stop the violent behavior of an individual. Officers are authorized to use only the amount of objectively reasonable force which is necessary under the circumstances to successfully accomplish the law enforcement purpose.

Response to Resistance (Use of Force) is defined as:

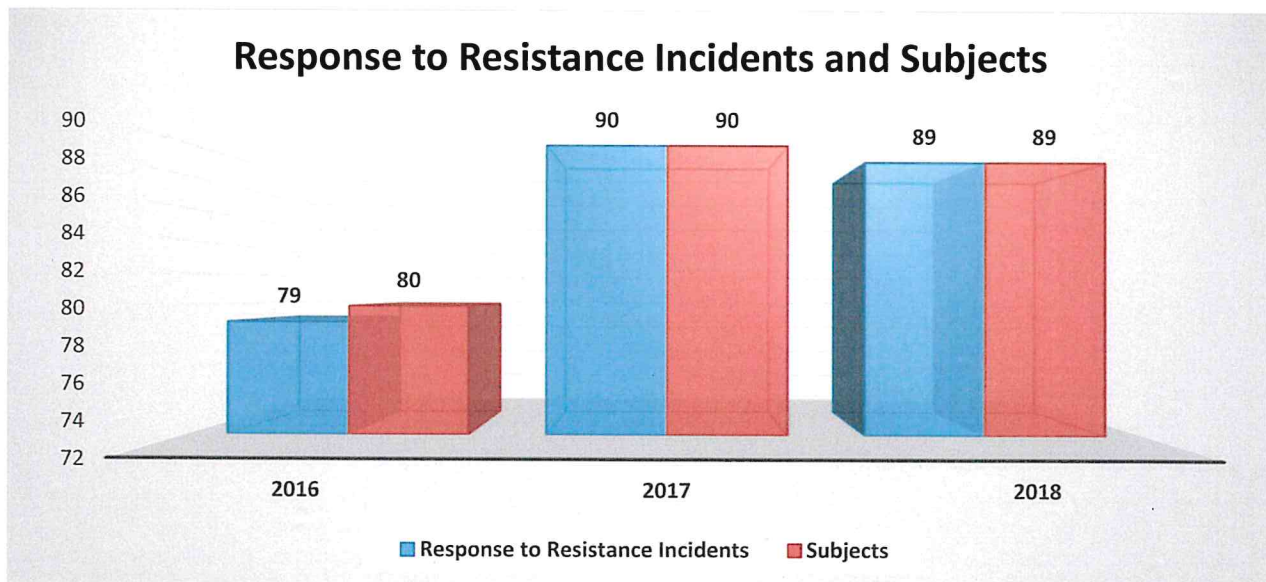
Any physical contact to an individual by an officer using their body, device, object, or weapon, **excluding**; soft empty hand control (escorts, wrist locks, arm bar, non-striking pressure points) or the handcuffing of an individual. Any complaint by an individual that an officer caused pain, or an injury shall be documented as a response to resistance incident, **except** for complaints of minor discomfort from physical restraints (handcuffs, leg restraints, flex cuffs).

When officers encounter uses of force situations, policy requires that the primary officer complete an offense report and a Response to Resistance report. Assisting officers will also complete a Response to Resistance report if they applied a reportable level of force against the subject. This report includes information on the subject, their level of resistance, and any sustained injuries. Additionally, it will include information on the officers who were involved in the incident, levels of control they applied and any injuries they sustained. Documentation from each incident is reviewed by a supervisor.

The departments "Use of Force review Board" examines all incidents where a firearm is discharged.

Number of Response to Resistance Incidents and Subjects

In 2018, there were **89** response to resistance incidents that involved **89** subjects who received various levels of force to stop their resistance.



To provide context, the department tracks the total number of official police contacts with the public (110,451 in 2018), and the total number of arrests (3,512 in 2018). For this reporting period, less than **1%** of police contacts with the public resulted in response to resistance incidents, and **2.53%** of the total arrests involved resistance by the suspect and force applied by the officer.

	2016	2017	2018
Number of Response to Resistance (use of force) incidents	79	90	89
Number of subjects where force was used	80	90	89
Total number of contacts	104,454	98,345	110,451
Total number of arrests	4,209	3,671	3,512

% of subjects receiving force compared to the total # of contacts	.076%	.076%	0.081%
% of subjects receiving force compared to the total # of arrests	1.77%	1.90%	2.53%

The above data shows that **99%** of officer/citizen contacts and **97%** of arrests do not result in Response to Resistance incidents.

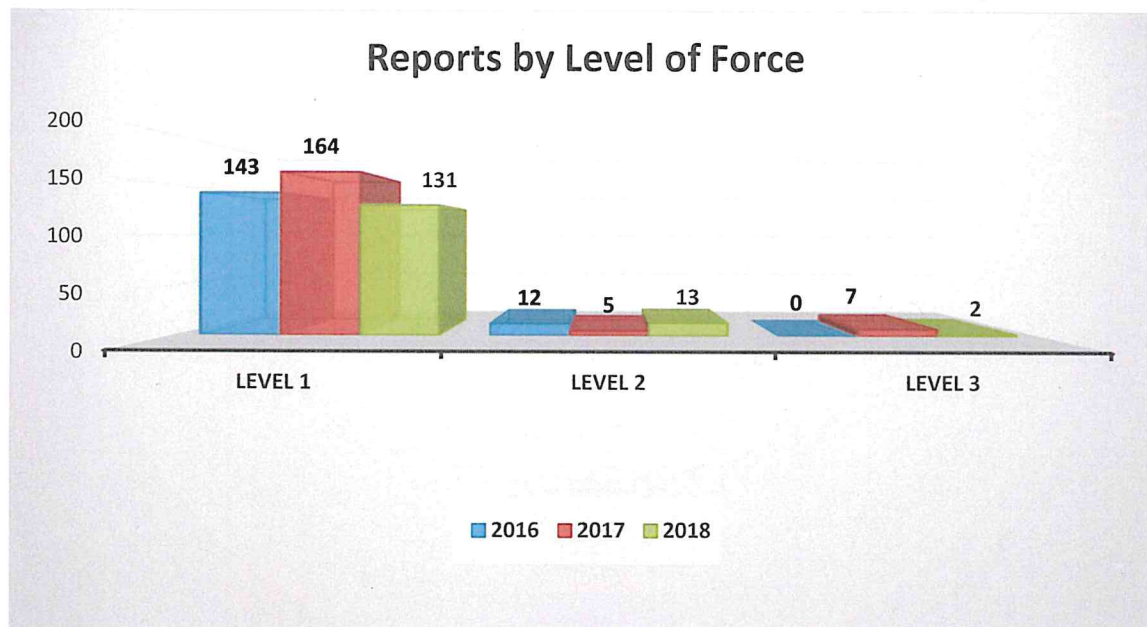
Reports by Level of Control (force) Used

The department identifies three levels of control for reporting purposes that an officer can use to stop resisting subjects. Levels of control are listed from the lowest amount of force (Level 1) to the highest amount of force (Level 3). Each level describes the actions that can be taken by the officer when responding to resistive behavior. When responding to a single use of force incident, and depending on the level of resistance, an officer may have to use more than one type of force to gain control over the subject. In these instances, each technique applied is counted separately. This tracking procedure produces a higher number of force applications when compared to the number of reports.

The levels of force identified below are used for reporting, investigating and reviewing purposes:

Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soft Empty hand control (escorts, wrist locks, arm bar, non-striking pressure points) ▪ Hand/leg strikes to motor points (<i>excluding the head</i>) ▪ Takedowns / Grappling ▪ Use of chemical agents
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strikes to the head using empty hand techniques ▪ Impact weapon strikes to the motor points in the legs ▪ Taser deployments (that strike the subject) ▪ Less lethal munition deployments (that strike the subject) ▪ K-9 apprehensions (where there is a bite by the K-9)
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Force resulting in death or substantial risk of death ▪ Intentional discharge of a weapon (at a subject, building or object) ▪ Unintentional discharge of a weapon (at a subject, building or object) ▪ Force resulting in serious bodily injury ▪ Use of impact weapon to the head, neck, throat, groin

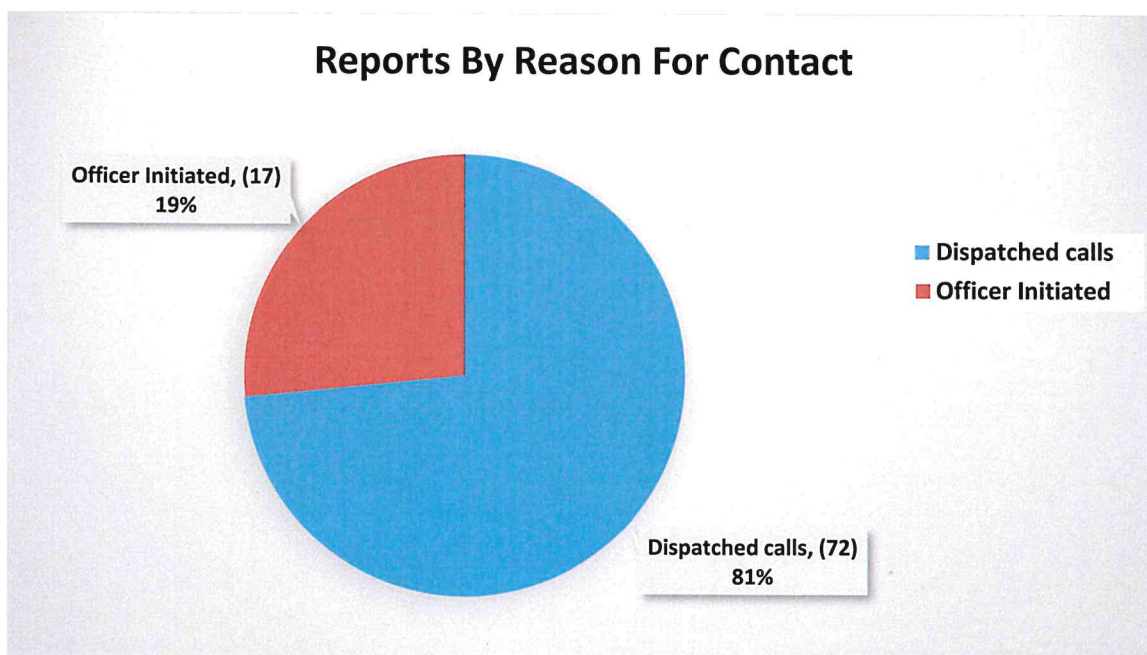
Response to Resistance force applications in 2018 were concentrated in the Level 1 classification, which is the lowest level. Of the 146 use of force applications, officers used Level (1) control methods 90% of the time, Level (2) 9%, and Level (3), the highest level 1% of the time. A force application consists of each individual use of force technique applied by the officer to counter a specific level of resistance.



(2018 Is Based on 146 Force Applications)

Response to Resistance Reports by Reason for Contact

In 2018, 72 of the 89 Response to Resistance reports resulted from dispatched calls for service. Officer initiated activity contacts are made based on the officer observing and responding to suspected criminal activity, or a crime in progress and accounted. Officer initiated contacts accounted for 17 reports.



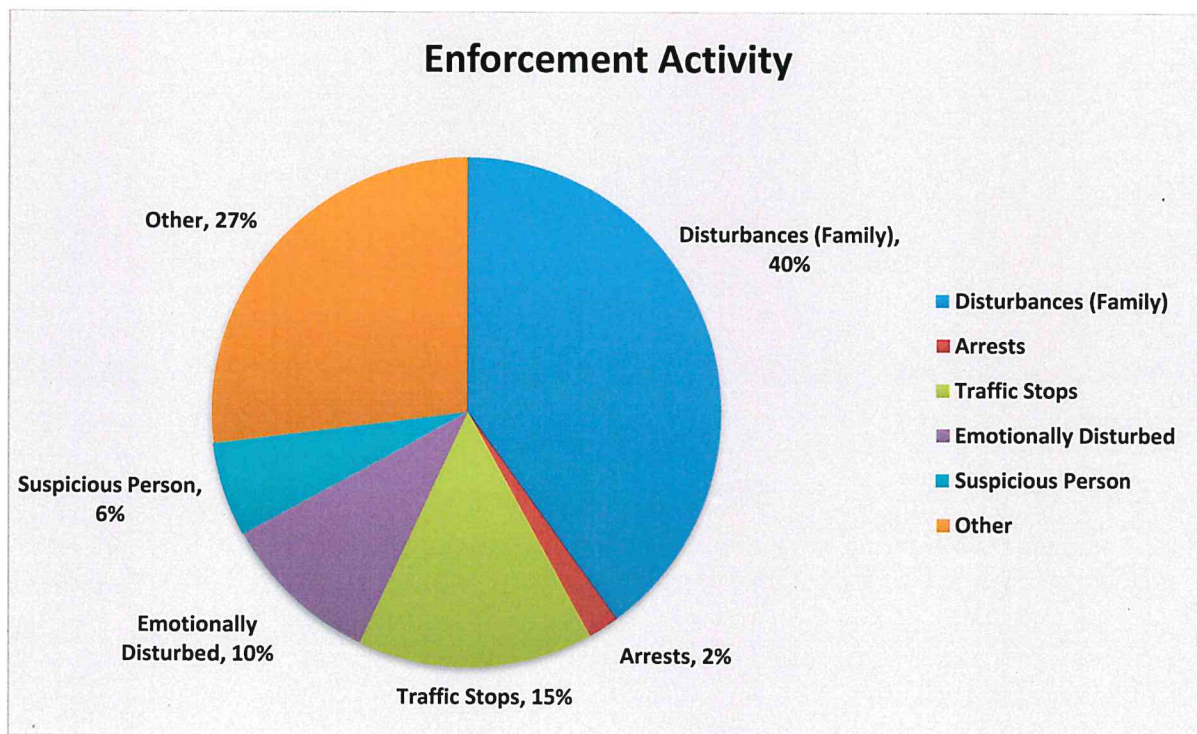
(2018 Is Based on 89 Response to Resistance Incidents)

Reports by Reason for Contact	2016	% of 2016 Reports	2017	% of 2017 Reports	2018	% of 2018 Reports
Dispatched Calls	58	73%	76	84%	72	81%
Viewed Offense	21	27%	14	16%	17	19%
Total	79	100%	90	100%	89	100%

Response to Resistance by Activity

The chart and graph below show the type of situation the officer was handling when the resistance occurred. In this reporting period (40%) of Response to Resistance reports were generated while responding to family disturbance calls.

The “other” category includes activities not listed in one of the below categories such as; *civil disturbances, crimes in progress, prisoner transport, accidents and warrant service.*



(2018 Is Based on 89 Response to Resistance Incidents)

Reports by Officer Activity	2016	% of 2016 Reports	2017	% of 2017 Reports	2018	% of 2018 Reports
Disturbances (family)	25	32%	33	36%	36	40%
Arrest	12	15%	7	8%	2	2%
Traffic stop	8	10%	5	6%	13	15%
Emotionally Disturbed	7	9%	7	8%	9	10%
Suspicious Person	10	13%	11	12%	5	6%
Other	17	21%	27	30%	24	27%
Total	79	100%	90	100	89	100

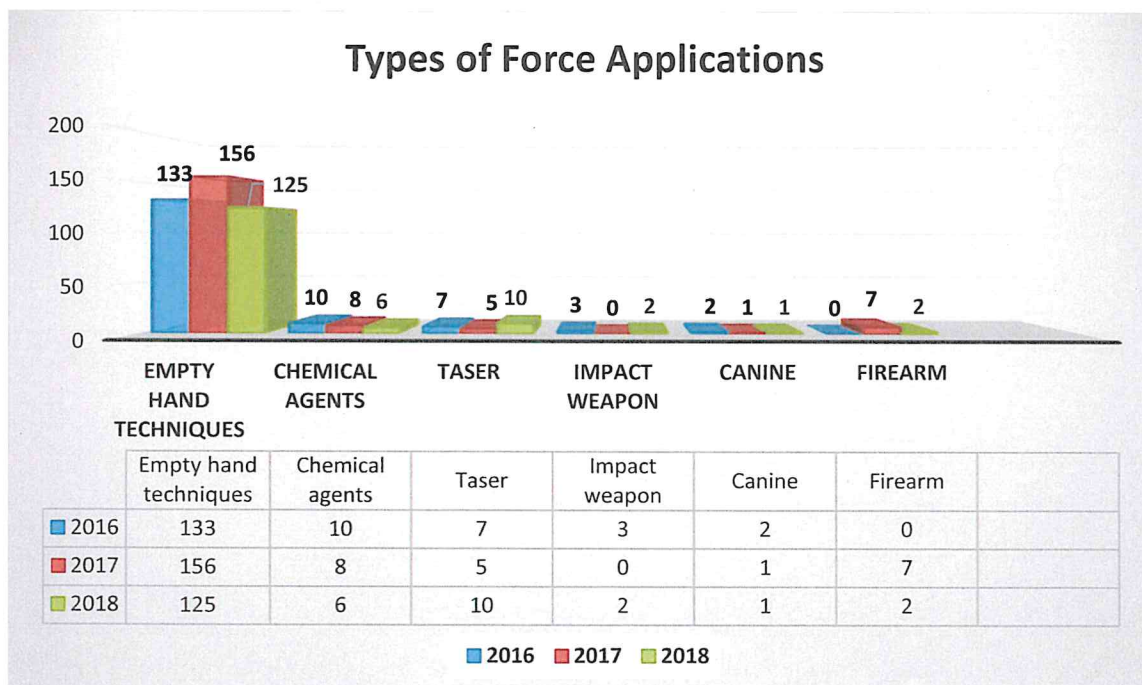
Reports by Type of Force Used

During a single response to resistance incident more than one officer may be involved. As a result, more than one Response to Resistance report may be generated for each incident, and each report may include more than one type of force used.

Below are the types of force used in order from the lowest level to the highest level.

- None: no force was used during the incident.
- Empty hand techniques: includes soft employ hand controls (joint locks, escorts, pressures points) and hard employ hand control (hand and leg strike).
- Chemical agents: OC (pepper spray), CS (Othro Chlorobenzaimalononitrile).
- Taser: a less lethal device that uses electronic muscular disruption technology that may temporarily cause the loss of voluntary muscle control.
- Impact weapon: weapon or object that is used to strike the subject such as a straight baton, or less lethal munitions (bean bag/foam rounds) deployed from a weapon (shotgun/40 MM launcher).
- Canine: the use of a police dog in an arrest situation and a dog bite occurs.
- Firearm: the intentional or unintentional discharge of a firearm in the direction of an individual.

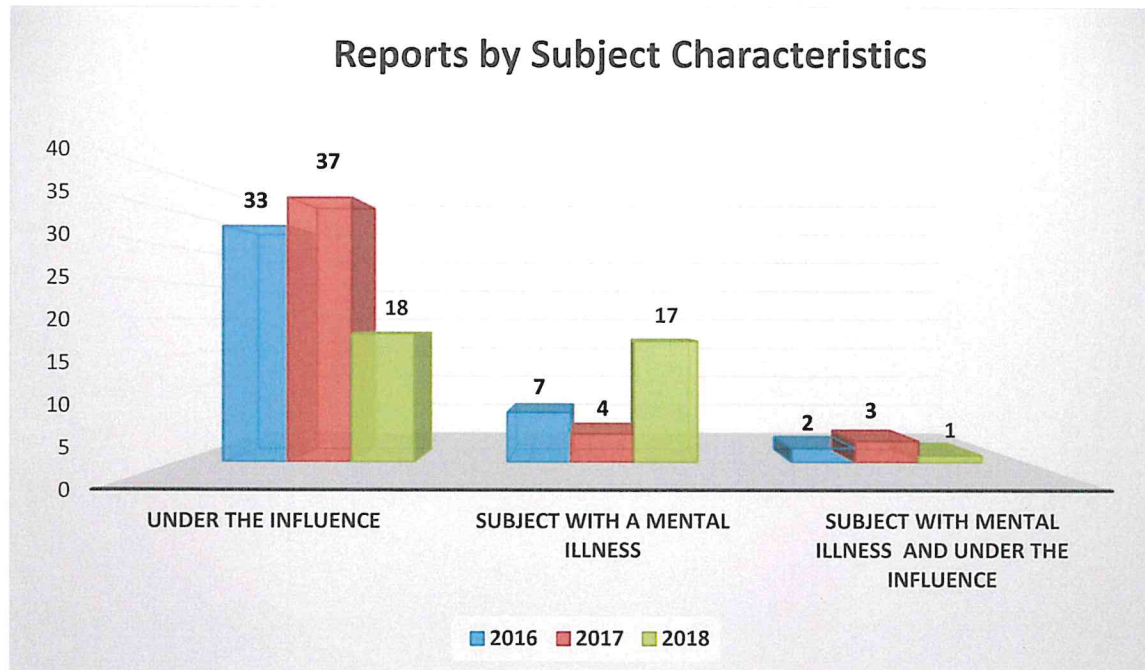
The below chart shows the number of occasions when force was used in each category. In 2018, the most frequent type of force used was “empty hand techniques.” These techniques are the lowest level of force that an officer can apply to gain control over a resisting subject.



(2018 Is Based on 146 Force Applications)

Reports by Subject Characteristics

In 2018, Thirty nine (39%) of Response to Resistance reports involved subjects who were under the influence of alcohol and/or narcotics, or involved a person suspected of having a mental illness, 20% indicated that the subject was under the influence of alcohol and/or narcotics, 19% were suspected of being a person with a mental illness, and 1% were suspected of having a mental illness and being under the influence of alcohol and/or narcotics. Sixty percent (60%) of reports did not fall into these categories.



(2018 Is Based on 89 Response to Resistance Reports)

Use of Force by Individual Race/Ethnicity

Response to resistance incidents occur when an officer attempts to make an arrest. In 2018, there were 89 subjects involved in response to resistance incidents. This number equates to 3% of the 3,512 subjects arrested. The data shows that 97% of arrests did not involve resistance or force. The table below shows the distribution of force based on race/ethnicity.

	White			Black			Hispanic		
	Arrests	Force Used	% of Arrests	Arrests	Force Used	% of Arrests	Arrests	Force Used	% of Arrests
2016	1,652	29	1.75%	1,631	39	2.39%	904	12	1.32%
2017	1,487	33	2.21%	1,302	41	3.14%	858	16	1.86%
2018	1,421	24	1.69%	1,308	52	3.98%	745	13	1.74%

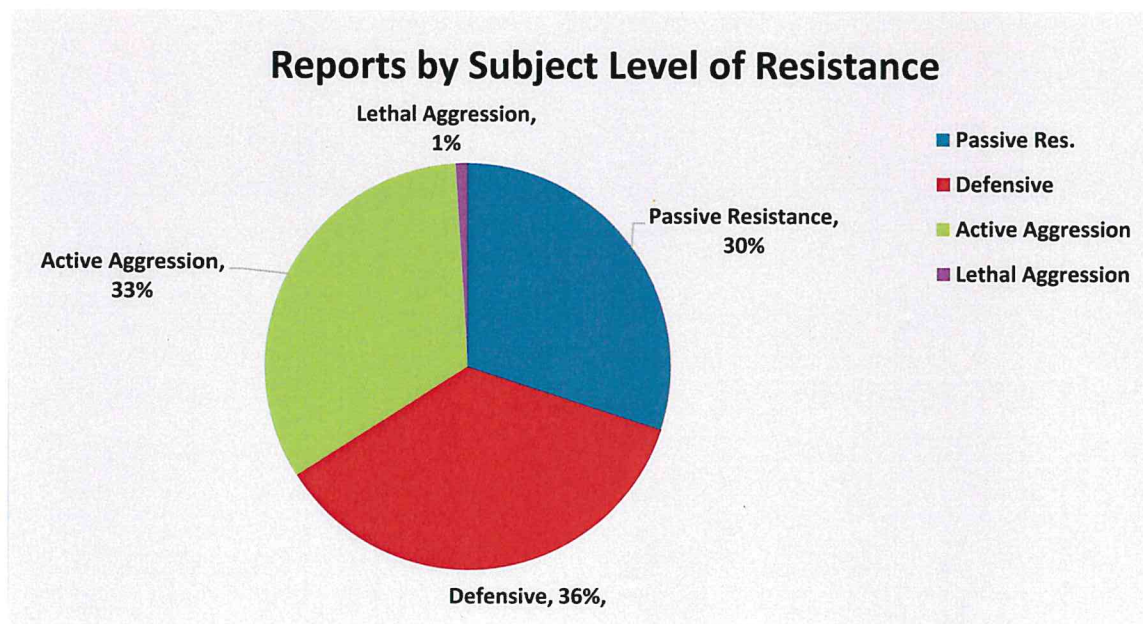
	Other			Total		
	Arrests	Force Used	% of Arrests	Arrests	Force Used	% of Arrests
2016	22	0	0%	4,209	80	1.90%
2017	24	0	0%	3,671	90	2.45%
2018	38	0	0%	3,512	89	2.53%

** Other includes; Native American, Asian, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern

Reports by Subject Actions

In 2018, defensive resistance was the most frequent form of resistance that officers encountered. On some occasion's subjects exhibited more than one type of resistance. In those instances, only the most severe level is identified on the below chart and table. Levels of resistances are defined and listed from lowest to highest. Reportable levels of resistance begin with passive resistance.

- **Passive Resistance:** Subject resists through passive actions such as; dead weight, locking arms, gripping onto a stationary object.
- **Defensive Resistance:** Suspect physically resists the officer's attempts to control him with overt, defensive physical actions such as; pulling or pushing away from the officer, attempting to flee, not allowing the officer to gain control over them.
- **Active Aggression:** A physical assault on the officer such as; strikes, punches, kicks, grabs/holds by the suspect which may cause injury to the officer or others.
- **Lethal Aggression:** A level of force against the officer which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or death and can include; Firearms, edged weapons, strikes to lethal areas of the body, choke holds, or objects to assault the officer.

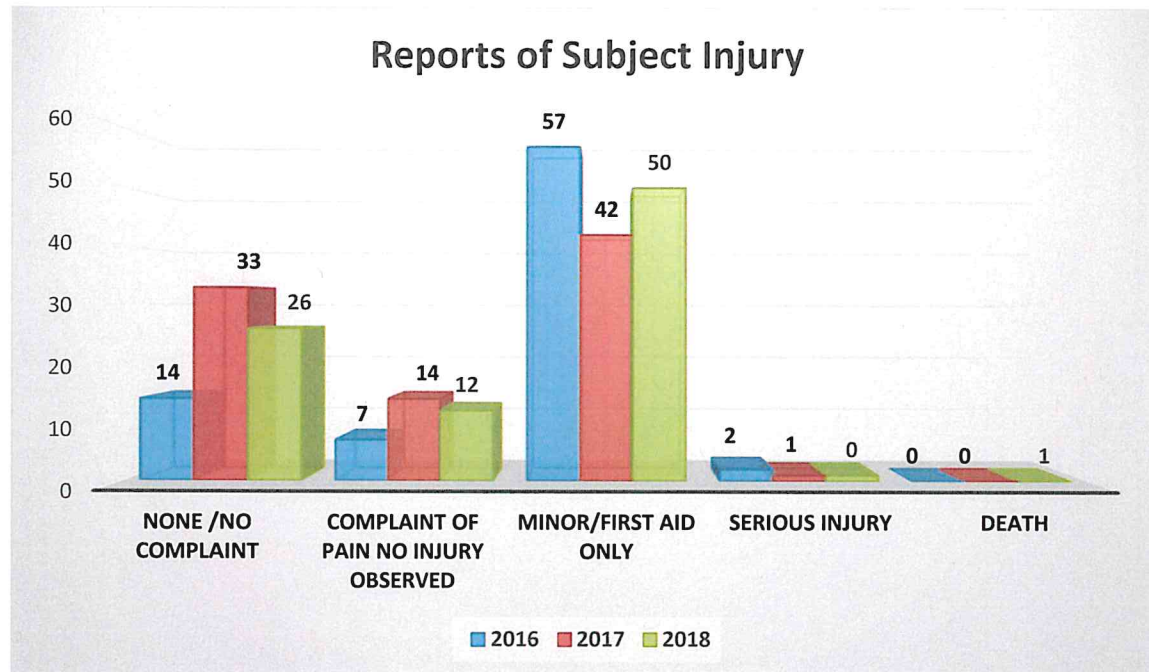


Reports by Subject Resistance	2016	% of 2016 Reports	2017	% of 2017 Reports	2018	% of 2018 Reports
Passive Resistance	7	9%	19	21%	27	30%
Defensive Resistance	63	78%	52	58%	32	36%
Active Aggression	7	9%	13	14%	29	33%
Lethal Aggression	3	4%	6	7%	1	1%
Total	80	100%	90	100%	89	100%

(2018 Is Based on 89 Acts of Resistance)

Report by Subject Injury

In 2018, the most frequent category of subject injury was minor injury at **56%**, followed by no injury or no complaint of injury **29%**, and complaint of pain but no injury observed **14%**. Death was **1%** and serious injury was **0%**. Of the reported injuries **99%** consisted of less than serious injury.



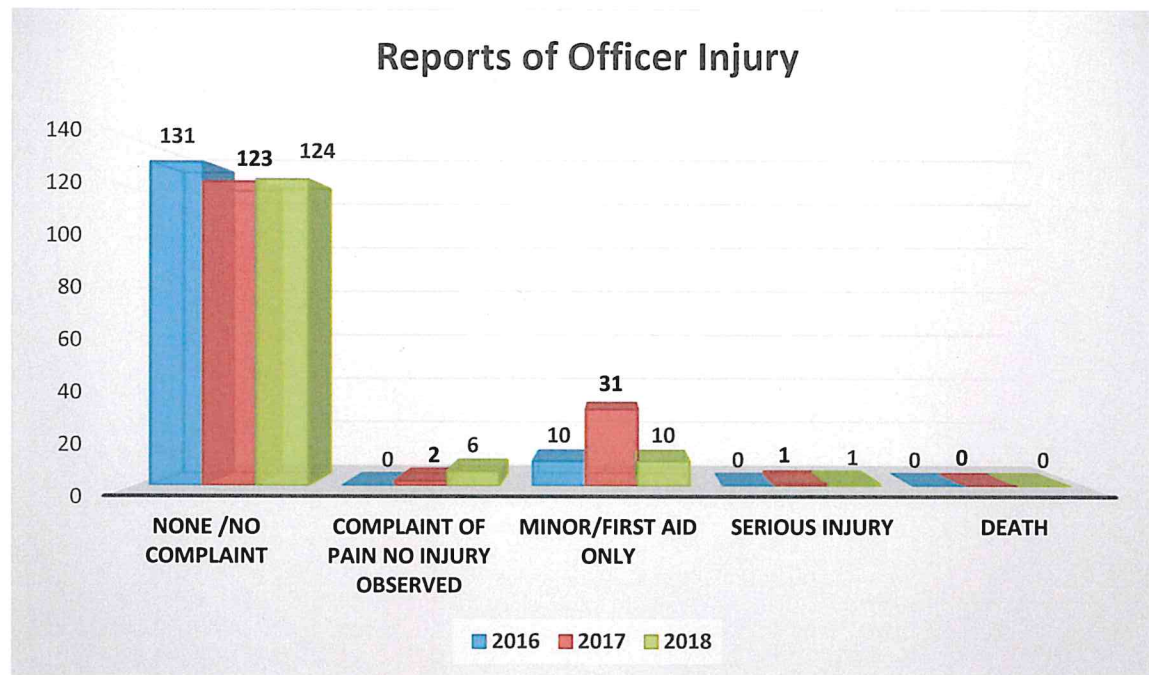
Reports by Subject Injury	2016	% of 2016 Reports	2017	% of 2017 Reports	2018	% of 2018 Reports
None/ No Complaint	14	17%	57	37%	26	29%
Comp of pain no injury	7	9%	7	16%	12	14%
Minor injury/first aid	57	71%	24	46%	50	56%
Serious Injury	2	3%	2	1%	0	0%
Death	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Total	80	100%	90	100%	89	100%

(2018 Is Based on 89 Response to Resistance Reports)

- **None/ No Complaint-** Subject makes no verbal complaint of pain and or injury.
- **Complaint of pain observed no injury-** Subject complains of pain but there are no signs of a visible injury.
- **Minor injury/first aid only-** Subject sustained a minor injury during the event that requires no medical treatment, or receives first aid on scene (scratches, bruising, small lacerations, normal effects of chemical agent, Taser probes).
- **Serious injury-**Subject sustained an injury that is not considered minor and requires hospital treatment. (broken bones, large altercations, injury that requires surgery).
- **Death-** Subject died as a result of the force applied.

Report by Officer Injury

In 2018, the most frequent category of officer injury was minor injury with 10 (7%), followed by pain with no injury observed at 6 (4%). One (1%) officer received a serious injury and 124 (88%) officers reported no injury.



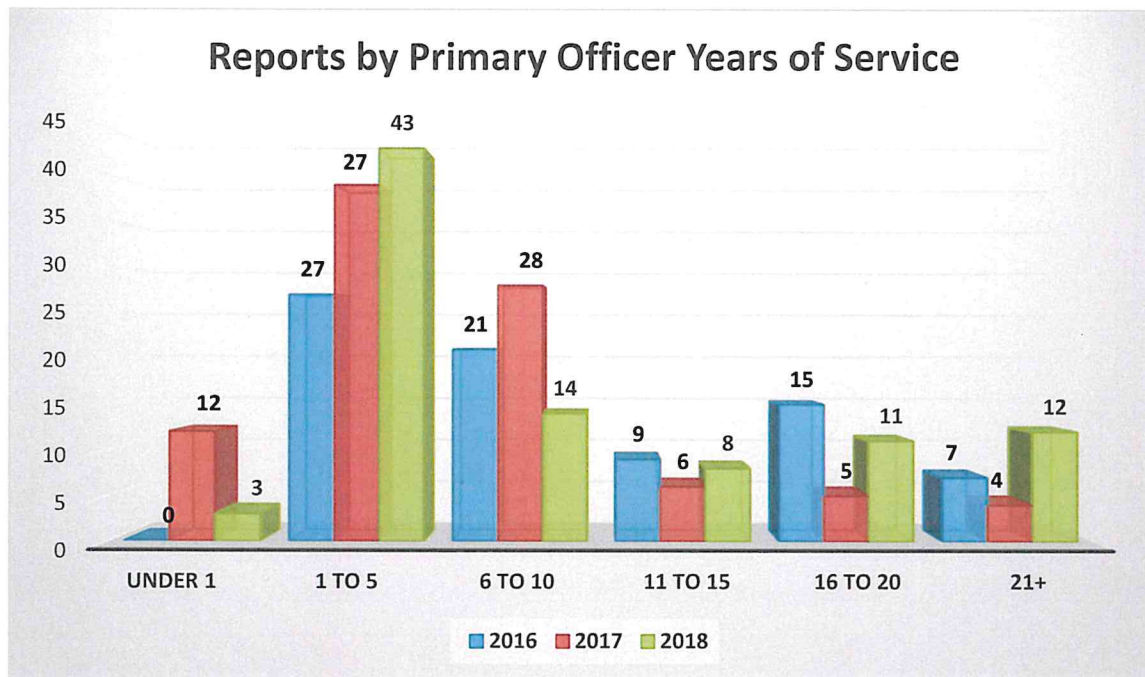
(2018 Is Based on 141 Officer Involvements)

Reports by Officer Injury	2016	% of Officer Involvements	2017	% of Officer Involvements	2018	% of Officer Involvements
None/ No Complaint	131	93%	123	78%	124	88%
Comp of pain no injury	0	0%	2	2%	6	4%
Minor injury/first aid	10	7%	31	19%	10	7%
Serious Injury	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%
Death	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	141	100%	157	100%	141	100

- **None/ No Complaint-** Subject makes no verbal complaint of pain and or injury
- **Complaint of pain no injury observed -** Subject complains of pain but there are no signs of a visible injury.
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Reports by Officer Years of Experience

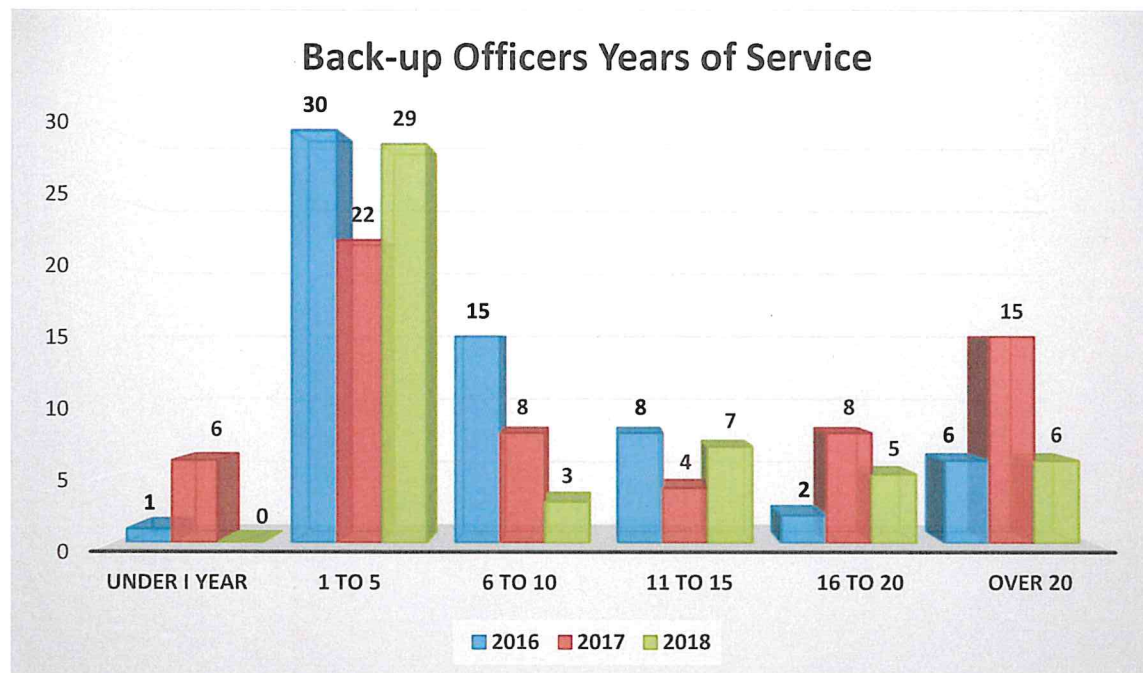
In 2018, there were **141** officers involved in response to resistance incidents, **91** were primary officers and **50** served as back-up. Officers with less than five (5) years of service turned in the most Response to Resistance reports with **46 (51%)**. Followed by officers with 6-10 years of service with **14 (15%)**, and officers with more than 10 years of service reported **31 (34%)** use of force instances. Officers with less than ten years of service accounted for **(67%)** of the total number of reports submitted. The graph and chart below show the years of service of the primary officers (initial officer on scene) involved in the response to resistance incident.



(2018 Based on 89 Incidents, Involving 91 Primary Officers)

6+22+	2016 Reports	% of 2016 Reports	2017 Reports	% of 2017 Reports	2018 Reports	% of 2018 Reports
Under 1 years	0	0	12	13%	3	3%
1 to 5 years	27	34%	39	41%	43	47%
6 to 10 years	21	27%	28	30%	14	16%
11 to 15 years	9	11%	6	7%	8	9%
16 to 20 years	15	19%	5	5%	11	12%
Over 20 years	7	9%	4	4%	12	13%
Total	79	100%	94	100%	91	100%

The below chart and graph show the years of service of the back-up officers assisting with controlling a resisting subject. As with the previous chart those with less than 10 years of service make up the largest group with 32 (64%), followed by the over 10-year groups 18 (36%).



(2018 Based on 89 Incidents, Involving 50 Back-up Officers)

Reports by Back-up Officer Years of Service	2016 Reports	2017 Reports	2018 Reports
Under 1 years	1	6	0
1 to 5 years	30	22	29
6 to 10 years	15	8	3
11 to 15 years	8	4	7
16 to 20 years	2	8	5
Over 20 years	6	15	6
Total	62	63	50

To provide perspective, the majority of response to resistance reports are submitted by patrol officers. The departments patrol officer population is primarily concentrated in the 1-5 year, and the 6-10 year range of experience. The patrol officer's primary responsibility is to respond to calls for service which makes up 81% of the Response to Resistance reports.