

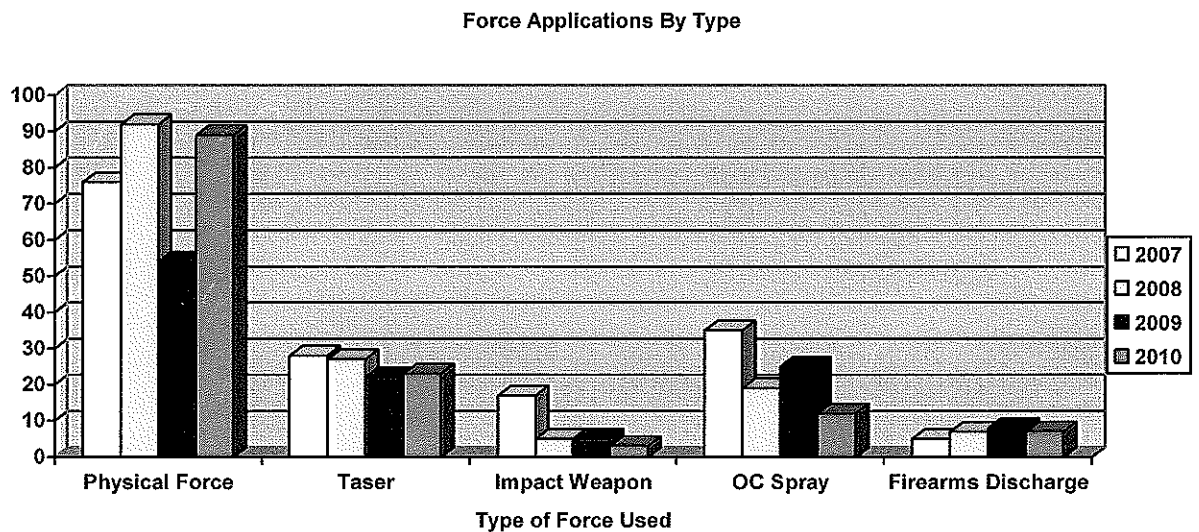
Memorandum To: William A. Hogan  
Chief of Police

From: Lieutenant Sean C. Pound  
Office of Professional Standards

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Subject: Analysis of Use of Force Reports 2010

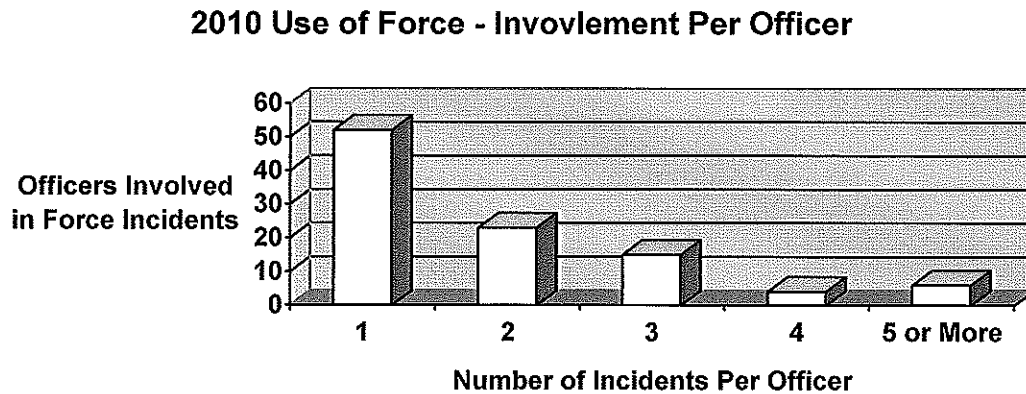
A total of 112 incidents involving the use of force were reported by Asheville Police officers during 2010. Seven of the cases involved the use of force (Firearm) against an animal. The use of force by type of application for 2010 compared to previous years is illustrated below. (See Figure 1)



**Figure 1** Note: The total number of force applications shown is greater than the total of reported incidents due to some incidents requiring varied or multiple applications of force.

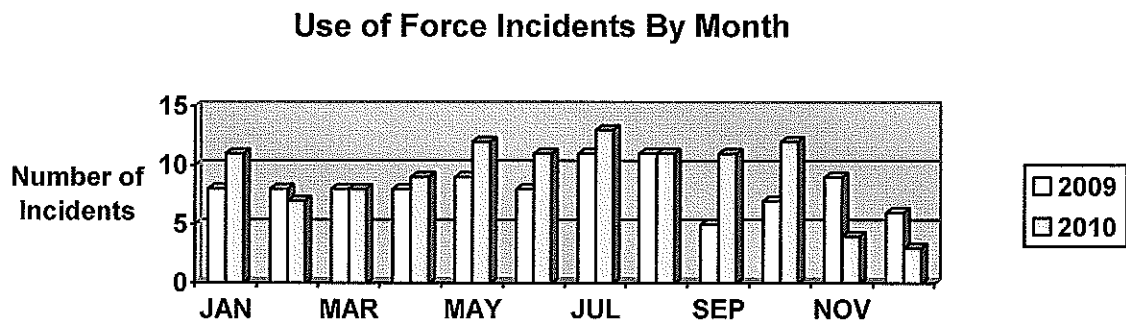
There were several changes in the application of force from 2009 to 2010. The number of instances in which some degree of physical force was reported increased from 54 to 89. The use of impact weapons (ASP Baton) reduced from 5 incidents in 2009 to 3 incidents in 2010. Applications of OC Chemical spray decreased from 25 instances in 2009 to 12 applications in

2010. Officers deployed the Taser 23 times during 2010 as compared to 22 deployments in 2009. Pepperball rounds were utilized for crowd control situations in two separate incidents.



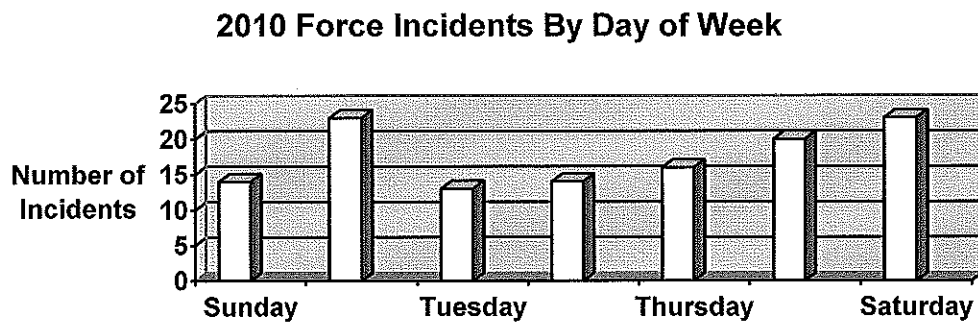
**Figure 2**

99 Officers were involved in at least one incident in which force was used. The number of officers involved in four or more use of force incidents increased from 5 officers for 2009 to 10 officers in 2010.

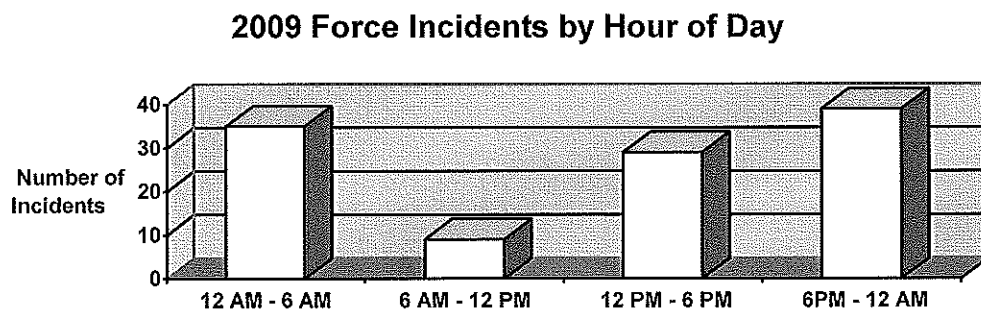


**Figure 3**

Figure 3 (above) illustrates the number of incidents involving use of force by month ranging from a high of 13 incidents in July, to a low of 3 incidents reported in December. There was a significant decrease in the number of incidents reported in November and December as compared to the previous year, and an increase in reported incidents was observed in the months of September and October.



**Figure 4**



**Figure 5**

Figures 4 and 5 (above) illustrate the frequency of force incidents by day and time period. Use of force incidents occurred most often on Saturdays and during the period from 6PM to 12 AM.

**2010 Force Incidents by Race/Gender**

Ethnicity/Gender	# of Incidents
White Male	49
White Female	10
Black Male	34
Black Female	8
Asian Male	2

**Figure 6**

(Table does not include 8 incidents of force involving crowd situations, unidentified Subjects or force used on dangerous animals)

In 2010 the Asheville Police Department received 109,787 calls for service and reported 112 incidents involving the use or display of force. Using this data, incidents involving force or show of force occur once per 980 calls for service or 0.001%. While it is recognized that each call for service does not involve face-to-face contact with citizens, there are also a significant number of direct contacts which are not documented. Such contacts include citizens approaching officers for advice, giving directions to motorists and other informal activities which are not documented in CAD. Even if direct contact occurred in only 10% of reported calls for service, the use or display of force would occur in only 0.01% of all contacts. This figure is a fraction of the average of 1.3 % reported in the 2002 U.S. Department of Justice survey for municipalities with populations under 100,000.

2010 has shown an increase in the number of incidents resulting in the display or use of force. The department has continued to place emphasis on force-related training during the course of the year. In addition to mandated training for recruits during the department's police academy, in-service training related to force issues has included:

- Review of Deadly Force Law/Policy (Annual Firearms Qual.)
- Annual Legal Update Training
- Emotional Intelligence Training
- Taser Recertification
- Verbal Judo Training
- Hosted Verbal Judo Instructor School
- Use of Simulator for Use of Force/Pursuit Situations

All use of force reports submitted in 2010 received a chain-of-command review to ensure compliance with applicable policy, procedure and law. Additionally, Force Reports are reviewed by the Force/Pursuit Review Committee to ensure compliance with standards, and identify applicable training needs or policy modifications.