

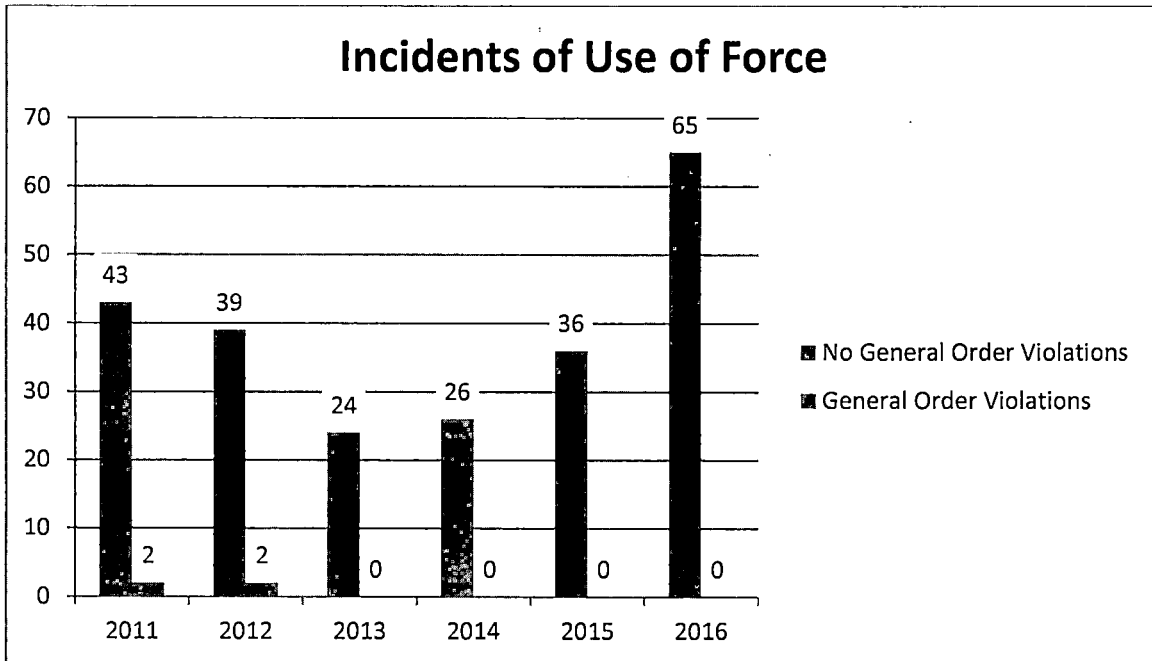
LEWISVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Annual Use of Force Report 2016

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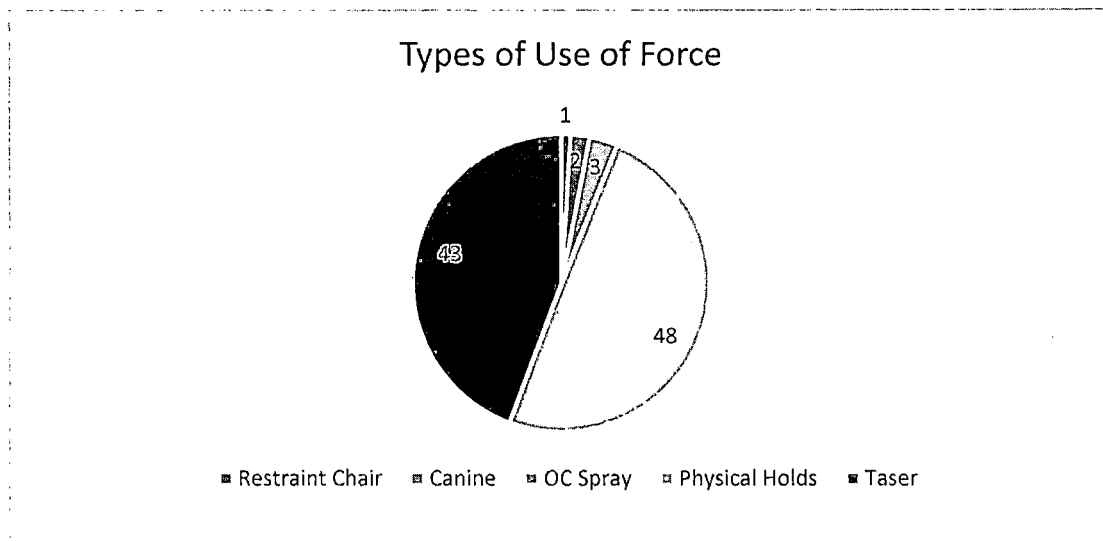
In 2016, the Lewisville Police Department documented the “Use of Force” in 65 incidents involving 50 police officers or detention officers. This year’s total is an 80% increase from 2015 and represents a sustained increase in the documented “Use of Force” since 2013. The bar graph (below) shows a comparison of 2016 with the previous five years.



The Safety Review Board and Administration reviewed the incidents. The last four years had a 100% adherence rate regarding Department policies during “Use of Force” encounters.

The 65 incidents were reviewed to determine what types of force the officers used.

The below chart shows what force was utilized by officers in 2016.



Physical holds were the highest force used at 73%. The deployment of the Conducted Energy Device (CED) was the next highest force used at 66%. This is a slight decrease from 2015, when the Taser (CED) was used in 71% of the documented “Use of Force” reports. The third highest force used was the use of OC at 5%. In 2016, there were two successful K9 Bite apprehensions. The suspect in both cases was treated/released at the hospital for puncture wounds and abrasions. There was only one use of lethal force in 2016, when an officer discharged and missed an attacking dog.

Officers documented injuries to the suspects in 33 of the “Use of Force” incidents. All the injuries were “minor” and were either not treated or were treated and released from the hospital. Ten officers reported a minor injury during an altercation with a suspect. Two of the injuries resulted in lost work time.

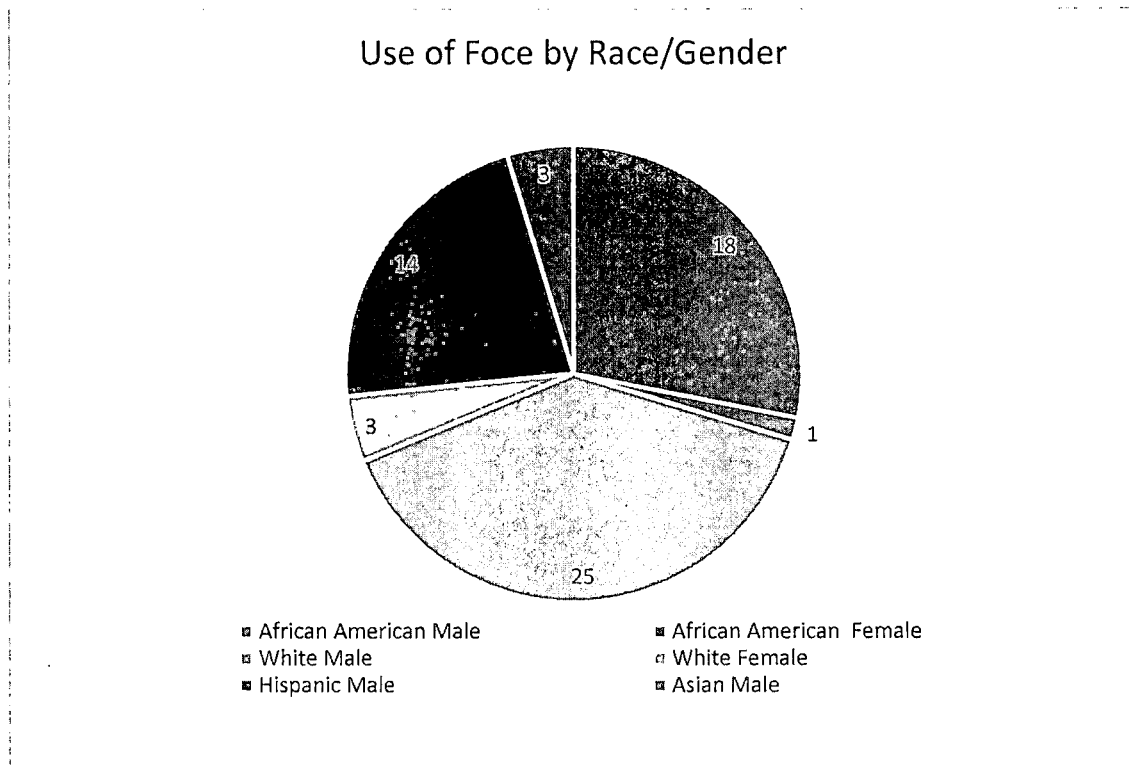
Officer Bartlett used force more than any other officer. He utilized force 13 times during the year, an increase from six the previous year. He utilized the CED (Taser) six times and used physical holds and a strike. In 2016, Officer Bartlett was involved in 20% of all “Use of Force” incidents.

Officer Bannister was involved in six reported “Use of Force” incidents, using the CED (Taser) on five occasions and physical holds. Officer Reid had five reported “Use of Force” incidents, using the CED (Taser), physical holds and a strike. Several other officers reported four “Use of Force” incidents and the remainder of the officers were involved one or two incidents.

The spreadsheet on the next page illustrates the officer and related “Use of Force” incidents.

Officer	Number of Incidents	Use of Force Report Number
Bannister	6	16-24,28,42,48,51,56
Barletta	4	16-20,32,43,65
Barnhart	1	16-64
Bartlett	13	16-7,8,16,18,20,22,26,30,35,55,61,62,65
Berzoza	1	16-19
Birchfield	1	16-6
Brininstool	1	16-2
Caldwell	1	16-19
Carlson	4	16-32,48,55,65
Copley	1	16-49
DO De Veyra	1	16-63
DO J. Williams	1	16-63
DO Moody	1	16-63
DO Neighbour	1	16-63
Fernandez	2	16-4,21
Fredrick	2	16-14,46
Gilleland	1	16-45
Hart	1	16-55
Hernandez	2	16-34,59
J. Collins	1	16-52
Limon	2	16-13,23
Lopez	4	16-26,35,55,65
Loughry	1	16-27
Martinez	1	16-12
Merchant	3	16-3,9,15
Nicaud	1	16-40
O'Hare	2	16-1,45
Olvera	2	16-32,58
Owen	1	16-44
Payne	2	16-61,62
Pittman	2	16-43,55
Popick	2	16-29,47
Ranspot	2	16-39,41
Reed	1	16-36
Reid	5	16-17,60,61,62,65
Reyna	1	16-38
Robey	1	16-65
Rosales	4	16-10,31,37,64
Ruff	1	16-65
Schaffer	1	16-9
Shelton	1	16-50
Skloss	1	16-54
Slavens	1	16-5
Slye	2	16-30,33
Stebbins	1	16-53
Stillwell	1	16-25
Taylor	1	16-18
Thawng	1	16-57
Tice	2	16-11,54
Velez	1	16-19
Villalvazo	1	16-21

The chart below provides a breakdown of the 64 “Use of Force” reports by Race/Gender. The chart does not include the one incident involving the use of force against a canine.



The correlation between demographics and the uses of force is consistent for most races. Caucasians make up approximately 66% of the population and accounted for 44% of uses of force. Hispanics make up 24% of the population and accounted for 22% of the uses of force. Asians make up 8% of the population and accounted for 5% of the uses of force. African Americans make up 11% of the population and represented 30% of the uses of force.

Use of Force Analysis for 2016

Our policy on “use of force” appears to be adequately guiding our personnel on this topic. In 2016, there were no excessive use of force complaints filed against a Lewisville Police Officer. There was one violation of GO 4.1 in 2016 that was sustained due to the display of a BB pistol.

The department recently purchased a firearms simulator that will allow officers to utilize different levels of force as needed. We will continue to utilize realistic training to give our officers the best chance to succeed in the field.

Types of Force used:

- Forty-Eight (48) – Physical Holds
- Forth-Three (43) – Taser
- Three (3) – OC
- Two (2) – Canine
- One (1) – Restraint Chair

Apprehensions:

- Sixty-two (62) – The suspect was apprehended successfully in all but three incidents where officers reported using force.

Policy Violations:

- None.

Injuries:

- Ten (10) – Injuries reported by officers. Two resulted in lost time. No other serious injuries were reported.
- Thirty-three (33) – Injuries alleged or documented by officers while using force. Ten injuries required transport to the hospital for minor injuries and most refused treatment on arrival.

Recommended Action Steps

- Conduct regular briefing training that covers GO 1.5 in detail and document this training. This GO outlines the reporting requirements for documenting a “Use of Force” and continued training will aid in preventing the number of “Use of Force” incidents from being misreported.
- Conduct regular briefing training that covers GO 4.1 Use of Force.
- Conduct quarterly use of force simulator training in 2017 and document this training.
- Continue to conduct “Use of Force” Refresher training.
- The department will train all sworn officers in Non-Bias Policing and De-Escalation Tactics beginning in February 2017. This training may assist officers in de-escalating incidents and reduce the use of force.

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