

<u>Use of Force Option</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Firearm Displayed	11	9
Firearm Discharged	8	23 (destroying injured animals)
Taser	Deployed 4 Displayed 2	Deployed 6 times Displayed 6 times
OC Spray	3	6
Baton	0	0
Police Service Dog	0	1
Open Hand Techniques		
Where Medical Treatment Required	0	1

In each of the 48 incidents requiring a Use of Force Report, with the exception of destroying injured animals, the officers were dealing with actively resistant offenders or in circumstances that justified measures to protect their safety or the safety of members of the public.

You will notice that the numbers are up significantly in the “Firearms Discharged” category. These incidents primarily involved officers putting down racoons and skunks who were exhibiting signs of distemper or rabies and were put down for humanitarian or public safety reasons. There was also a marked increase in the use of Taser and OC spray. After reviewing those particular incidents with the Use of Force instructor, I can advise that in each and every incident, the officers responded appropriately to the level of force presented by the suspect.

Considering the fact that our officers responded to over 15,000 calls for service and dealt with a wide variety of assaultive, violent, actively resistant and/or armed offenders in 2013, these statistics are well within acceptable margins.

Sincerely,



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