

<u>Use of Force Option</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Firearm Displayed	10	17
Firearm Discharged	16	5 (destroying injured animals)
Taser (Displayed)	3	3
Taser (Deployed)	0	5
OC Spray	0	2
Baton	0	0
Police Service Dog	0	0
Open Hand Techniques Where Medical Treatment Required	0	4

** The number of Use of Force reports don't align in 2015 with the number options listed above because during some incidents there were multiple reports submitted.*

*** Third consecutive year of decline 2013 (48), 2014 (39) & 2015 (29)*

In each of the 29 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 where a threat was presented that justified the Use of Force measures to protect their safety or the safety of members of the public.

As indicated in the table, the incidents involving the discharge of firearms all involve officers putting down raccoons and skunks that were exhibiting signs of distemper or rabies and were put down for humanitarian or public safety reasons. After reviewing all of the incidents where force was used with our 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 15,639 calls for service and dealt with a wide variety of assaultive, violent, actively resistant and/or armed offenders in 2015, these statistics are well within acceptable margins.

Sincerely

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