

<i>Use of Force Option</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
Firearm Displayed	17	13
Firearm Discharged	5	20 (destroying injured animals)
Taser (Displayed)	3	13
Taser (Deployed)	5	7
OC Spray	2	2
Baton	0	0
Police Service Dog	0	0
Open Hand Techniques Where Medical Treatment Required	4	5

** The number of Use of Force reports don't align in 2016 with the number options listed above because during some incidents there were multiple reports submitted.*

*** Tracking years of Use of Force - 2013 (48), 2014 (39), 2015 (29) & 2016 (53)*

In each of the 53 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. For example in 10 of the incidents where Use of Force Reports were submitted, weapons were recovered off subjects, which were mostly knives.

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 16,094 calls for service and dealt with a wide variety of assaultive, violent, actively resistant and/or armed offenders in 2016, these statistics are well within acceptable margins.

Sincerely,

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