

<u>Use of Force Option</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Firearm Displayed	13	15
Firearm Discharged	20	30 (destroying injured animals)
Taser (Displayed)	13	13
Taser (Deployed)	7	13
OC Spray	2	1
Baton	0	0
Police Service Dog	0	0
Open Hand Techniques Where Medical Treatment Required	5	0

** The number of Use of Force reports don't align in 2017 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 66 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 7 of the incidents where Use of Force Reports were submitted, 5 knives and 2 hammers were recovered off subjects.

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 17,505 calls for service, and dealt with a wide variety of assaultive, violent, actively resistant and/or armed offenders in 2017, these statistics are well within acceptable margins.

On June 30th, 2017, the Woodstock Police Service introduced a system of analysis for each Use of Report submitted via Routine Order 13/2017. The order specified the designated Use of Force Trainer would meet with the officer(s) to review all Use of Force reports submitted in accordance with the requirements of Woodstock Police Service Directive AI-012. The purpose

of the review was to debrief the incident from an operational perspective, explore future best practices, lessons learned and explore the use of de-escalation techniques. The review did not apply to Use of Force reports submitted for the dispatching of sick or injured animals.

Sincerely

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