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Subject: Analysis of Use of Force Report for 2007

The following table shows the number of incidents reported by type of force.

<u><i>Type</i></u>	<u><i>Number</i></u>	<u><i>Percentage of Total</i></u>
OC Spray	12	17.9 %
Impact Weapons	1	1.4 %
Physical Control	25	37.3 %
Pointed Firearm	21	31.3 %
Takedown	8	11.9 %
Other	0	0.0 %
Shooting	0	0.0 %

Assessment:

The low percentage of reported incidents in comparison to the total number of arrest and calls for service indicate that the officers are relying on their training and communication skills rather than an application of force to resolve encounters. Statistical analysis of the use of force reports shows that officers are generally making sound decisions with respect to the department's policies and philosophy concerning use of force response options.

Recommendations:

This assessment did not reveal any significant areas of concern for the department in the area of use of force or our current training outline as it pertains to the use of force. As long as the training section continues to provide the quality of in service training in the area of use of force and firearms then we should not expect to see an increase in this area.

