



**BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD REPORT
OPEN**

TO: Barrie Police Services Board

FROM : Chief Kimberley Greenwood

DATE: April 2, 2018

SUBJECT: 2017 Annual Use of Force Report - Open

Background

Provincial Adequacy Standard #AI-012 of the *Police Services Act* requires that the Chief of Police report annually to the Board on the use of force by members of the Service.

Use of Force reports are required to be submitted by every member of the Service who uses force in any one of the following situations:

- A firearm is drawn in the presence of a member of the public (excluding other police officers or auxiliary members while on duty or a 'ride along' observer);
- A firearm is pointed at any person;
- A firearm is discharged;
- A weapon other than a firearm, including a weapon of opportunity is used on another person;
- A Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) is pointed at a subject to gain compliance; and,
- Physical force is used on a person resulting in an injury requiring medical attention.

Statistics on the use of force are maintained by the Training Unit. The statistics are compiled from the review, evaluation and analysis of mandated Use of Force reports. These Use of Force reports are collected and used only to identify individual and group training requirements, or organizational Use of Force policy requirements. See appendix A

Officers interact on a daily basis with members of the public in which their issues and concerns are resolved without having to use force at a level that would require the submission of a report as indicated above. There are also times when the interactions are dynamic and more than one use of force option may be required to control and resolve the situation.

Use of Force Model

The Province of Ontario provides police services in Ontario with a standard 'Use of Force Model'. This model depicts the use of force options that are appropriate based on the situation the officer encounters. The model considers that the same situation faced by different officers may lead to the use of different force options based on the perception of the officers and their individual characteristics. It does not mandate single specific force options; rather it provides a range of options that may be appropriate for the situation based on the subject behaviours.

See appendix B.

2016/2017 Use of Force Statistic Analysis

In 2017 Barrie Police Service (BPS) received 63, 866 calls for service. This number does not accurately capture the exponentially larger number of Police/Public interactions that occur every single day in every month throughout the year. Of the vast number of these interactions only an exceptionally low number of the Police/Public interactions involve any use of force. Pursuant to Provincial Adequacy Standard #AI-012 of the *Police Services Act*, the vast majority of Police/Subject interactions that are resolved with using force is not of a level requiring the submission of a Use of Force report. Situations involving use of force are dynamic and many involve the use of more than one use of force option.

- The total number of reports decreased from 2016 to 2017
 - **2017:** 120 incidents reported
 - **2016:** 134 incidents reported

- **Communication** was not effective in resolving a number of incidents in 2017 (in conjunction with other uses of force).
 - **2017:** 0 effective of 120 incidents
 - **2016:** 0 effective of 134 incidents

- **Physical control** was also not effective in a number of incidents. This resulted in officers using other use of force options.
 - **2017:** 18 effective of 37 incidents
 - **2016:** 3 effective of 19 incidents

The use of Intermediate Weapons has remained consistent in 2017, but continues to be highly effective. See Appendix C charts 1.1 and 1.2.

Aerosol Weapons (OC Spray)

- **2017:** 2 effective of 3 incidents
- **2016:** 1 effective of 1 incident

Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW)

- **2017:** 57 effective of 61 incidents
- **2016:** 61 effective of 68 incidents

Impact Weapons (Batons)

- **2017:** 0 effective of 3 incidents
- **2016:** 0 effective of 2 incidents

Arwen(Anti-Riot Weapon – Plastic Projectiles)

- **2017:** 3 effective of 3 incidents
- **2016:** 0 effective of 0 incidents

The use of **Lethal Force** generally involves the display or discharge of a firearm. A firearm was drawn or pointed at a person on 61 occasions in 2017. The actual discharges of firearms in 2017 were for the purpose of the destruction of three injured or suffering animals. The ineffective incident was a result of an officer drawing their firearm in an outer perimeter of a call and therefore their selected option had no effect on the subject's behaviour.

- **Firearm Drawn/Pointed**
 - **2017:** 35 effective of 36 incidents
 - **2016:** 34 effective of 36 incidents

- **Firearm Discharges (animals)**
 - **2017:** 3 effective of 3 incidents
 - **2016:** 2 effective of 2 incidents

The number of suspects involved in use of force incidents saw a decrease from 2016 to 2017. The number of suspects with weapons decreased in 2017. *Appendix C chart 2.1.*

- **Injuries to Officers**
 - **2017:** 1 Officer injured
 - **2016:** 5 Officers injured

- **Injuries to Suspects**
 - **2017:** 28 Suspects injured
 - **2016:** 25 Suspects injured

See Appendix B chart 3.1

Intermediate weapons are the most effective when dealing with actively resistant/assaultive subjects. Use of force training covers all of the use of force options provided to all members of the Service annually by our Training Unit. The rates of effective deployment and relative moderate injury rates indicate members are able to use their knowledge, skills and abilities effectively when confronted with a situation requiring the use of force.

Conducted Energy Weapons

The Barrie Police Service has equipped officers with Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) since 2004 after the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) approved the use of the weapon for members of containment/tactical teams and front line supervisors.

In November 2013, the use of CEW was enhanced to approve front-line officers by the MCSCS. In March 2014, the Barrie Police Services Board approved the issue of CEW to selected front-line officers. A total of 110 members of the Service are issued with a CEW. They are deployed in the following areas: Operational Services, Tactical Support Unit, Schools Unit, Court Services, and the Street Crime Unit.

All officers that carry the CEW are initially required to be trained and qualified in the weapon and they must also re-qualify annually. All training and administration of the CEW program is the responsibility of our Training Unit.

From a Barrie Police Service perspective, the CEW program exceeds the MCSCS Standard. CEW operators attend a comprehensive training program that includes theory, practical skills,

and judgmental scenarios. This training exceeds not only the manufacture's recommended standard but also exceeds the standard of most Canadian Police Agencies.

CEW Operational Deployment Statistics

Applications

The 2017 statistics revealed a slight decrease in the application of the Conducted Energy Weapon. The CEW, when used in the display mode, continues to be an effective option in resolving situations.

Reporting

As in previous years, whenever an officer deploys a CEW during the course of his/her duties, a Provincial Use of Force report is required. There are four CEW deployment types, display, drive stun, three point contact or probe deployment. As such, the deployment stats are listed under those four types. Also recorded is whether or not the application was successful in bringing the situation to a peaceful end.

In 2017 the CEW was utilized in 61 deployments. CEW usage resulted in 31 display only events of which 29 resulted in compliance. The CEW was deployed (either drive stun, or probe mode) a total of 30 times. Of the 30 deployments, 3 of 3 drive stun deployments were successful in gaining compliance, while 8 of 8 three point contact deployments were successful in gaining compliance. Using probe deployments, 17 of 19 probe deployments aided in gaining compliance. *See Appendix C charts 4.1 and 4.2.*

Recommendation

The Board receive this report for information only.

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Appendix A

USE OF FORCE REPORT

(Check more than one box in each section, where appropriate)

Police Service BARRIE POLICE SERVICE		Location Code (If Applicable) N/A
Part A		
Date (day/month/year) 	Time Incident Commenced (24hr.) 	Time Incident Terminated (24hr.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Report	Length of Service (years/complete) 	Rank PC
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Report		# of Police Officers Involved
Type Of Assignment		Type Of Incident
<input type="checkbox"/> General Patrol <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Patrol <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Robbery <input type="checkbox"/> Break & Enter <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Disturbance <input type="checkbox"/> Other Disturbance <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Suspicious Person <input type="checkbox"/> Serious Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Weapons Call <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
Type Of Force Used <small>(Include all options used during incident & rank in sequence of use)</small>		Reason For Use Of Force
Firearm – discharged <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Firearm – pointed at person <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Firearm – drawn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Aerosol Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact Weapon – Hard <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact Weapon – Soft <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Empty Hand Techniques – Hard <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Empty Hand Techniques – Soft <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Protect Self <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Public <input type="checkbox"/> Effect Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent Commission of Offence <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent Escape <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Destroy an Animal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
Was Force Effective?		Police Presence At Time Of Incident
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Interaction <input type="checkbox"/> Concealment <input type="checkbox"/> Cover <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> Police Assisted (specify #) _____ Attire <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform <input type="checkbox"/> Civilian Attire Number Of Subject(s) Involved In Incident <input type="checkbox"/> One <input type="checkbox"/> Two <input type="checkbox"/> Three <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify #) _____
Distance <small>(Between you & subject at time the decision was made to use force)</small>		Alternative Strategies Used (If Applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 metres <input type="checkbox"/> 2 to 3 metres <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 metres <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 7 metres <input type="checkbox"/> 7 to 10 metres <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 10 metres		Type Of Firearm Used (If Applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Revolver <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-automatic <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No. Of Rounds Discharged (If Applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Weapons Carried By Subject(s)		Number Of Rounds Fired By Subject(s) (If Applicable)
1 2 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Revolver <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-automatic <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun <input type="checkbox"/> Knife/Edged Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball Bat/Club <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		Total Number: _____ 1 2 3 <input type="checkbox"/> In-Hand <input type="checkbox"/> At hand <input type="checkbox"/> Concealed on person
Location Of Incident		Weather Conditions
Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Laneway <input type="checkbox"/> Yard <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	Indoors Private Property <input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Hallway Public Property <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Site <input type="checkbox"/> Public Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Sunny <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Snow/Ice/sleet <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
Lighting Conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Daylight <input type="checkbox"/> Dusk <input type="checkbox"/> Dark <input type="checkbox"/> Good Artificial Light <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Artificial Light <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		
Person Injured		Nature Of Injuries
1. Self 2. Other Police Officer 3. Subject 4. Third Party		Medical Attention Required: Yes No Minor Serious Fatal Other
Narrative: (if no occurrence report) – Do not include personal names or information. _____		
Reviewed by Supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reviewed by Training Analyst <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Recommended Post-Traumatic Incident Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Recommend Other Training <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date (day/month/year) _____	
Part B		
Officer Involved (name, rank & badge #) _____		
Date of last use of force/most recent training: _____	Would you like to participate in an interview with a training sergeant/analyst to discuss this incident and/or use of force training? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Additional training recommended by: <input type="checkbox"/> training analyst <input type="checkbox"/> supervisor	Type of training recommended: _____	

Appendix B

Subject Behaviours

Co-operative

The subject responds appropriately to the officers' presence, direction and control.

Resistant (Passive)

The subject refuses, with little or no physical action, to cooperate with the officer's lawful direction.

Resistant (Active)

The subject uses non-assaultive physical action to resist. The subject refuses to comply with the officer's lawful direction.

Assaultive

The subject attempts to apply, or applies force to any person; attempts or threatens by an act or gesture to apply force to another person.

Serious Bodily Harm or Death

The subject exhibits actions that the officer reasonably believes are intended to or likely to cause serious bodily harm or death to any person.

Use of Force Options

Officer Presence

While not strictly a use of force option the simple presence of an officer can affect both the subject and the situation.

Communication

An officer can use verbal and non-verbal communication to control and/or resolve the situation.

Physical Control (Soft)

Control oriented techniques including restraining techniques, joint locks and non-resistant handcuffing.

Physical Control (Hard)

Techniques intended to stop a subject's behaviour or allow application of a control technique. Hard control has a higher probability of causing injury and includes empty hand strikes such as punches and kicks.

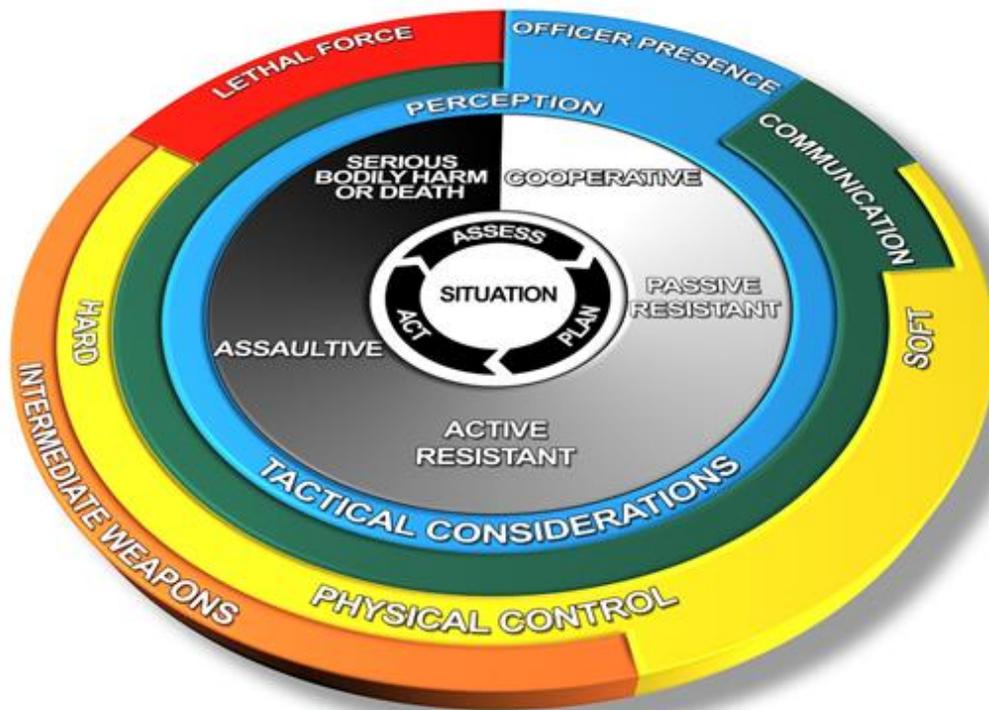
Intermediate Weapons

Force option that involves the use of a less-lethal weapon. Less lethal weapons are those whose use is not intended to cause serious injury or death.

Lethal Force

The use of a force option involving any weapon or technique intended to or reasonably likely to cause serious bodily harm or death.

Ontario Use of Force Model (2004)



The officer continuously assesses the situation and selects the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that point in time.

Appendix C

Chart 1.1

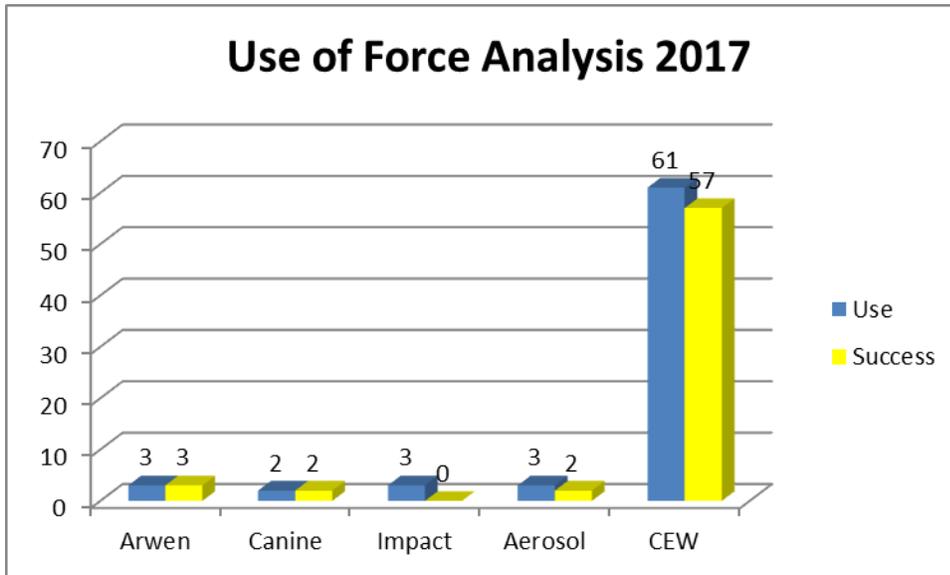
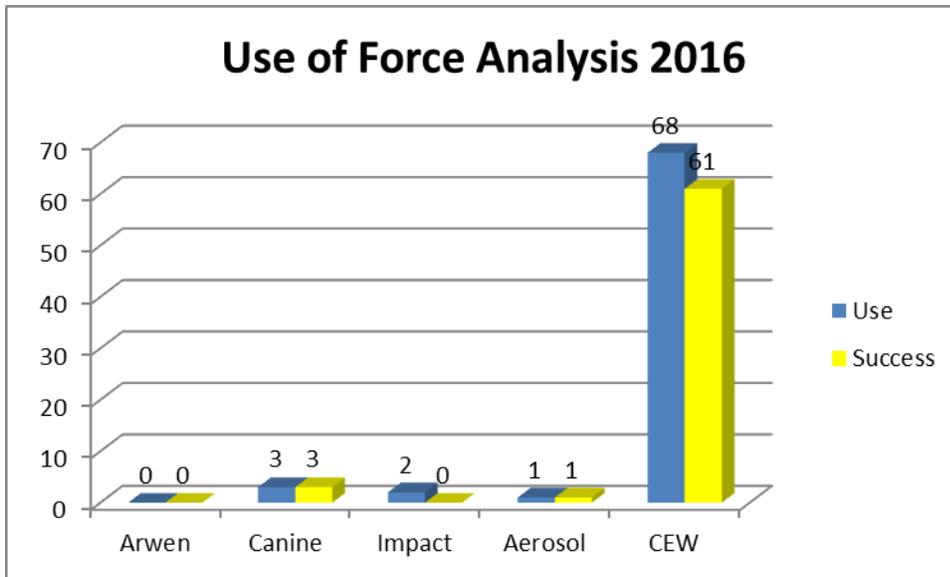


Chart 1.2



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Chart 2.1

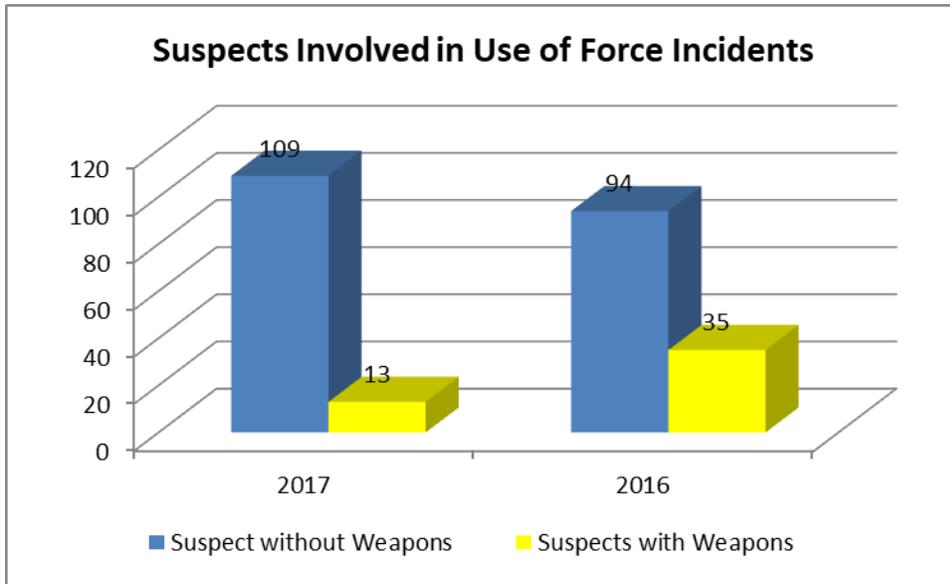
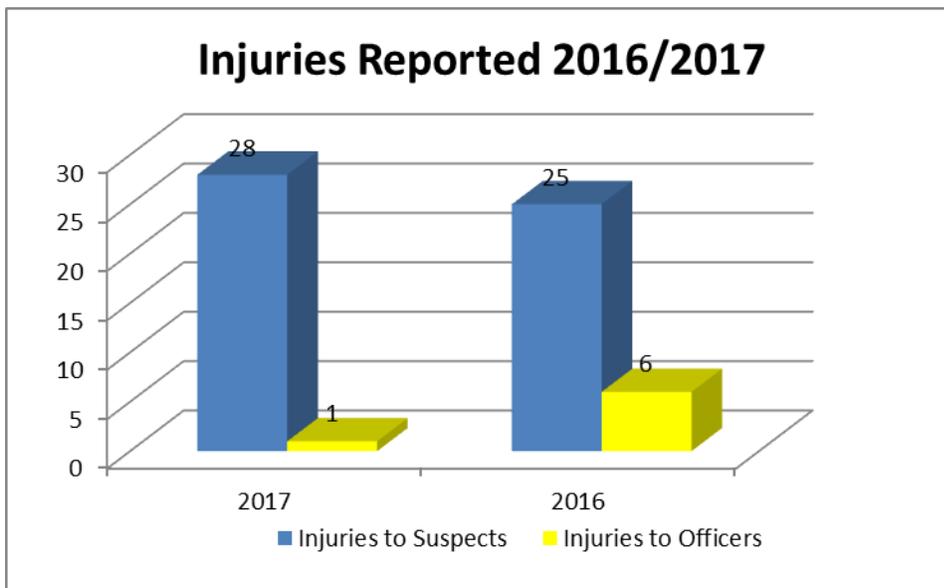


Chart 3.1



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Chart 4.1

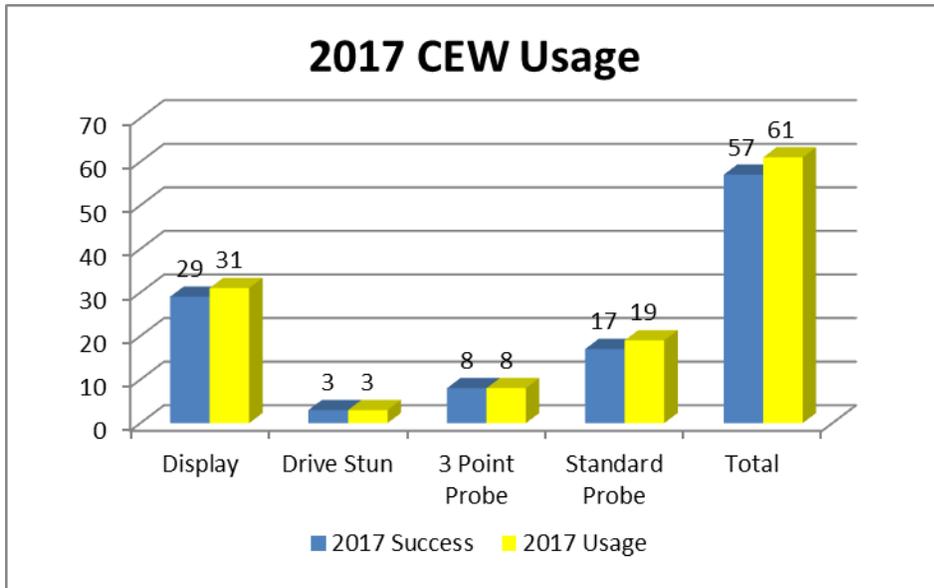


Chart 4.2

