

**TURLOCK  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**2016**

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**USE OF FORCE REPORT**

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Chief of Police



The Turlock Police Department is a professional law enforcement agency that is committed to public service and public safety. The mission statement of the Turlock Police Department is as follows:



***“As Police Professionals,  
We Commit Ourselves to  
Public Service and Public Safety...”***

As dedicated public servants we will strive: For the continual pursuit of justice; For fair and equal application of the law; To treat all persons with dignity and respect, and conduct ourselves in accordance with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics; For innovative and effective management of our resources; To create and maintain an atmosphere that encourages community input, participation, and partnerships.”

Each Turlock Police Officer subscribes to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics:

*“As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.*

*I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and professional life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.*

*I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear of favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.*

*I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve those objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.”*

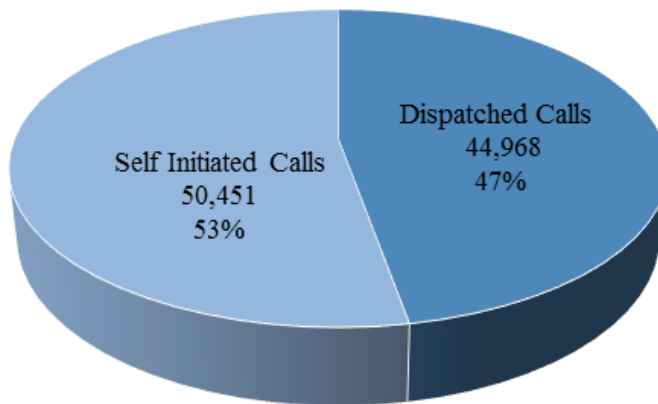
# GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Turlock is located in the Central Valley of California in Stanislaus County. It is managed utilizing the Council-Manager form of government. The Turlock City Council is a legislative body which provides policy direction to the City Manager who is responsible for administering City operations.

The City of Turlock serves a population of nearly 72,050 and is managed by six (6) individual department heads. The department heads work collectively to accomplish the City's mission through the use of the City of Turlock's Strategic Plan. The Police Chief, Ninus C. Amirfar, is one (1) of the six (6) department heads in the City of Turlock.

The Turlock Police Department recorded more than 95,419 incidents during the 2016 calendar year. Of those 95,419 incidents, 44,968 were dispatched calls for service and 50,451 were self-initiated.

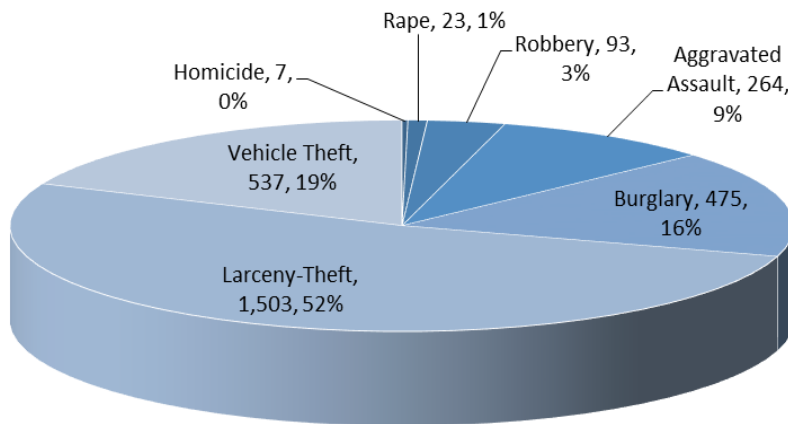
It is important to note that the statistics in the chart below refer to calls dispatched and self-initiated incidents. They do not necessarily represent the numbers of police reports or the final dispositions of the incidents. They simply represent the number of incidents and the type of incidents as they were initially reported.



# PART ONE CRIMES

The Turlock Police Department filed 11,155 police reports in the 2016 calendar year. Of those 11,155 police reports, 2,902 were classified as Part One Crimes, as indicated in the chart below.

The following is a visual representation of the categories of Part One Crimes reported in the City of Turlock during the 2016 calendar year:



The following chart provides a more detailed breakdown of the Part One Crimes reported in the City of Turlock during the 2016 calendar year:

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Year	Crime Rate per 1,000 Inhabitants
Homicide	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	0.10
Rape	2	1	0	2	2	6	3	0	2	0	4	1	23	0.32
Robbery	7	12	10	7	4	9	7	11	9	6	7	4	93	1.29
Aggravated Assault	24	17	27	23	24	16	15	21	32	16	24	25	264	3.66
Burglary	61	52	40	43	35	36	27	33	36	44	32	36	475	6.59
Larceny-Theft	147	138	146	109	113	111	115	122	111	126	128	137	1,503	20.86
Vehicle Theft	75	59	45	39	46	45	50	45	28	35	32	38	537	7.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>40.28</b>

# USE OF FORCE

The Turlock Police Department understands that the use of force is a serious responsibility. Turlock Police Officers are provided with guidelines on the reasonable use of force. These guidelines are detailed in the Turlock Police Policy section 300.

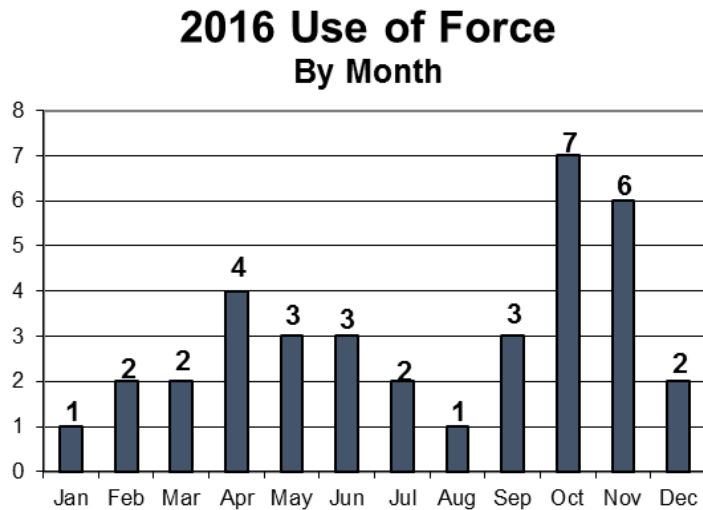
The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern both to the public and to the law enforcement community. Turlock Police Officers are involved on a daily basis in numerous and varied human encounters and, when warranted, may use force in carrying out their duties.

Turlock Police Officers must have an understanding of and true appreciation for the limitations of their authority. This is especially true with respect to officers overcoming resistance while engaged in the performance of their duties.

The Turlock Police Department recognizes and respects the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone. It is also understood that vesting officers with the authority to use reasonable force and protect the public welfare requires a careful balancing of all human interests.

When force is used by a Turlock Police Officer, a comprehensive review/report is conducted by the shift supervisor and forwarded via the Chain of Command to the Chief of Police.

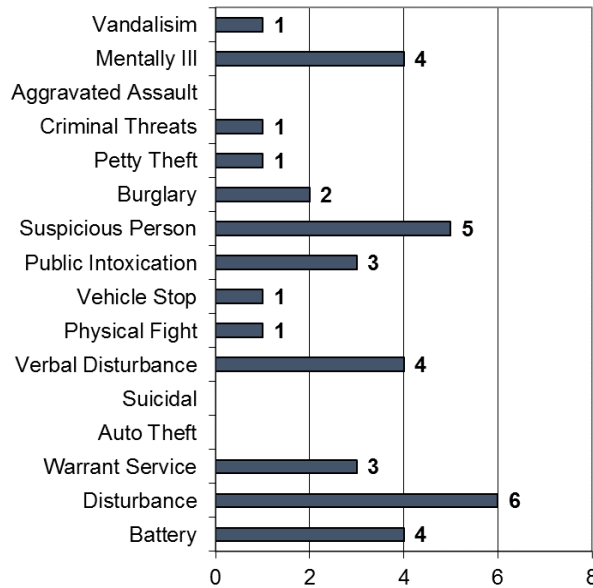
The Turlock Police Department used force in thirty-six (36) separate incidents during the 2016 calendar year, with an average of three (3) uses of force per month. The following is a visual representation of the uses of force categorized by month:



## USE OF FORCE BY INITIAL CALL TYPE

In 2016, the most common type of call resulting in the use of force was for a Disturbance call, wherein force was used during six (6) separate incidents.

### 2016 Use of Force Initial Call Type

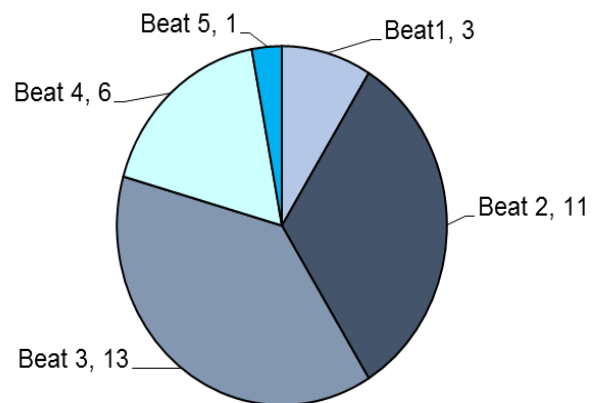


## USE OF FORCE BY BEAT

The city is divided into five (5) beats, all of which are individually assigned to an officer as their patrol location for each shift. In addition to uses of force occurring within these designated locations, officers do travel outside of city limits with suspects that at times require use of force for compliance. Examples of these alternative locations are the Stanislaus County Jail and at a hospital not within city limits.

In 2016, the beat with the highest use of force used was Beat Three (3), with a total of thirteen (13) uses of force. The location with the lowest number of uses of force was Beat Five (5) with only one (1) use of force in that beat.

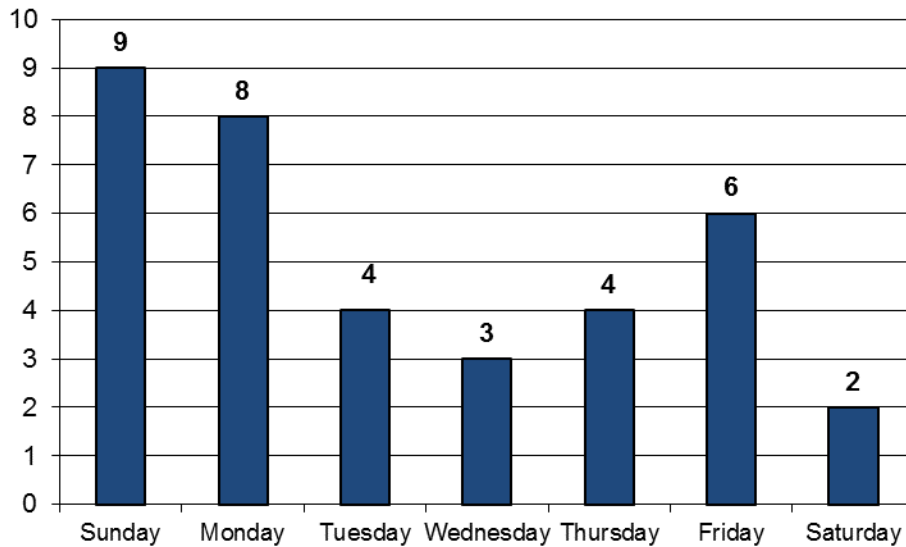
### 2016 Use of Force By Beat



## USE OF FORCE BY DAY OF WEEK

Each use of force incident was identified by the day of the week in which it occurred. In 2016, Sunday had the most uses of force, with nine (9) incidents, followed by Monday with five (8) incidents. The day with the least uses of force was Saturday with two (2) incidents.

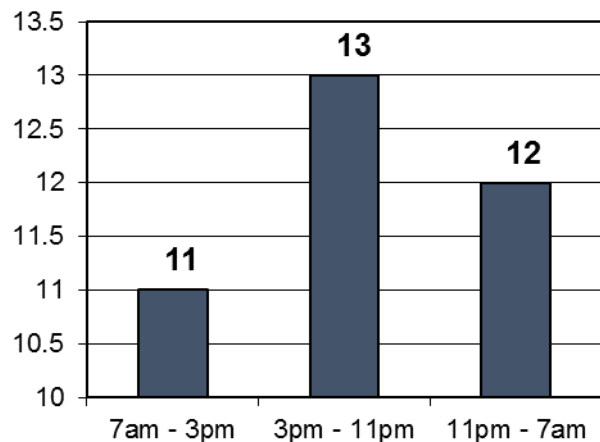
**2016 Use of Force by Day of Week**



## USE OF FORCE BY TIME OF DAY

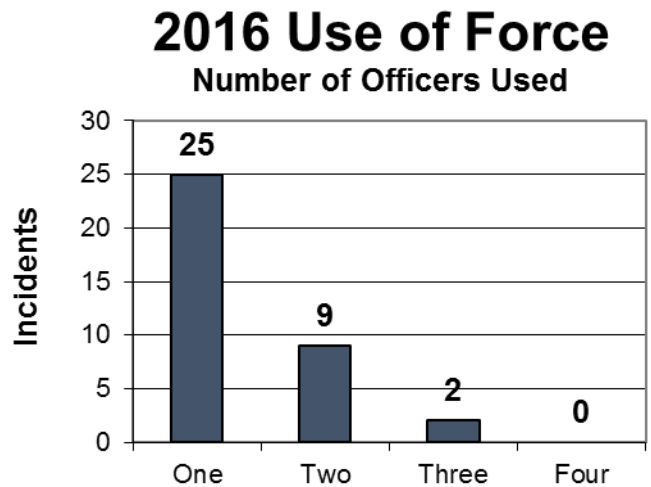
Each use of force incident was identified by the time of day in which it occurred. In 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Turlock Police Officers used force the most between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. with thirteen (13) occasions.

**2016 Use of Force  
By Time of Day**



## USE OF FORCE NUMBER OF OFFICERS INVOLVED

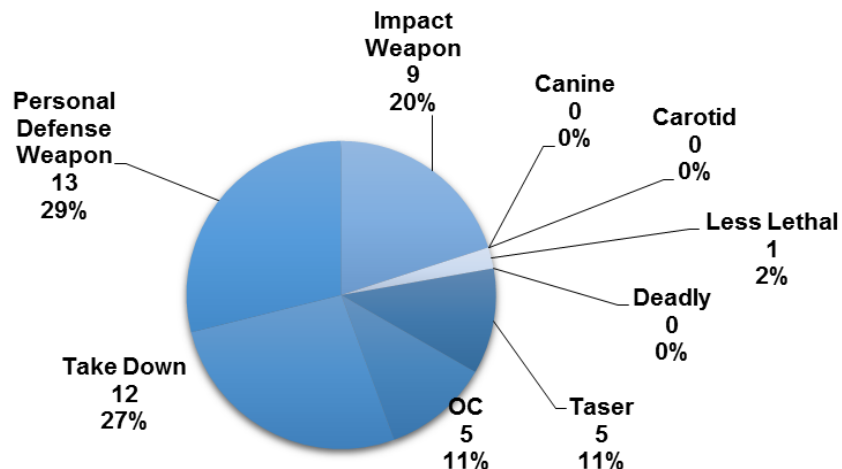
When force is used, gaining compliance with a suspect can sometimes require more than an individual officer to intervene. In 2016, a single officer was involved in the use of force in twenty five (25) incidents, two (2) officers were involved in nine (9) incidents, three (3) officers were used in two (2) incidents, and four (4) or more officers were used in zero (0) incidents.



## USE OF FORCE BY TYPE

Turlock Police Officers are trained to use the lowest level of force that appears reasonable given the facts and circumstances known to the officer at the time force is used. For 2016, the most commonly used type of force by an officer was a Personal Defense Weapon which occurred thirteen (13) times. Personal Defense weapon is when an officer uses their hands, fists, knees, elbows or feet to gain compliance. More than one (1) type of use of force could be used in each individual incident as deemed necessary to overcome resistance, which explains why the total number of forty six (46) types of force used is higher than the total number of thirty six (36) reports of use of force for 2016.

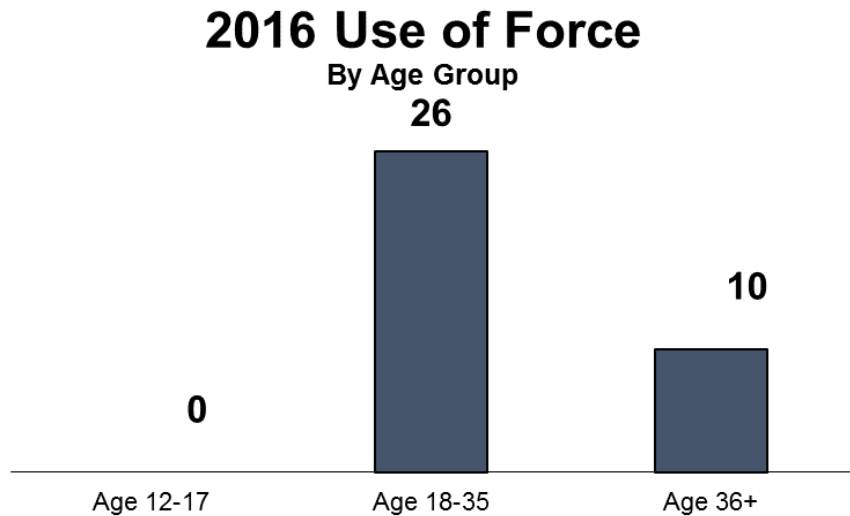
### 2016 Use of Force By Type





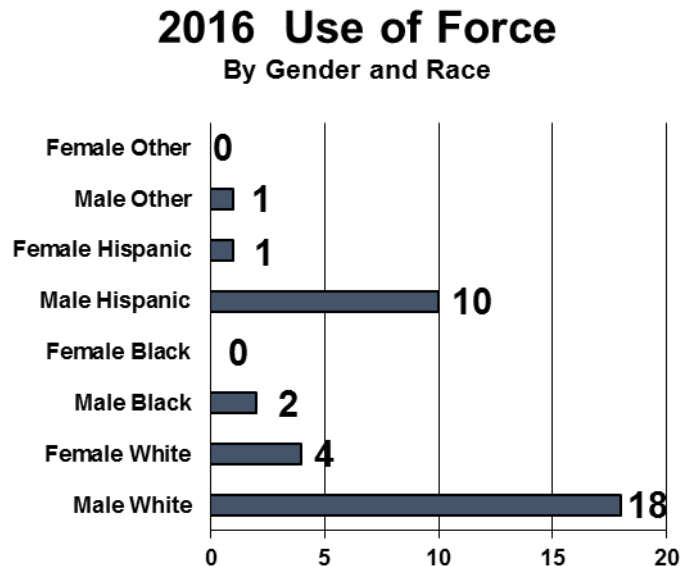
## USE OF FORCE BY AGE GROUP

The 2016 data was analyzed to determine the use of force according to age of the suspect. The data was categorized into three age groups to determine the most frequent age group in which use of force was necessary. In 2016, the age group of 18 to 35 years old was the most frequent with twenty six (26) incidents of force being necessary to overcome resistance.



## USE OF FORCE BY GENDER AND RACE

The data was also analyzed to determine the uses of force according to the suspect's gender and race. Uses of force were categorized into four (4) groups of race including White, Black, Hispanic and Other. In 2016, force was used most frequently on White male suspects, with eighteen (18) incidents for this group. Hispanic males accounted for ten (10) incidents.



## **2016 Use of Force Summary**

- Turlock Police Department recorded more than 95,419 calls for service.
- Turlock Police Department wrote 11,155 police reports.
- Turlock Police Officers made 4,411 arrests.
- Force was used in 36 individual incidents.
- The ratio of arrests to use of force was 122.53 to 1.
  - 0.8% of total arrests
- The ratio of police reports to use of force was 309.86 to 1.
  - 0.32% of total police reports
- The ratio of total incidents to use of force was less than 2,650.53 to 1.
  - 0.03% of total incidents
- Force was used most frequently during the month of October with seven (7) incidents (19%).
- Force was used least frequently during the months of January and August with one incident each (3%).
- Force was used most frequently when responding to disturbance calls (14%).
- Force was used most frequently on Sundays, in nine incidents (25%).
- Force was used least frequently on Saturdays, in two incidents (6%).
- Force was used most frequently between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., with thirteen (13) incidents (36%).
- When force was used, a single officer used force in twenty-five incidents (69%).
- Personal Defense Weapons was the most frequent type of force used with thirteen incidents (29%).
- Force was used most frequently in the age group of 18 – 35 years with twenty-six incidents (72%).
- Force was used most frequently on White male adult, in eighteen incidents (50%).
- No deadly force was used during the 2016 calendar year.