

**TURLOCK
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

2017

USE OF FORCE REPORT

Ninus C. Amirfar
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

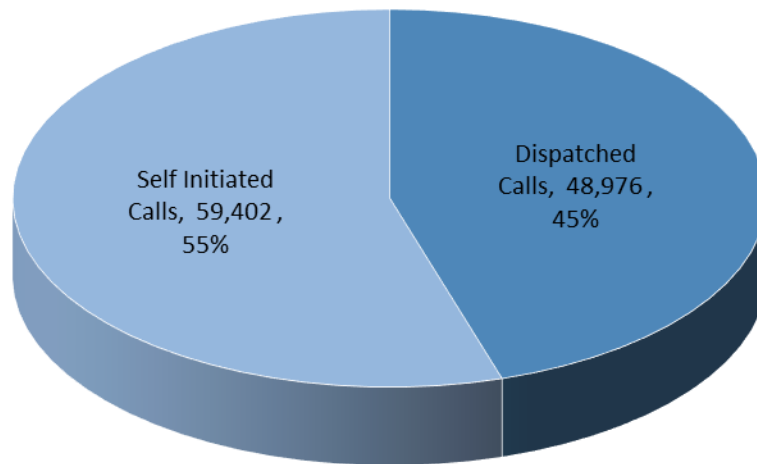
The City of Turlock is located in the Central Valley of California in Stanislaus County. It is managed utilizing the Council-Manager form of government. The Turlock City Council is a legislative body which provides policy direction to the City Manager who is responsible for administering City operations.

The City of Turlock serves a population of nearly 72,796 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 108,378 incidents during the 2017 calendar year. Of those 108,378 incidents, 48,976 were dispatched calls for service and 59,402 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.

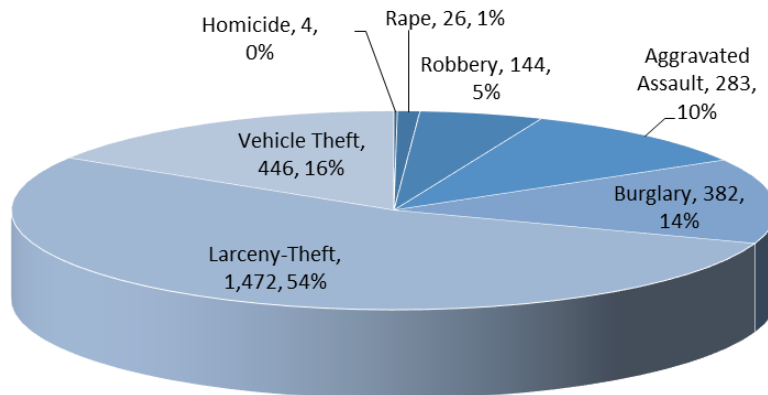
2017 Police Incidents



PART ONE CRIMES

The Turlock Police Department filed 11,622 police reports in the 2017 calendar year. Of those 11,146 police reports, 2,762 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 2017 calendar year:



The following chart provides a more detailed breakdown of the Part One Crimes reported in the City of Turlock during the 2017 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	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0.05
Rape	4	1	0	4	5	2	2	0	1	4	1	2	26	0.36
Robbery	10	5	12	9	8	11	15	18	12	16	16	12	144	1.98
Aggravated Assault	40	21	14	31	34	20	19	12	37	17	18	20	283	3.90
Burglary	56	32	31	33	19	23	33	25	34	27	34	35	382	5.24
Larceny-Theft	105	132	137	100	111	127	151	115	109	157	99	129	1,472	20.25
Vehicle Theft	44	38	32	39	51	18	19	34	35	52	44	40	446	6.12
TOTAL	225	230	226	216	228	202	239	204	228	274	212	239	2,762	37.90

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.

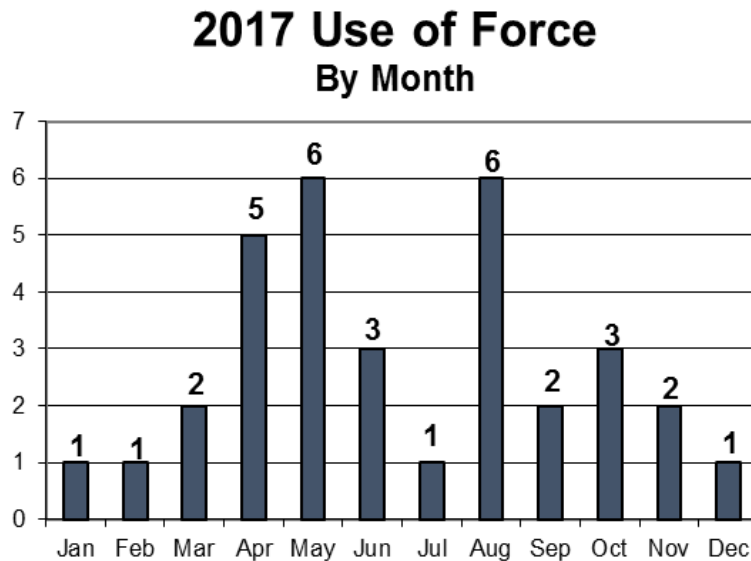
The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern both to the public and to the law enforcement community. Turlock Police Officers are involved on a daily basis in numerous and varied human encounters and, when warranted, may use force in carrying out their duties.

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.

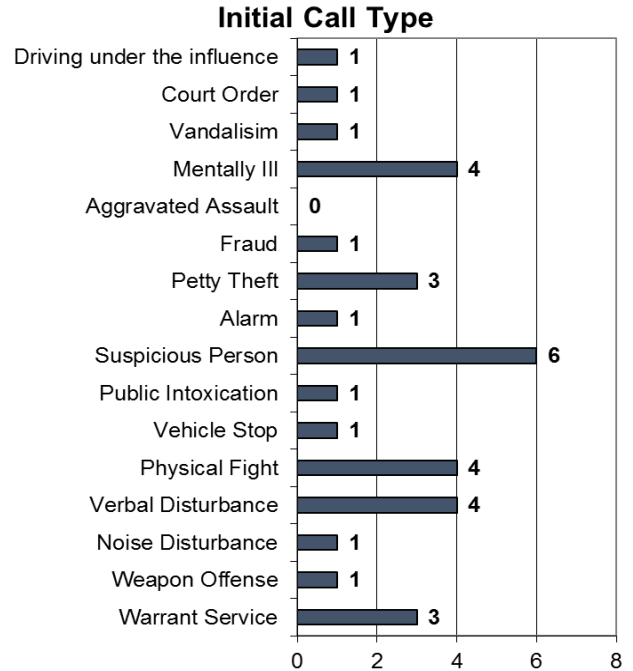
The Turlock Police Department used force in thirty-three (33) separate incidents during the 2017 calendar year, with an average of two and three-quarters (2.75) uses of force per month. The following is a visual representation of the uses of force categorized by month:



USE OF FORCE BY INITIAL CALL TYPE

In 2017, the most common type of call resulting in the use of force was for suspicious person, wherein force was used during six (6) separate incidents.

2017 Use of Force

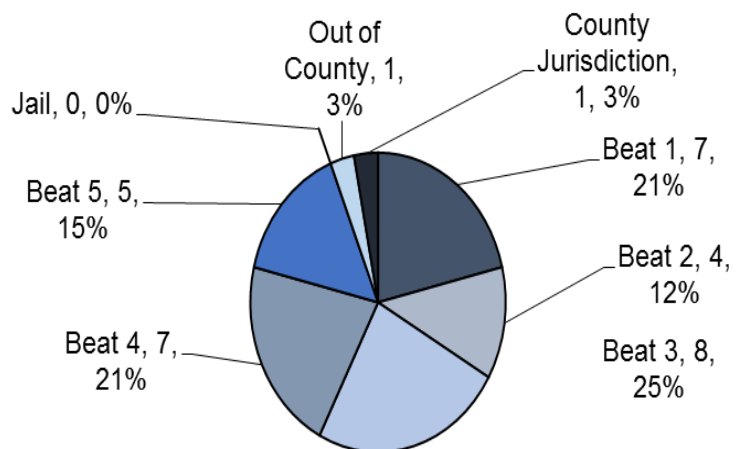


USE OF FORCE BY BEAT

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 2017, the beat with the highest use of force used was Beat Three (3), with a total of eight (8) uses of force. The location with the lowest number of uses of force was Beat Two (2) with only four (4) uses of force in that beat.

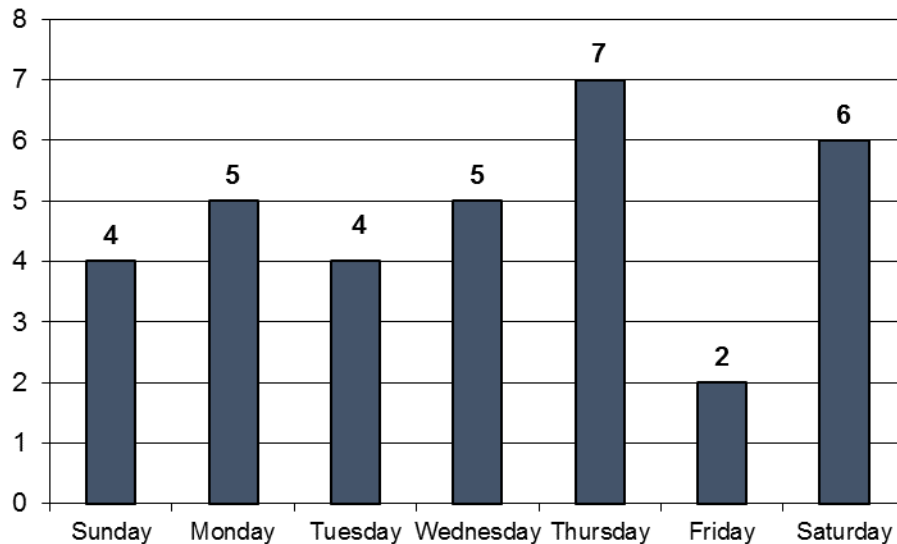
2017 Use of Force By Beat



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 2017, Thursday had the most uses of force, with seven (7) incidents, followed by Saturday with six (6) incidents. The day with the least uses of force was Friday with two (2) incidents.

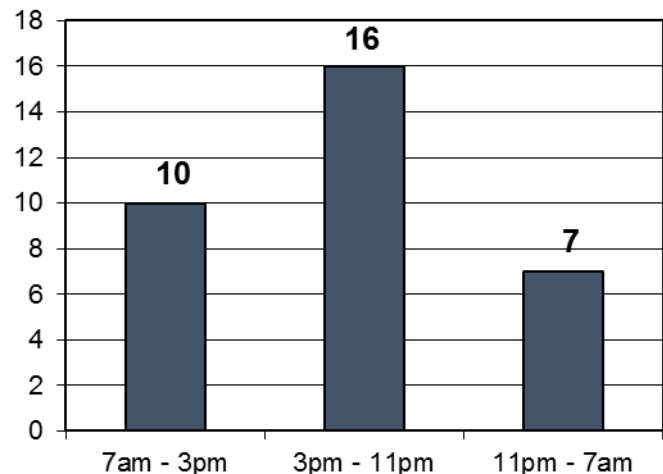
2017 Use of Force by Day of Week



USE OF FORCE BY TIME OF DAY

Each use of force incident was identified by the time of day in which it occurred. In 2017, 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 sixteen (16) occasions.

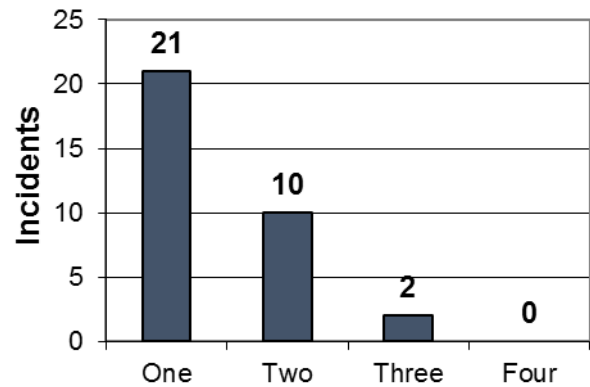
**2017 Use of Force
By Time of Day**



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 2017, a single officer was involved in the use of force in twenty-one (21) incidents, two (2) officers were involved in ten (10) incidents, three (3) officers were used in two (2) incidents, and four (4) or more officers were used in zero (0) incidents.

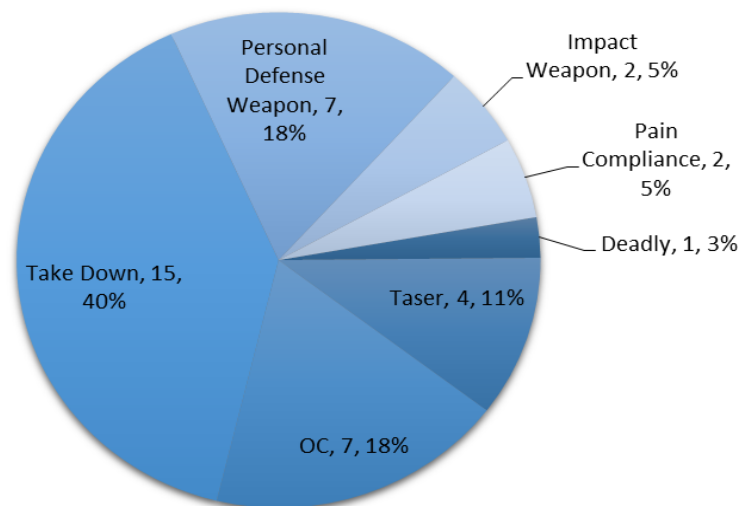
2017 Use of Force Number of Officers Used



USE OF FORCE BY TYPE

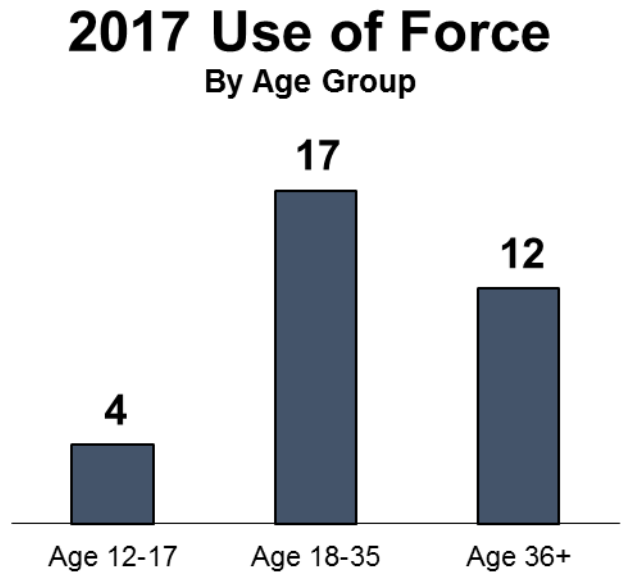
Turlock Police Officers are trained to use the lowest level of force that appears reasonable given the facts and circumstances known to the officer at the time force is used. For 2017, the most commonly used type of force by an officer was a take-down fifteen (15) times. Take Down's occur when an officer forces a suspect to the ground by pushing, tripping, pulling, or tackling them. 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 thirty eight (38) types of force used is higher than the total number of thirty three (33) reports of use of force for 2017.

2017 Use of Force By Type



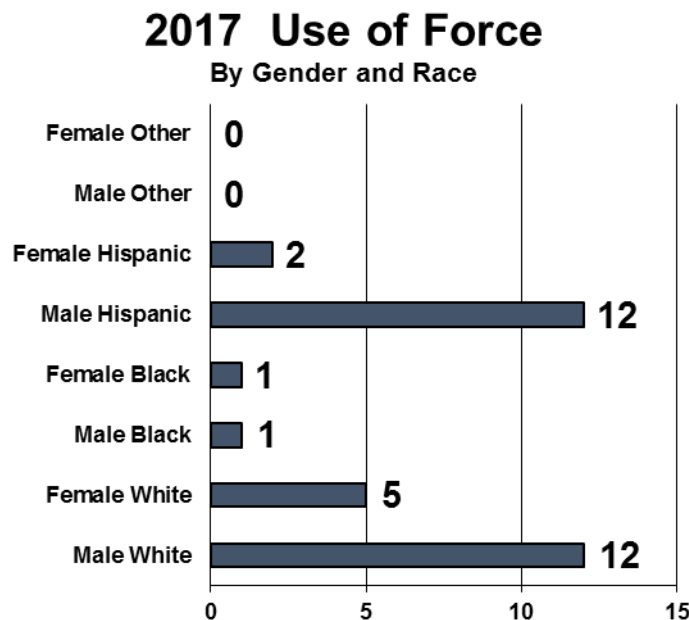
USE OF FORCE BY AGE GROUP

The 2017 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 2017, the age group of 18 to 35 years old was the most frequent with seventeen (17) 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 2017, force was used most frequently on Hispanic male and White male suspects, with twelve (12) incidents for each of these two groups.



2017 Use of Force Summary

- Turlock Police Department recorded more than 108,378 calls for service.
- Turlock Police Department wrote 11,622 police reports.
- Turlock Police Officers made 4,430 arrests.
- Force was used in 33 individual incidents.
- The ratio of arrests to use of force was 134.24 to 1.
 - 0.7% of total arrests
- The ratio of police reports to use of force was 352.18 to 1.
 - 0.28% of total police reports
- The ratio of total incidents to use of force was less than 3,284.18 to 1.
 - 0.03% of total incidents
- Force was used most frequently during the month of May and August with six (6) incidents during each month (18%).
- Force was used least frequently during the months of January, February, July, and December with one (1) incident each (3%).
- Force was used most frequently when responding to a call of a suspicious person (18%).
- Force was used most frequently on Thursdays, with seven (7) incidents (21%).
- Force was used least frequently on Fridays, with two (2) incidents (6%).
- Force was used most frequently between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., with sixteen (16) incidents (48%).
- When force was used, a single officer used force in twenty-one (21) incidents (64%).
- Take-downs were the most frequent force used with fifteen (15) incidents (39%).
- Force was used most frequently in the age group of 18 – 35 years with seventeen (17) incidents (52%).
- Force was used most frequently on White and Hispanic male adults with twelve (12) incidents each (36%).
- There was once incident where deadly force was used during the 2017 calendar year that did not result in a death.