

**TURLOCK
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

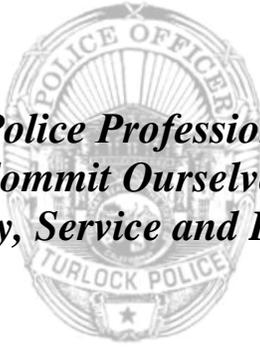
2020

USE OF FORCE REPORT

Steven Williams
Interim 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 Safety, Service and Excellence”***

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; 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 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 official 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 or 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

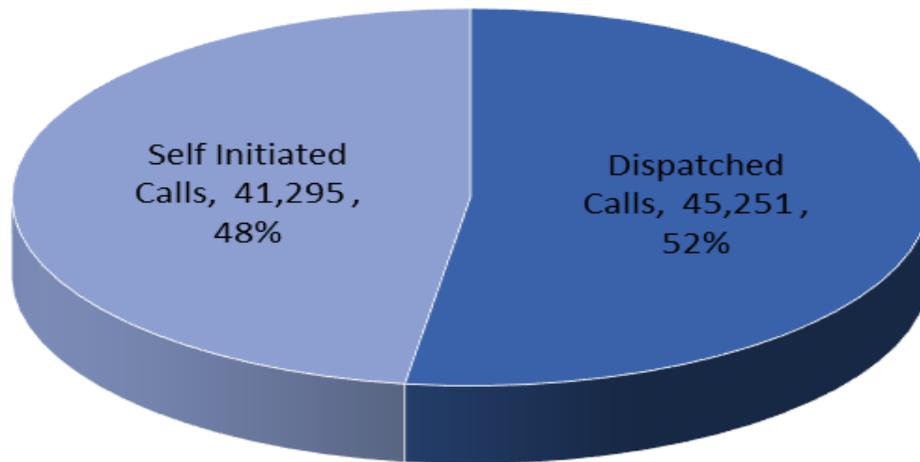
The City of Turlock is located in the Central Valley of California in Stanislaus County. It is managed utilizing the Council-Manager form of government. The Turlock City Council is a legislative body which provides policy direction to the City Manager who is responsible for administering City operations.

The City of Turlock serves a population of nearly 74,297 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 Interim Chief of Police, Steven Williams, is one (1) of the six (6) department heads in the City of Turlock.

The Turlock Police Department recorded more than 86,546 incidents during the 2020 calendar year. Of those 86,546 incidents, 45,251 were dispatched calls for service and 41,295 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.

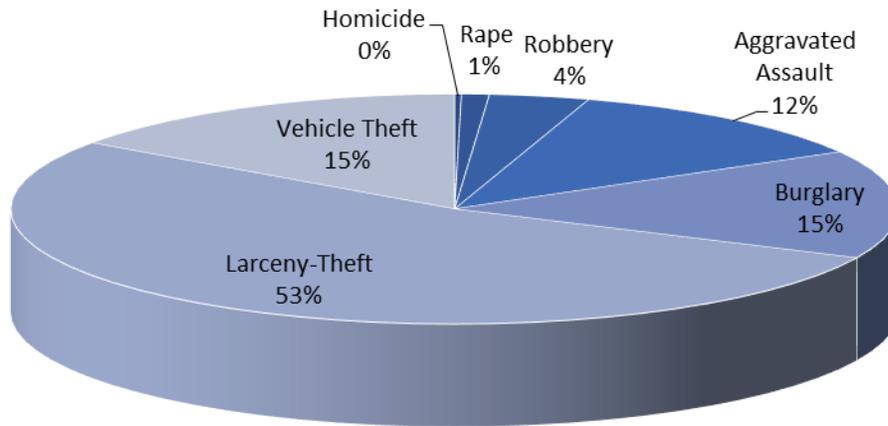
2020 Police Incidents



PART ONE CRIMES

The Turlock Police Department filed 8,308 police reports in the 2020 calendar year. Of those 8,308 police reports, 2,475 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 2020 calendar year:



The following chart provides a more detailed breakdown of the Part One Crimes reported in the City of Turlock during the 2020 calendar year:

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Year	Crime Rate per 1,000 Inhabitants
Homicide	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	6	0.08
Rape	5	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	7	0	4	25	0.33
Robbery	6	10	12	11	6	4	5	6	5	5	9	11	90	1.21
Aggravated Assault	18	19	22	20	15	33	37	24	29	23	22	31	293	3.94
Burglary	22	38	23	26	25	14	24	40	39	23	39	65	378	5.08
Larceny-Theft	126	138	121	121	113	101	99	79	73	103	118	114	1,306	17.57
Vehicle Theft	37	40	25	26	41	26	18	23	23	27	46	45	377	5.07
TOTAL	215	247	203	205	201	179	185	176	171	188	235	270	2,475	33.31

USE OF FORCE

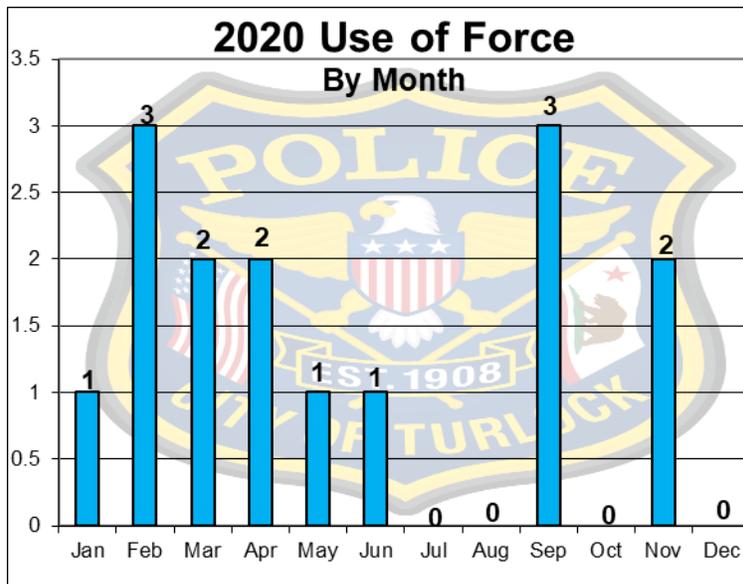
The Turlock Police Department understands that the use of force is a serious responsibility. Turlock Police Officers are provided with guidelines on the reasonable use of force. These guidelines are detailed in Turlock Police Policy section 300. Additionally, the Turlock Police Department has provided mandated training regarding use of force to be in compliance with recent changes in law in 2019 and 2020. The Turlock Police Department has removed the use of the Carotid restraint as a use of force option.

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.

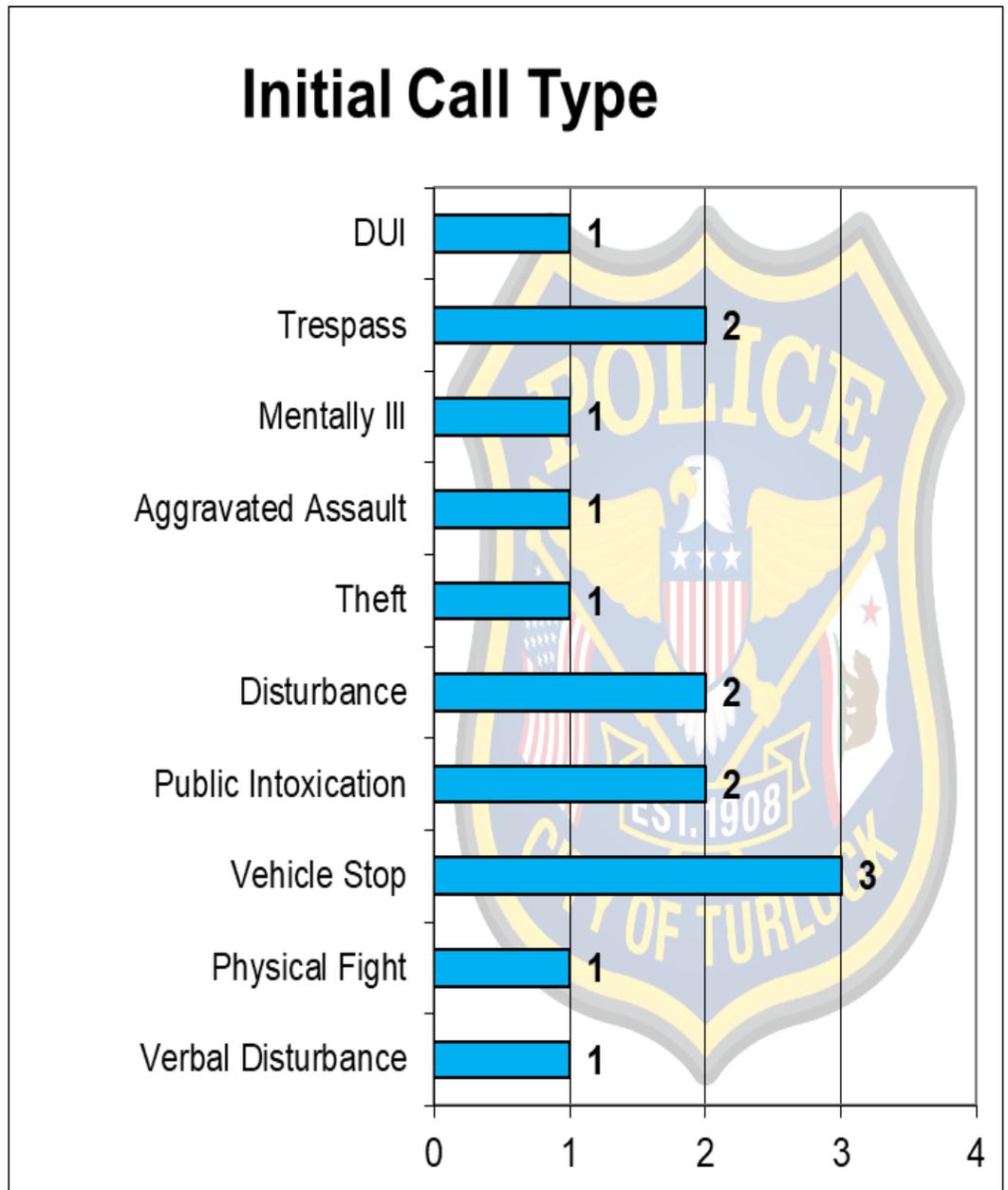
When force is used by a Turlock Police Officer, a comprehensive review/report is conducted by the shift supervisor and is forwarded via the Chain of Command to the Chief of Police.

The Turlock Police Department used force in fifteen (15) separate incidents during the 2020 calendar year, with an average of one and one quarter (1.25) 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

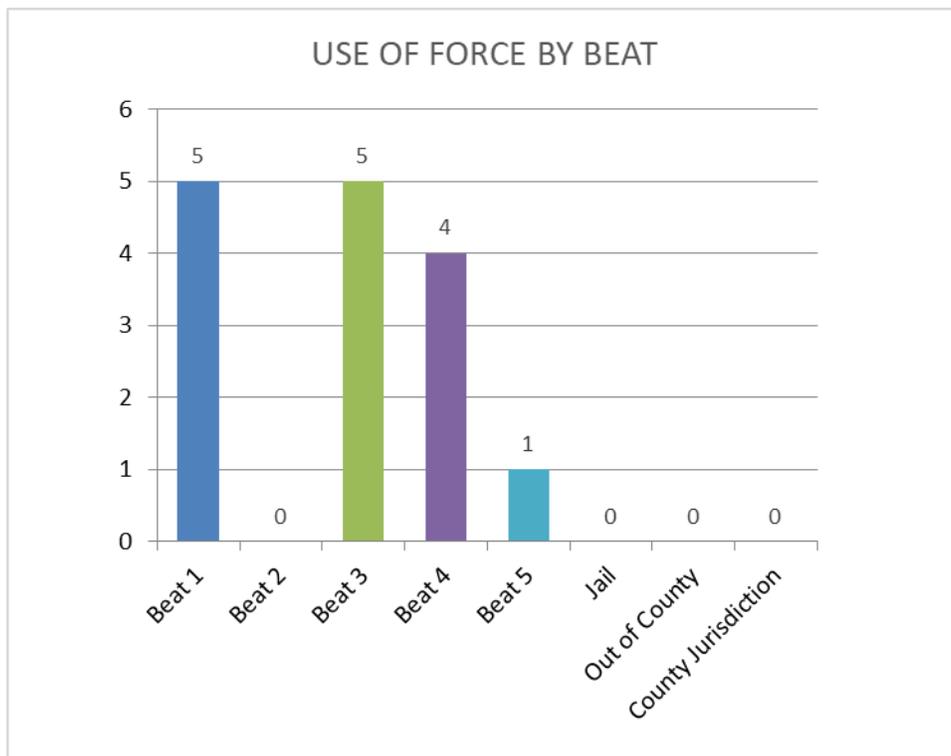
In 2020, the most common type of call resulting in the use of force involved vehicle stops, wherein force was used during three (3) separate incidents.



USE OF FORCE BY BEAT

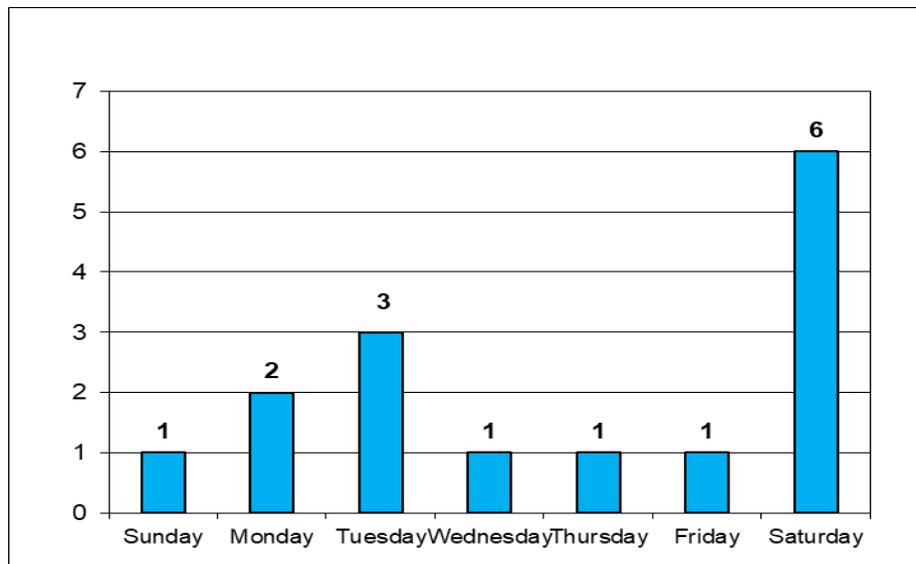
The city is divided into five (5) beats, all of which are individually assigned to an officer as their patrol location for each shift. In addition to uses of force occurring within these designated locations, officers do travel outside of city limits with suspects that at times require use of force for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

In 2020, the beats with the highest uses of force used were Beat One (1) and Beat Three (3), each with a total of five (5) uses of force (33.3%). The locations with the lowest number of uses of force were Beat Two (2), County Jurisdiction, Jail and Out of County; all with only zero (0%) uses of force in each.

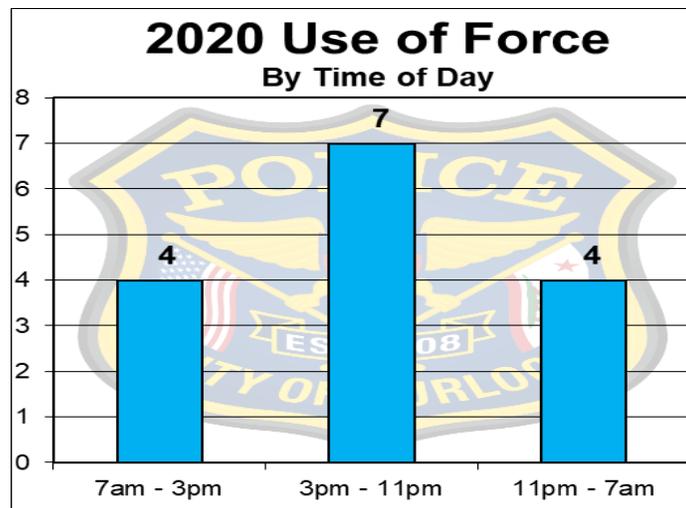


USE OF FORCE BY DAY OF WEEK

Each use of force incident was identified by the day of the week in which it occurred. In 2020, Saturday had the most uses of force, with six (6) incidents (40%), followed by Tuesday with three (3) incidents (20%). The days with the least uses of force were Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each with one (1) incident, each (6.6%).



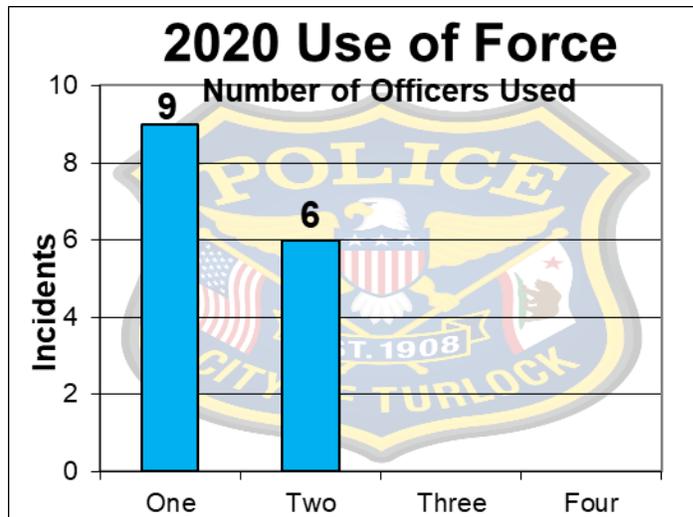
USE OF FORCE BY TIME OF DAY



Each use of force incident was identified by the time of day in which it occurred. In 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Turlock Police Officers used force the most between 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with seven (7) occasions (46%).

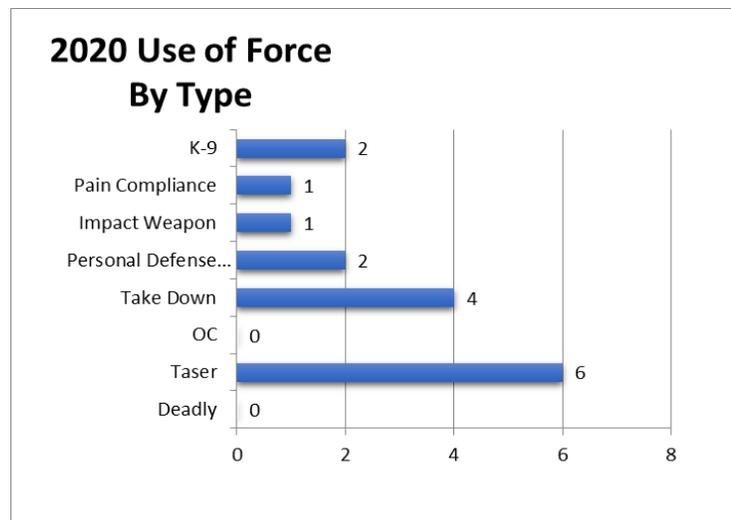
USE OF FORCE BY NUMBER OF OFFICERS INVOLVED

When force is used, gaining compliance with a suspect can sometimes require more than an individual officer to intervene. In 2020, a single officer was involved in the use of force in nine (9) incidents (60%), two (2) officers were involved in six (6) incidents (40%), three (3) officers were used in zero (0) incidents (0%), and four (4) or more officers were used in zero (0) incidents

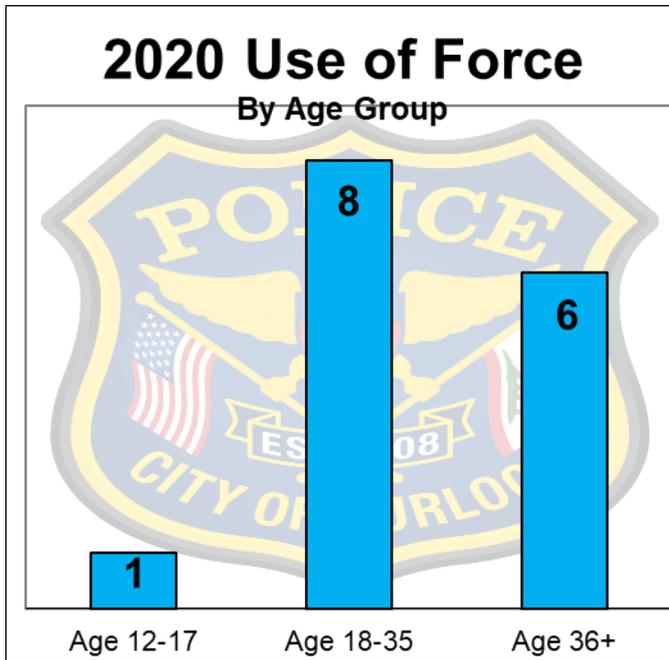


USE OF FORCE BY TYPE

Turlock Police Officers are trained to use the lowest level of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and circumstances known to the officer at the time force is used. For 2020, the most commonly used type of force by an officer was the use of a Taser which was six (6) times (40%). 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 sixteen (16) types of force used is higher than the total number of fifteen (15) reports of use of force for 2020.



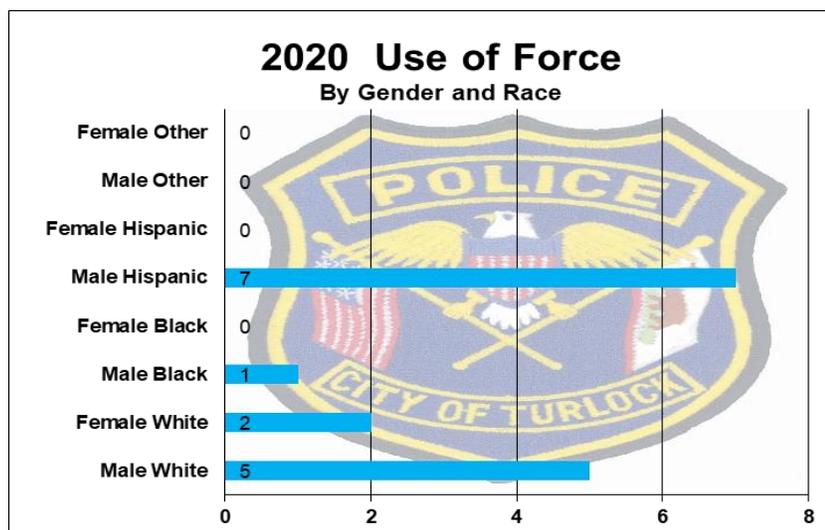
USE OF FORCE BY AGE GROUP



The 2020 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 2020, the age group of 18-35 years old was the most frequent with eight (8) incidents (53%) 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 2020, force was used most frequently on Hispanic male suspects, with seven (7) incidents (46%). White males accounted for five (5) incidents (33.3%).



2020 Use of Force Summary

- Turlock Police Department recorded more than 86,546 incidents.
- Turlock Police Department wrote 8,308 police reports.
- Turlock Police Officers made 2,457 arrests.
- Force was used in 15 individual incidents.
- The ratio of arrests to use of force was 163.80 to 1.
 - 0.61% of total arrests
- The ratio of police reports to use of force was 553.87 to 1.
 - 0.18% of total police reports
- The ratio of total incidents to use of force was less than 5,769.73 to 1.
 - 0.01% of total incidents
- Force was used most frequently during the months of February and September each with three (3) incidents (20%).
- Force was not used during the months of July, August, October and December.
- Force was used most frequently when responding to a call involving a vehicle stop (20%).
- Force was used most frequently on Saturdays, with six incidents (40%).
- Force was used least frequently on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each with one (1) incident each (.06%).
- Force was used most frequently between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., with seven (7) incidents (46%).
- When force was used, a single officer used force in nine (9) incidents (60%).
- The use of a Taser was the most frequent force used with six (6) incidents (40%).
- Force was used most frequently in the age group of 18-35 years with eight (8) incidents (53%).
- Force was used most frequently on Hispanic male adults with seven (7) incidents (46%).
- No deadly force was used during the 2020 calendar year.