

**TURLOCK
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

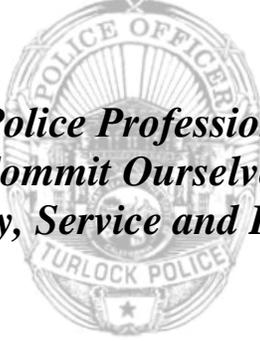
2021

USE OF FORCE REPORT

Jason Hedden
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

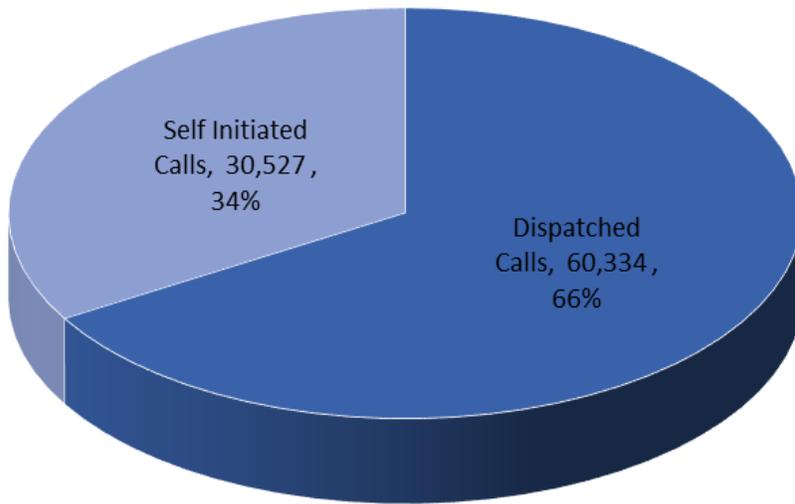
The City of Turlock is located in the Central Valley of California in Stanislaus County. It is managed utilizing the Council-Manager form of government. The Turlock City Council is a legislative body which provides policy direction to the City Manager who is responsible for administering City operations.

The City of Turlock serves a population of nearly 74,820 and is managed by six (6) directors. The directors work collectively to accomplish the City’s mission through the use of the City of Turlock’s Strategic Plan. The Chief of Police, Jason Hedden, is one (1) of the six (6) directors in the City of Turlock.

The Turlock Police Department recorded more than 90,861 incidents during the 2021 calendar year. Of those 90,861 incidents, 60,334 were dispatched calls for service and 30,527 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.

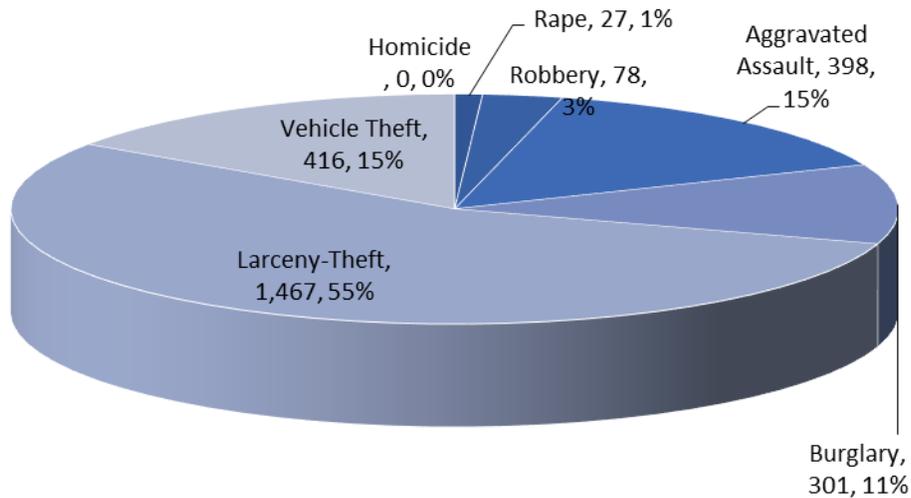
2021 Police Incidents



PART ONE CRIMES

The Turlock Police Department filed 8,667 police reports in the 2021 calendar year. Of those 8,667 police reports, 2,687 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 2021 calendar year:



The following chart provides a more detailed breakdown of the Part One Crimes reported in the City of Turlock during the 2021 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Rape	1	1	0	4	3	4	1	4	4	2	2	1	27	0.36
Robbery	10	5	4	7	6	7	4	5	6	5	10	9	78	1.04
Aggravated Assault	33	22	39	31	36	30	44	32	41	33	31	26	398	5.32
Burglary	57	32	31	26	12	14	19	24	22	21	20	23	301	4.02
Larceny-Theft	123	86	141	153	120	81	104	135	153	97	137	137	1,467	19.61
Vehicle Theft	38	46	56	33	21	32	26	37	40	22	35	30	416	5.56
TOTAL	262	192	271	254	198	168	198	237	266	180	235	226	2,687	35.91

USE OF FORCE

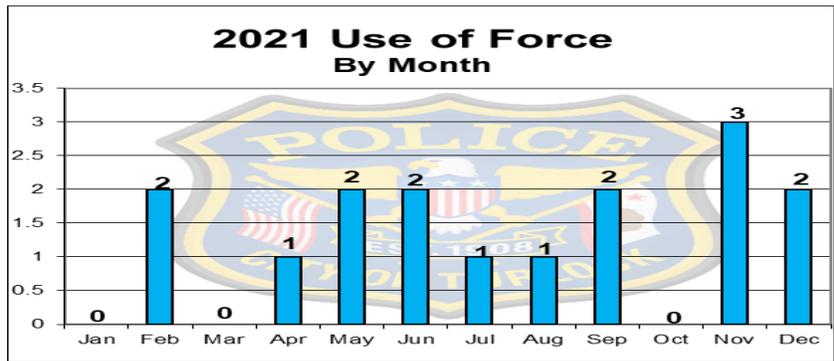
The Turlock Police Department understands that the use of force is a serious responsibility. Turlock Police Officers are provided with guidelines on the reasonable use of force. These guidelines are detailed in the Turlock Police Use of Force Policy. Additionally, the Turlock Police Department has provided non-mandated and mandated training regarding use of force to be in compliance with recent changes in law in 2019 and 2020. Changes in law for 2021, further adds additional training hours in the area of use of force and strategic communications, which officers will receive in 2022. The Turlock Police Department has removed the use of the Carotid restraint and choke holds 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.

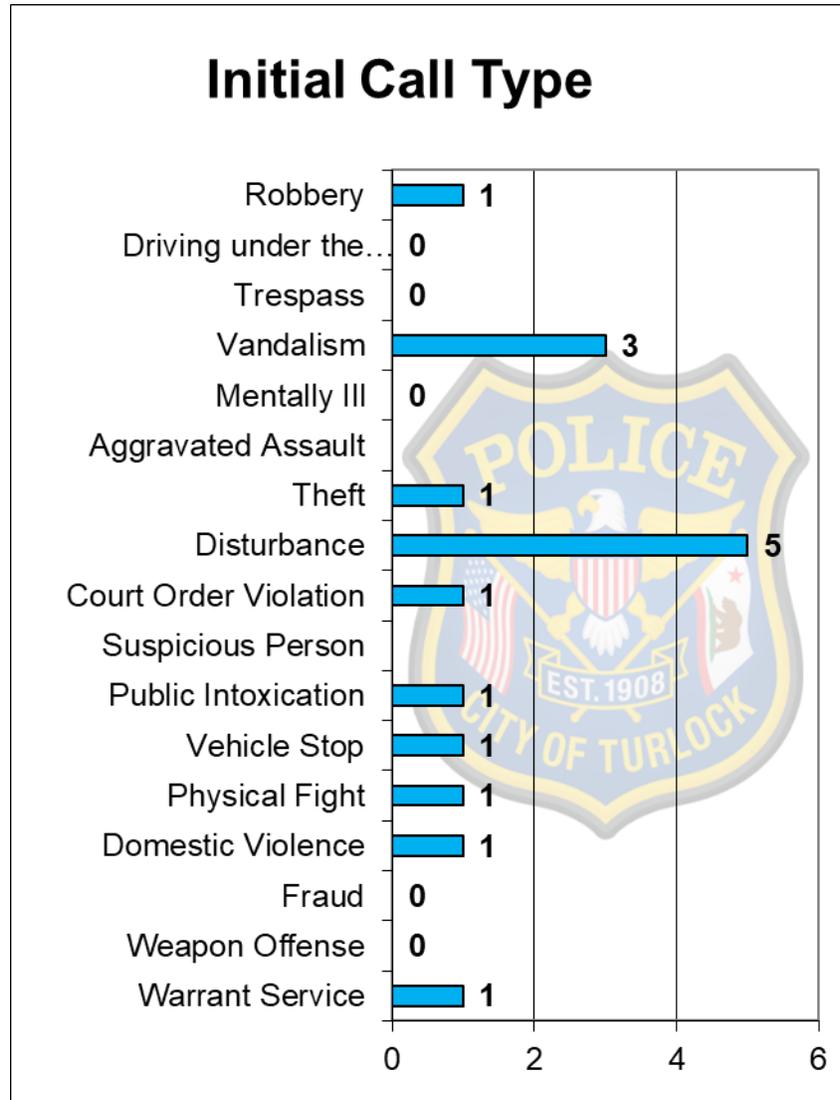
When force is used by a Turlock Police Officer, a comprehensive review/report is conducted by the shift supervisor and is forwarded via the Chain of Command to the Chief of Police. This report includes the steps the supervisor took to determine if the force used was within law and policy. The supervisor conducts an interview with the individual(s) in which force was used, interviews witnesses to the actions of officers, ensures proper medical treatment and clearance has been conducted and reviews the Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage of the incident.

The Turlock Police Department used force in sixteen (16) separate incidents during the 2021 calendar year, with an average of one point thirty-three (1.33) 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

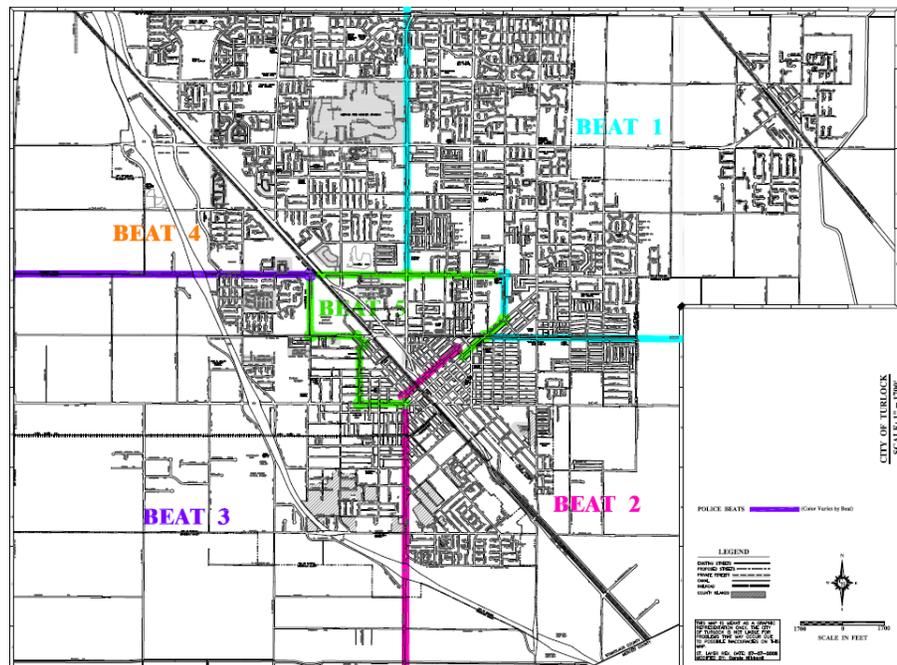
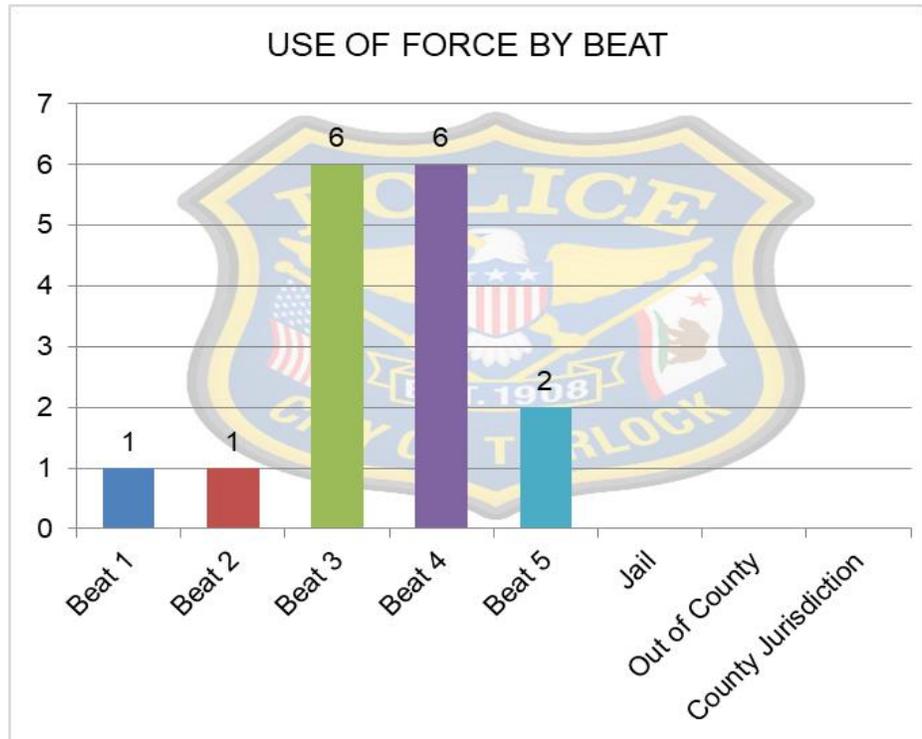
In 2021, the most common type of call resulting in the use of force involved disturbances, wherein force was used during five (5) separate incidents.



USE OF FORCE BY BEAT

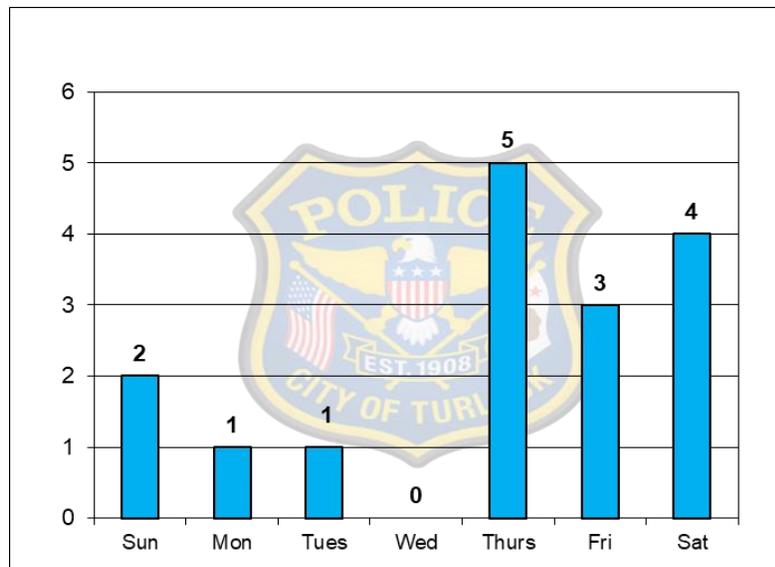
The city is divided into five (5) beats, all of which are individually assigned to an officer as their patrol location for each shift. In addition to uses of force occurring within these designated locations, officers do travel outside of city limits with suspects that at times require use of force for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

In 2021, the beats with the highest uses of force used were Beat Three (3) and Beat Four, each with a total of six (6) uses of force (37.5%). Beat Five (5) had two (2) uses of force which was (12.5 %). The locations with the lowest number of uses of force were Beats One (1) and Two (2) which was (6 %), each with one (1) use of force. County Jurisdiction, Jail and Out of County; had zero (0%) uses of force in each.

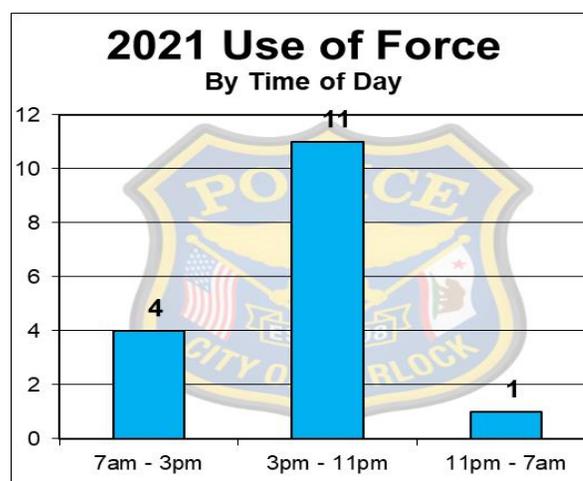


USE OF FORCE BY DAY OF WEEK

Each use of force incident was identified by the day of the week in which it occurred. In 2021, Thursday had the most uses of force, with five (5) incidents (31.2%), followed by Saturday with four (4) incidents (25%), Friday with three (3) incidents (18.7%) and Sundays with two (2) incidents (12.5%). The days with the least uses of force were Monday and Tuesday, with one (1) incident, each (6.2%) and Wednesday with zero (0)% incidents.



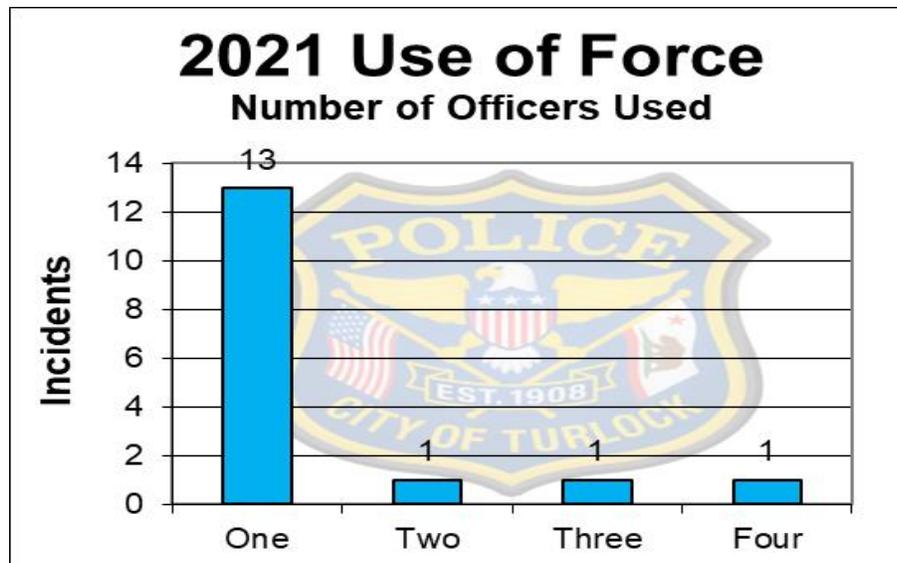
USE OF FORCE BY TIME OF DAY



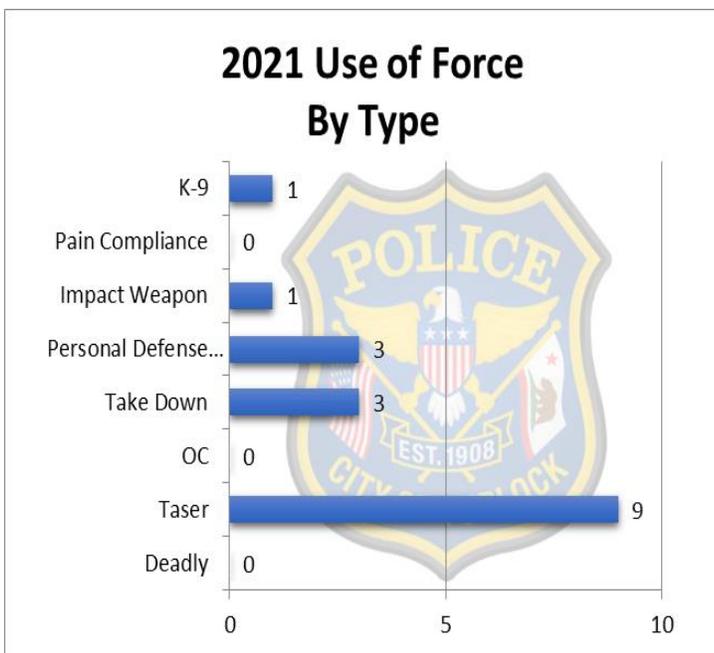
Each use of force incident was identified by the time of day in which it occurred. In 2021, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Turlock Police Officers used force the most between 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with eleven (11) occasions (68.7%).

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 2021, a single officer was involved in the use of force in thirteen (13) incidents (81.2%), two (2) officers were involved in one (1) incident (6.2%), three (3) officers were involved in one (1) incident (6.2%), and four (4) or more officers were used in one (1) incident (6.2%).

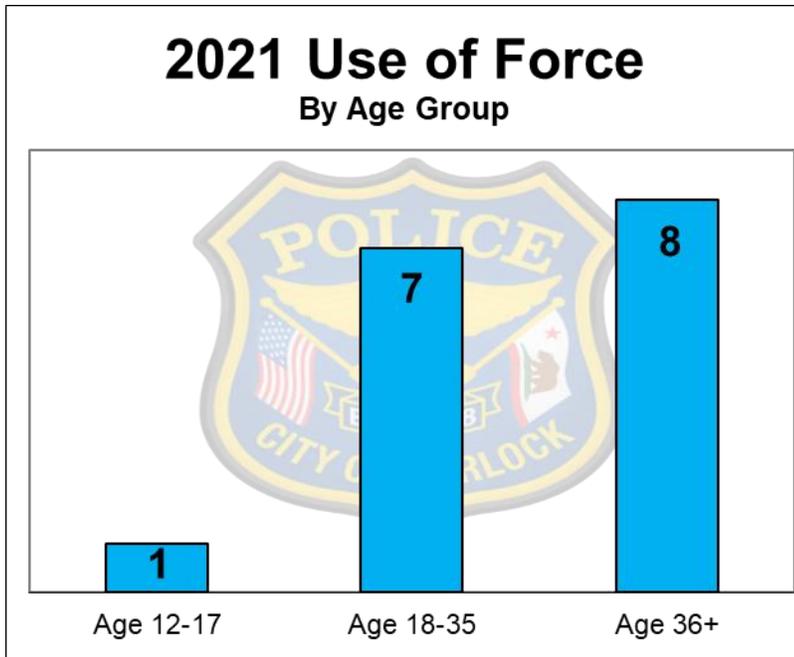


USE OF FORCE BY TYPE



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 2021, the most commonly used type of force by an officer was the use of a Taser which was nine (9) times (52.9%). 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 seventeen (17) types of force used is higher than the total number of sixteen (16) reports of use of force for 2021.

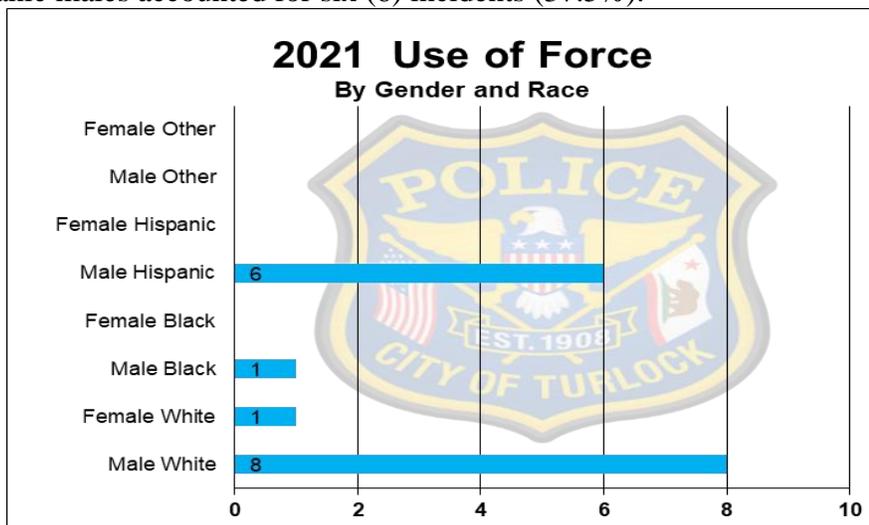
USE OF FORCE BY AGE GROUP



The 2021 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 2021, the age group of 36+ years old was the most frequent with eight (8) incidents (50%) 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 races including White, Black, Hispanic and Other. In 2021, force was used most frequently on White male suspects, with eight (8) incidents (50%). Hispanic males accounted for six (6) incidents (37.5%).



2021 Use of Force Summary

- Turlock Police Department recorded more than 90,861 incidents.
- Turlock Police Department wrote 8,667 police reports.
- Turlock Police Officers made 2,638 arrests.
- Force was used in 16 individual incidents.
- The ratio of arrests to use of force was 164.88 to 1.
 - 0.61% of total arrests
- The ratio of police reports to use of force was 541.69 to 1.
 - 0.18% of total police reports
- The ratio of total incidents to use of force was 5,678.81 to 1.
 - 0.02% of total incidents
- Force was used most frequently during the month of November with three (3) incidents (18.7%).
- Force was not used during the months of January, March and October.
- Force was used most frequently when responding to a call involving a Disturbance (31.2%).
- Force was used most frequently on Thursday, with five incidents (31.2%).
- Force was used least frequently on Wednesdays with zero (0) incidents occurring.
- Force was used most frequently between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., with eleven (11) incidents (68.7%).
- When force was used, a single officer used force in thirteen (13) incidents (81.2%).
- The use of a Taser was the most frequent force used with nine (9) incidents (52.9%).
- Force was used most frequently in the age group of 36+ years of age with eight (8) incidents (50%).
- Force was used most frequently on White male adults with eight (8) incidents (50%).
- No deadly force was used during the 2021 calendar year.