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 of 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.”

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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 71,000 and is managed by seven 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, Robert A. Jackson, is one of the seven department heads in the City of Turlock.

The Turlock Police Department recorded more than 98,531 incidents during the 2015 calendar year. Of those 98,531 incidents, 56,826 were dispatched calls for service and 41,705 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 9,980 police reports in the 2015 calendar year. Of those 9,980 police reports, 3,120 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 2015 calendar year:

![Pie chart showing the distribution of Part One Crimes]

The following chart provides a more detailed breakdown of the Part One Crimes reported in the City of Turlock during the 2015 calendar year:

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TOTAL          | 249 | 239 | 271 | 253 | 235 | 237 | 282 | 268 | 246 | 265 | 270 | 305 | 3,120       | 43.92                           |
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 is forwarded via the Chain of Command to the Chief of Police.

The Turlock Police Department used force in forty-eight (48) separate incidents during the 2015 calendar year, with an average of 4 uses of force per month. The following is a visual representation of the uses of force categorized by month:

2015 Use of Force
By Month

![Chart showing the number of uses of force by month in 2015.]

January: 3
February: 3
March: 4
April: 5
May: 2
June: 3
July: 3
August: 7
September: 8
October: 3
November: 4
December: 3

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In 2015, the most common type of call resulting in the use of force was suspicious person and mental illness, wherein force was used during nine (9) separate incidents for each or nineteen percent (19%). The graph to the right is a visual representation of the uses of force categorized by the initial type of incident.

Each use of force incident was identified by the day of the week in which it occurred. In 2015, Tuesday and Friday had the most uses of force, each with ten (10) incidents that calculates to twenty-one percent (21%), followed by Wednesday with nine (9) incidents that calculates to nineteen percent (19%) of incidents that involved use of force. The day with the least uses of force was Sunday with three (3) incidents, calculating to six percent (6%).
Each use of force incident was identified by the time of day in which it occurred. In 2015, between the hours of 7am and 3pm, Turlock Police Officers used force on sixteen (16) occasions (33%), between the hours of 3pm and 11pm, on eighteen (18) occasions (38%), and between the hours of 11pm and 7am, on fourteen (14) occasions (29%). The graph to the right is a visual representation of the uses of force separated by time of day.

When force was used, only one officer was involved in the use of force in twenty-six (26) incidents (54%), two officers were involved in eight (8) incidents (17%), three officers were used in twelve (12) incidents (25%) and four officers were involved in two (2) incidents (4%). The graph to the left is a visual representation of the uses of force separated by the number of officers employing force.
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 2015, the most commonly used type of force by an officer was a personal defense weapon twenty-three (23) times (40%). Personal defense weapons consist of the use of hands, palm, fist, elbow, feet or knees. More than one type of use of force could be used in each individual incident, which explains why the total number of fifty-eight (58) types of force used is higher than the total number of forty-eight (48) reports for 2015. The following is a visual representation of the individual uses of force separated by the types of force used:

**2015 Use of Force By Type**

- Personal Defense Weapon: 23 (40%)
- Taser: 8 (14%)
- OC: 6 (10%)
- Impact Weapon: 4 (7%)
- Canine: 0 (0%)
- Carotid: 0 (0%)
- Take Down: 17 (29%)
- Deadly: 0 (0%)

The 2015 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 occurred. In 2015, the age group of 18 to 35 years old was the most frequent with twenty-seven (27) incidents (56%) of force being used.

**2015 Use of Force By Age Group**

- Age 12-17: 6
- Age 18-35: 27
- Age 36+: 15

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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 groups of race including: White, Black, Hispanic and Other. In 2015, force was used most frequently on Hispanic male suspects, with twenty-six (26) incidents (54%).
2015 Use of Force Summary

- Turlock Police Department recorded more than 98,531 incidents.
- Turlock Police Department wrote 9,980 police reports
- Turlock Police Officers made 3,338 arrests.
- Force was used in 48 individual incidents.
- The ratio of arrests to use of force was 70 to 1.
  - 1.4% of total arrests
- The ratio of police reports to use of force was 208 to 1.
  - 0.48% of total police reports
- The ratio of total incidents to use of force was less than 2,053 to 1.
  - 0.05% of total incidents
- Force was used most frequently during the month of October with eight incidents (17%).
- Force was used least frequently during the month of June with two incidents (4%).
- Force was used most frequently when responding to a report of a mental illness and suspicious person (19%).
- Force was used most frequently on Tuesdays and Fridays, each with ten incidents (21%).
- Force was used least frequently on Sunday with three incidents (6%).
- Force was used most frequently between the hours of 3:00pm and 11:00pm with eighteen incidents (38%).
- Force was used least frequently between the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00am with fourteen incidents (29%).
- When force was used, only one officer used force on twenty-six incidents (54%).
- The personal defense weapon was the most frequent force used with twenty-three incidents (40%).
- Force was used most frequently in the age group of 18 – 35 years with twenty-seven incidents (56%).
- Force was used most frequently on Hispanic male adults with twenty-six incidents (54%).
- No deadly force was used during the 2015 calendar year.

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