

Framingham Police Department

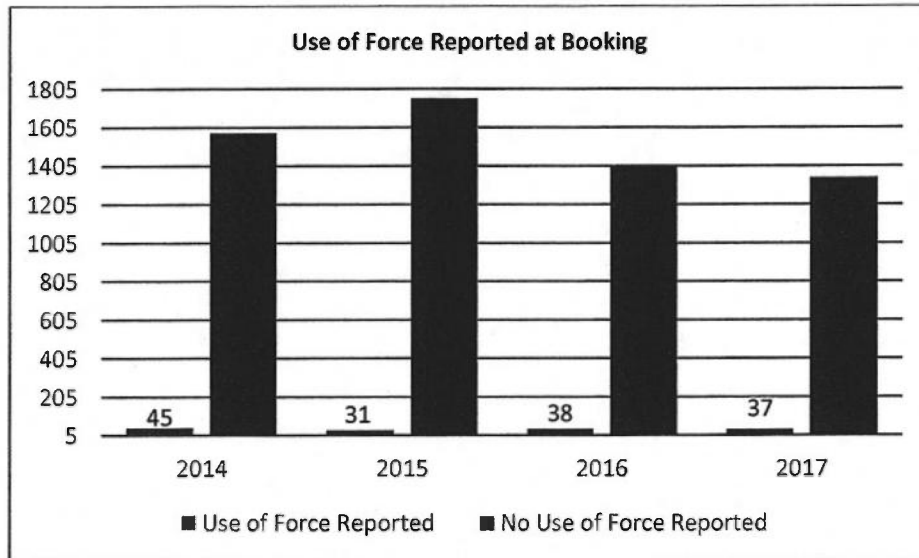
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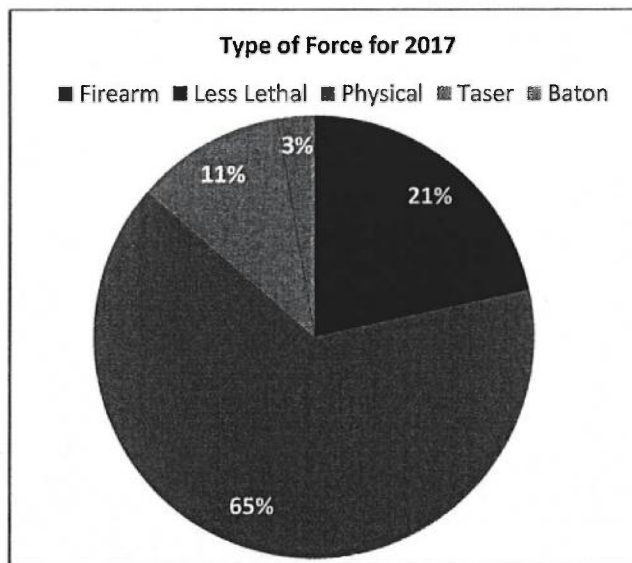
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2017 Break Down



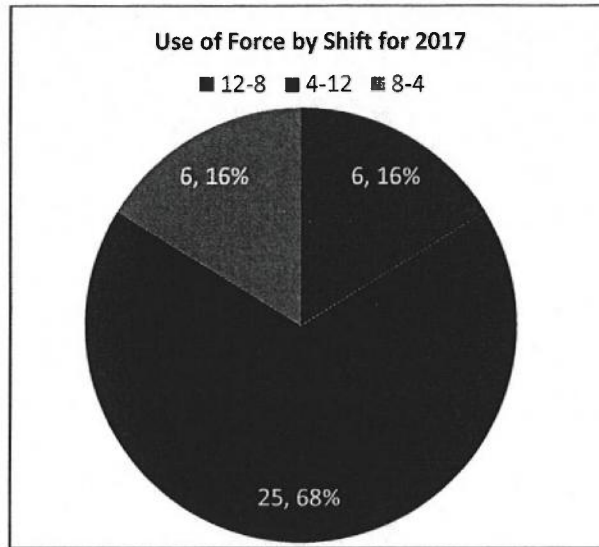
Framingham police officers made 1,346 arrests during 2017; 3% of those arrests had a use of force report filed.



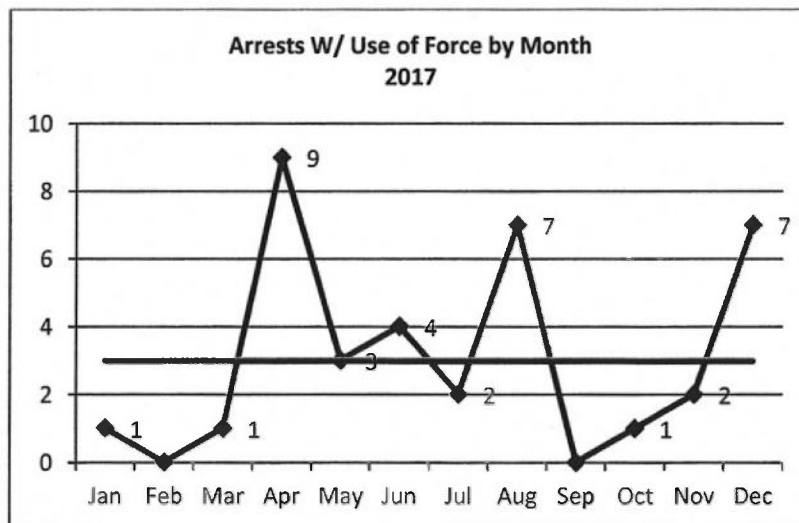
Of the 37 use of force reports filed by officers; 71% indicated that physical force was used. A Taser was used 21% of the time, a firearm was unholstered 5% of the time (no firearm was actually fired), a less lethal weapon was brought out (not fired) on a single occasion.²

² The information used was gathered from *Use of Force Reports* filed internally with the Framingham Police Department.

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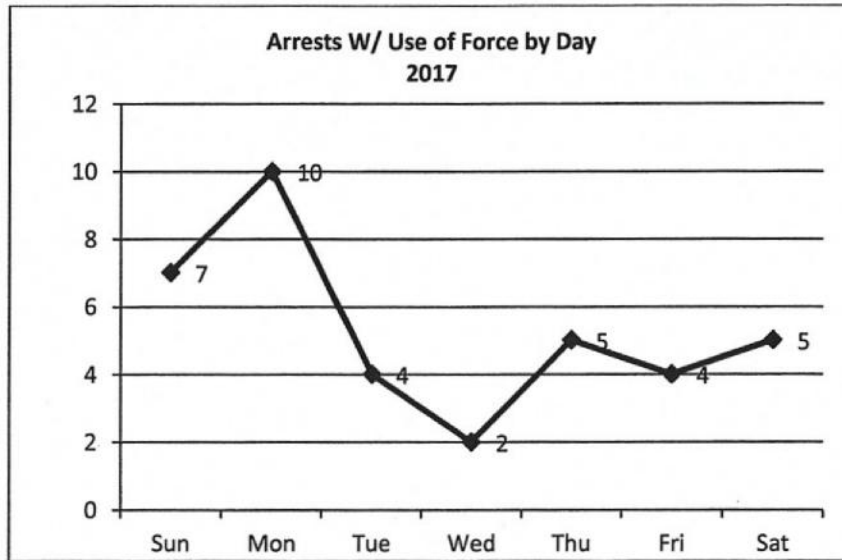
When breaking down the use of force reports for the calendar year, 2017; 68% had been filed during the 4-12 shifts. During this shifts time period: 17 reports indicated that physical force was used; 6 reports listed a firearm either being unholstered; a baton was used on a single occasion as was a taser.



On average, each month has a total of three use of force reports filed. During the calendar year, 2017, the department was above that average 33% of the year; remained on average 8% of the year; was below average 58% of the year.³

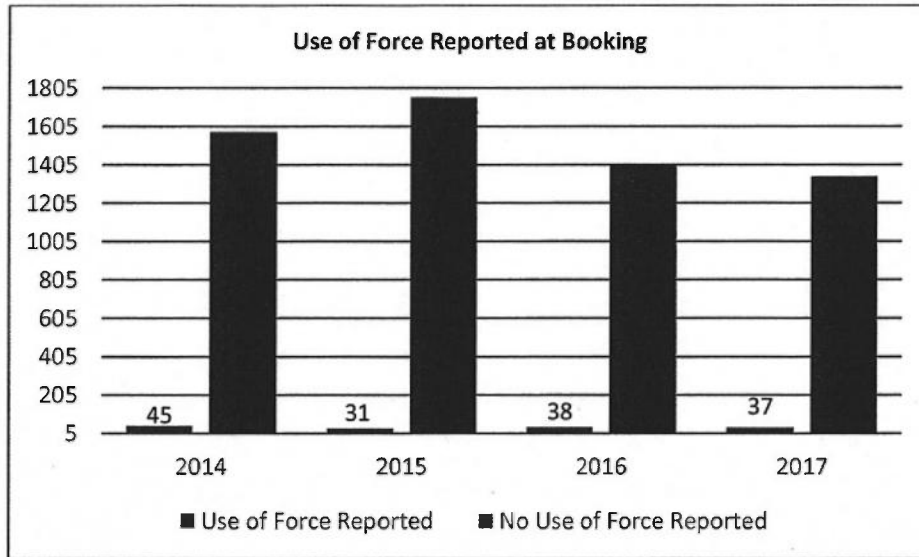
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The distribution by day of the week shows a spike during the beginning of the week (Monday).

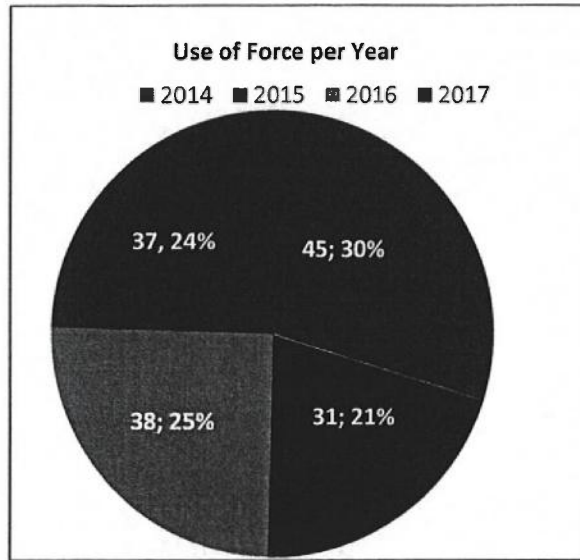
Year Comparison



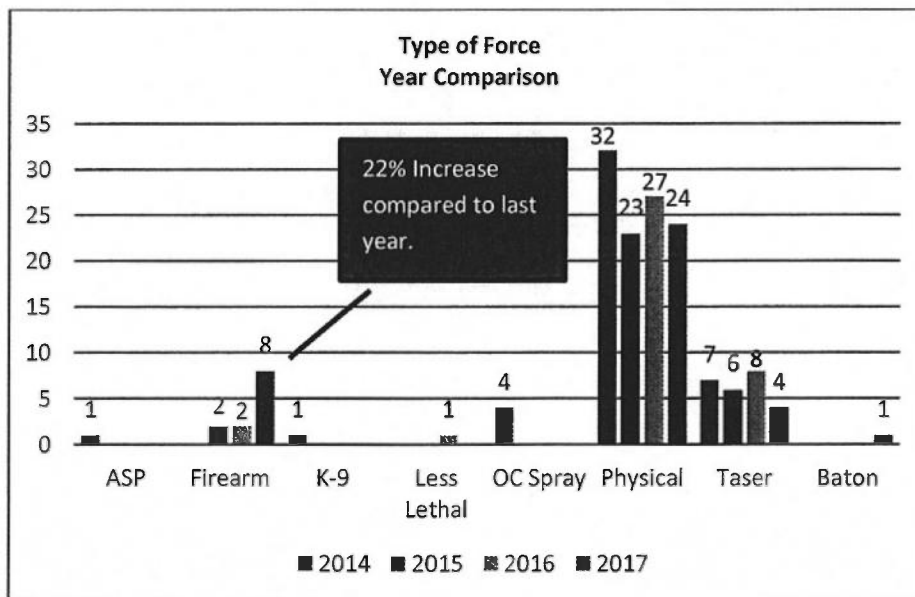
The calendar year 2017 saw a 3% decrease in the number of arrests compared to last year. A look at the last four years indicates the number of use of force reports filed has remained low with 3% of all arrests involving some form of use of force.⁴

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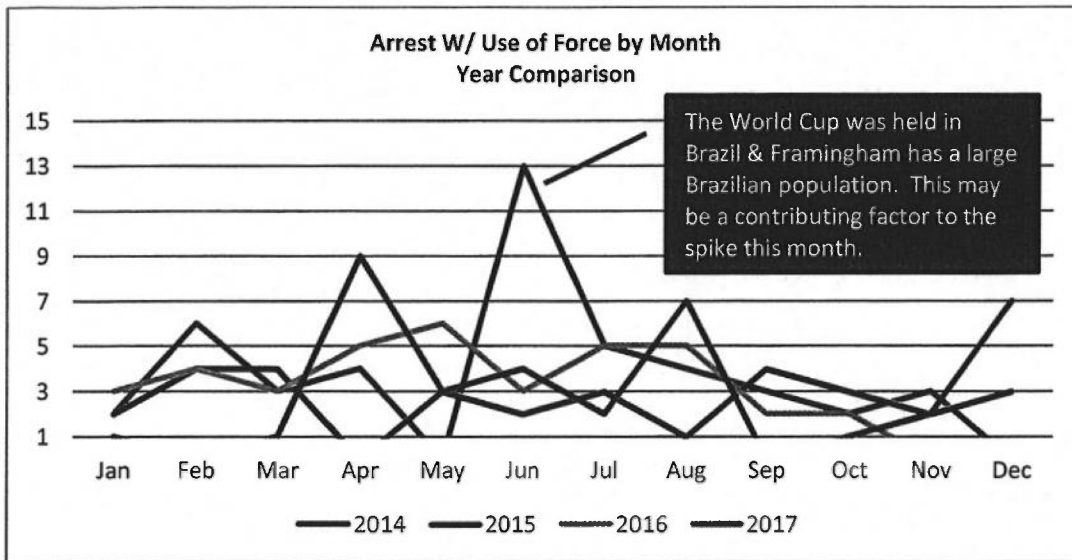
Since 2014 the number of use of force reports filed has steadily decreased.



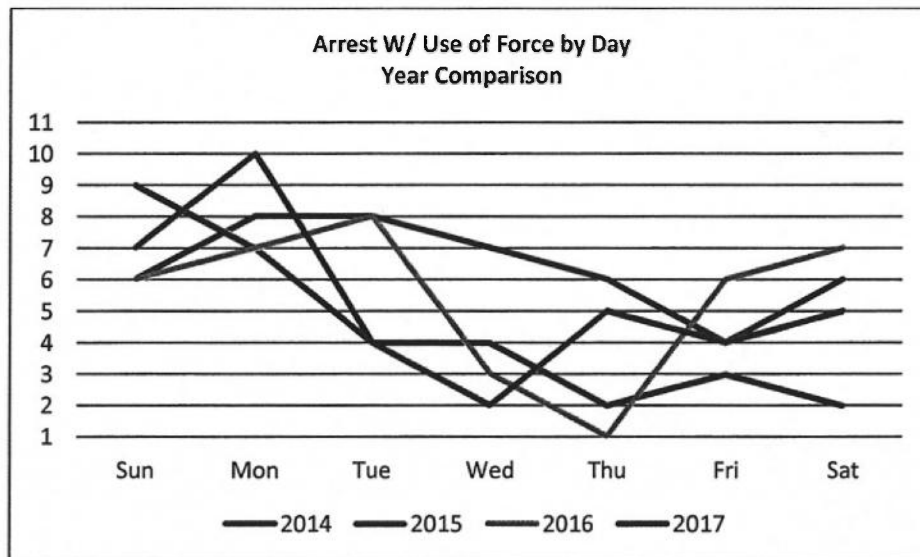
Physical force, such as “Arm Band Technique,” is the primary force type reported and remains relatively consistent each year.⁵ Please note the increase in firearms un-holstered; several calls involving possible weapons including an active shooter situation.

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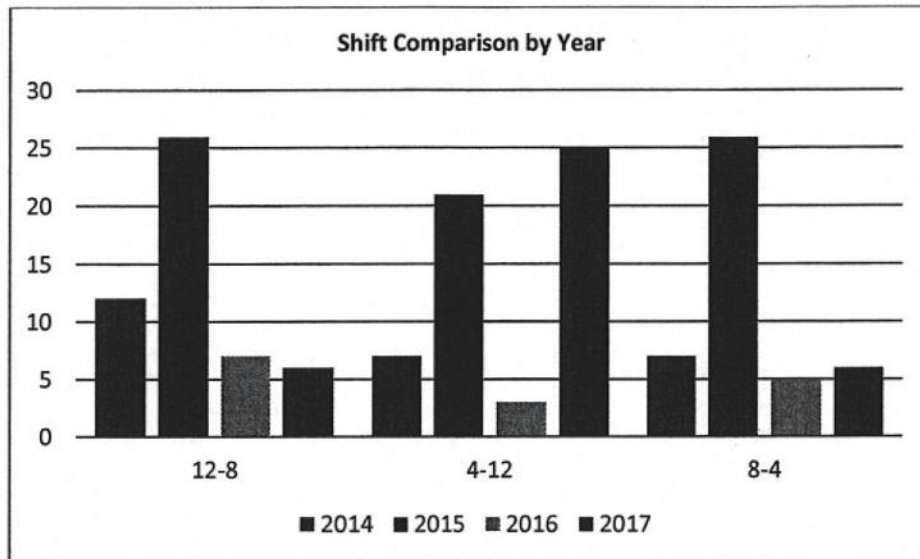
A distribution by month comparison does not produce any inconsistency; the distribution remains level overall. Note, there is an outlying factor in June 2014 (see graph above); the following years do not see the same increase.



A distribution by day of the week shows an increase on Monday and Thursdays compared to last year; it also shows Tuesdays and Wednesday, as well as Friday through Sunday.⁶

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The number of use of force reports filed by each individual shift remained relatively consistent (minimal increase) within the last four years.⁷

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