



MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Members, Kingston Police Services Board
From: Antje McNeely, Chief of Police
Date: 2019-02-07
Re: Use of Force Report, January–December 2018

A review of the Use of Force Statistics for the year 2018 indicated that members of the Kingston Police submitted 76 reports (72 individual reports and 4 team reports) for use of force in 56 separate incidents (multiple members responded to some incidents). In 2017, 54 reports for use of force were submitted for 44 separate incidents.

In accordance with General Order Vol. I-A-24, “Use of Force,” members are required to complete a Use of Force Report whenever they:

- draw (display) a handgun or carbine in the presence of a member of the public, excluding a member of the police force while on duty;
- point a firearm at a person;
- discharge a firearm;
- use a weapon other than a firearm on another person; or
- use physical force on another person that results in injury requiring medical attention (this includes injury to another member involved in the incident).

After supervisor review and approval, Use of Force Reports are examined by the Training Unit. Following is a breakdown of the use of force options exercised in 2018, as compared to 2017.

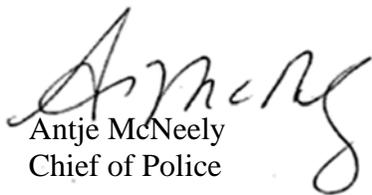
Method	Number	Remarks	2017
Empty hand	9	Note 2	4
Aerosol spray	1	Note 3	2
Baton	1	Note 3	0
Canine	2	Note 4	1
CEW displayed/pointed	15	Note 5	12
CEW deployed	4	Note 6	5
Firearm displayed	11	Note 7	6
Firearm pointed	34		21
Firearm discharged	11	Note 8	8
Total	88	Note 1	59

Notes:

1. During some incidents, officers used more than one use of force option. In addition, verbal interaction was employed in incidents involving persons present.
2. The nine reports related to three incidents involving combative males, including one hostage-taking incident.

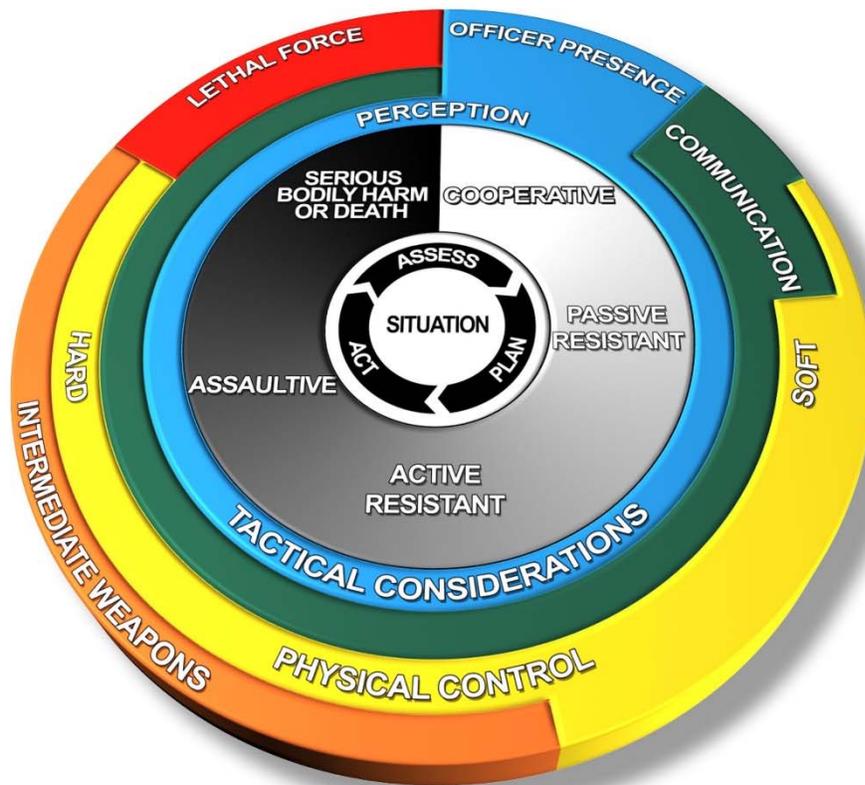
3. Call involved a combative male attempting to break into an apartment.
4. Call involved two B&E suspects hiding in wooded area; canine located and secured both suspects.
5. CEWs displayed or pointed were used to:
 - a. arrest suspects in 10 incidents involving reported or existing weapons;
 - b. dissuade one individual from harming others;
 - c. effect arrest of three violent suspects; and
 - d. protect officers from dogs inside a house being cleared.
6. The deployments of the conducted energy weapon (CEW) occurred:
 - a. dissuade an individual suffering from mental illness from self-harm (minor injuries to subject);
 - b. during the arrest of a combative suspect armed with knives who was holding an elderly victim hostage (minor injuries to subject);
 - c. to gain control of a combative male at hospital in a state of psychosis; and
 - d. during the arrest of a man wanted for parole violation and armed with a knife.
7. There were 45 reports filed for displaying (11) or pointing (34) firearms. In these incidents the firearms were displayed or pointed because the suspects either were extremely violent and/or known or suspected to be armed with firearms or other weapons. There were 6 reports filed in relation to planned execution of warrants; the remaining reports related to calls for service in 22 separate incidents. Many of these incidents involved a response by multiple officers, which is reflected in the reported statistics.
8. There was one unintentional discharge, and the remainder related to the dispatch of injured animals. In accordance with Board policy, an investigation into the accidental discharge was completed.

The attached Use of Force Model is a graphic representation of a member's use of force options, profiled behaviours, and situation assessment process. The selection of a force option is based on a number of variables, including but not limited to the subject, the circumstances of the encounter, the degree of resistance, and the nature of the offence. During the encounter, the member is constantly reassessing the situation and may change the force option one or more times.


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Chief of Police

Enclosure

Ontario Use of Force Model (2004)



The officer continuously assesses the situation and selects the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that point in time.