



## WEST SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

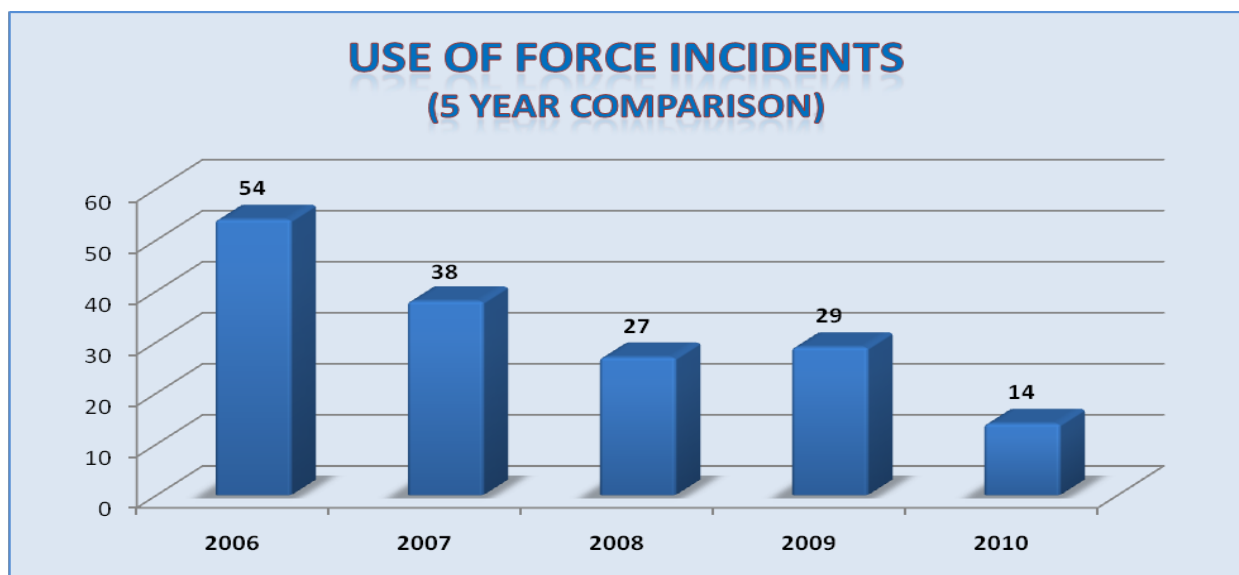
### 2010 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

Below is an statistical analysis and a review of the Use of Force by officers of the West Sacramento Police Department for the calendar year of 2010. Data contained within this analysis was derived from the departments Use of Force Review procedure, statistical analysis and 2009-10 Uniform Crime Report numbers for the West Sacramento Police Department. This Use of Force Review is conducted by Supervisors within the organization any time a Police Officer utilizes force in the course of their duties. The Use of Force Review process includes a detailed analysis of the incident and critique through the department's Chain of Command as well as review by the Office of Professional Standards. In 2010 The West Sacramento Police Department received 57,936 calls for service. This was a nearly 9% increase in calls for service from the previous year 2009 in which there were 51,615 calls for service. The following is a detailed analysis of the use of force and circumstances surrounding these incidents.

#### USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

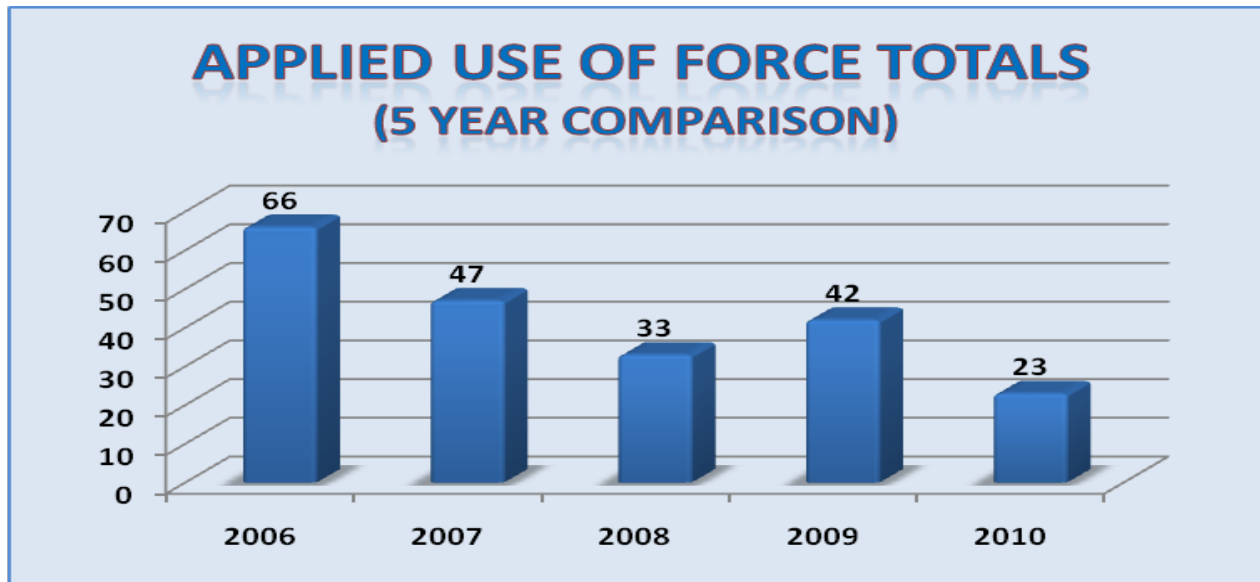
During 2010 there were fourteen (14) incidents in which force was used. This was a significant reduction from the previous year 2009 in which there were twenty nine (29) incidents in which force was used. With increases in police calls for service in 2010 it's difficult to identify specific causes for this 52% reduction in use of force from 2009. There are several potential factors that reduced the necessity for use of force. Those include significant reductions in violent crime with a reported 10% reduction in Violent Crime as depicted in the 2010 Uniform Crime Reporting; a 13% reduction in Motor Vehicle Theft from 2009 to 2010; the apprehension of suspects involved in motor vehicle theft which often ends with a pursuit and subsequent use of force; police on-view activity was down with a 10 reduction in on-view activity by officers.

In order to have a historical perspective of use of force incidents I have provided a 5 year comparison from 2006 to 2010. This 5 year comparison shows an overall reduction from 54 Use of Force Incidents in 2006 to the current 14 incidents in 2010.



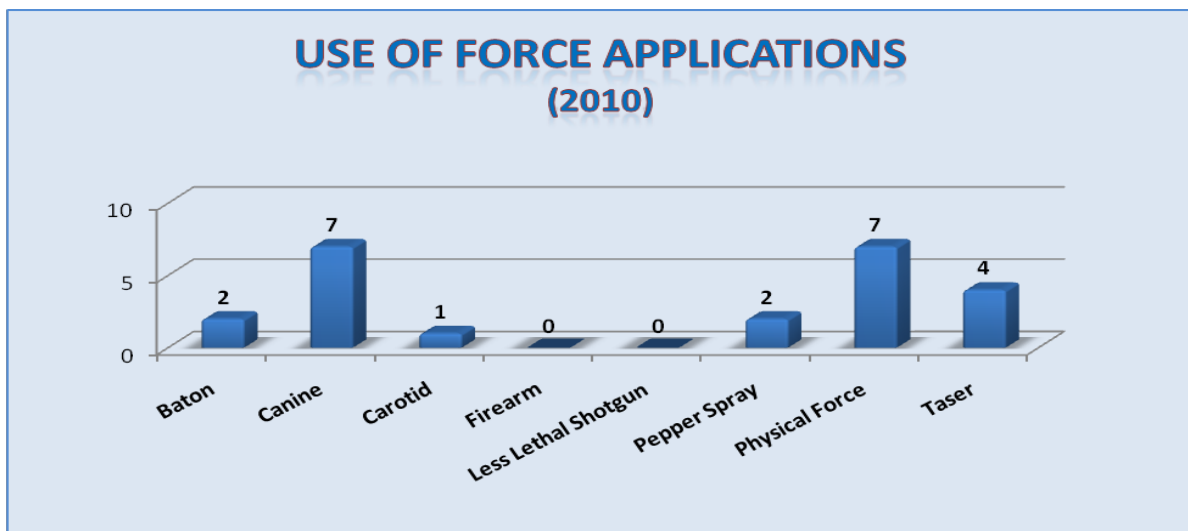
## USE OF FORCE ENCOUNTERS REQUIRING MULTIPLE TYPES OF FORCE

Often times when utilizing force Police Officers through necessity utilize multiple types of force in a single incident. This is consistent with training and practices across the nation. The necessity for utilizing multiple types of force in a single incident are often due to an ineffective initial use of force, changing environmental conditions, escalation of force by the suspect, etc. During 2010 the fourteen (14) incidents that required Use of Force resulted in the application of twenty three (23) Uses of Force. Below is a graph that provides a 5 year comparison of the Applied Use of Force. Consistent with the above reduction in Use of Force incidents there was a significant reduction in applications of force from the previous year 2009.



## USE OF FORCE APPLICATIONS

The following is a depiction of the types of force that were utilized by West Sacramento Police Officers during 2010. The West Sacramento Police Department tracks all Uses of Force from physical force resulting in injury to suspects up to and including use of a firearm. During 2010 the use of physical force was tied for the most often used force application with seven (7) applications. Physical force includes the use of departmental approved control holds, take downs, strikes, etc. The use of physical force is consistent with departmental training that encourages officers to use appropriate force to attempt to obtain compliance from suspects.



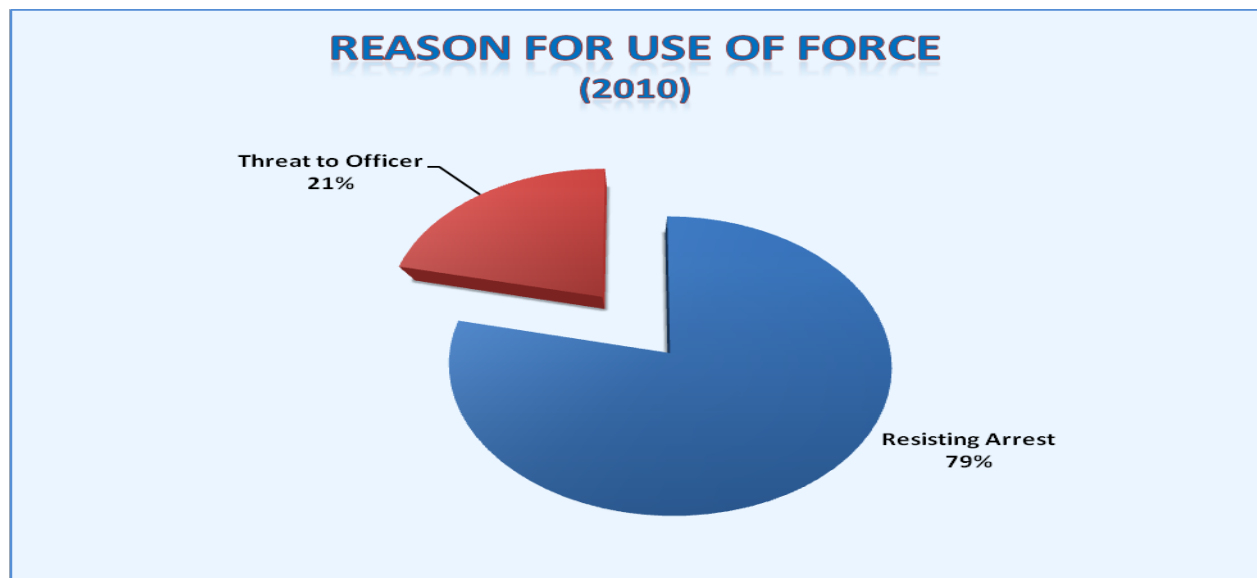
The use of the Police K-9 also had seven (7) applications during 2010. This is consistent with historical data showing that the Police K-9 is often utilized to safely apprehend wanted felony suspects who are attempting to flee or hide from the police. The use of the Police K-9 is the safest and most effective means of taking these dangerous suspects into custody.

In reviewing a 3 year comparison of Use of Force Applications there was the expected reduction in nearly all of the Use of Force Applications. There was however a significant reduction in both the use of the Taser and the Police K-9.

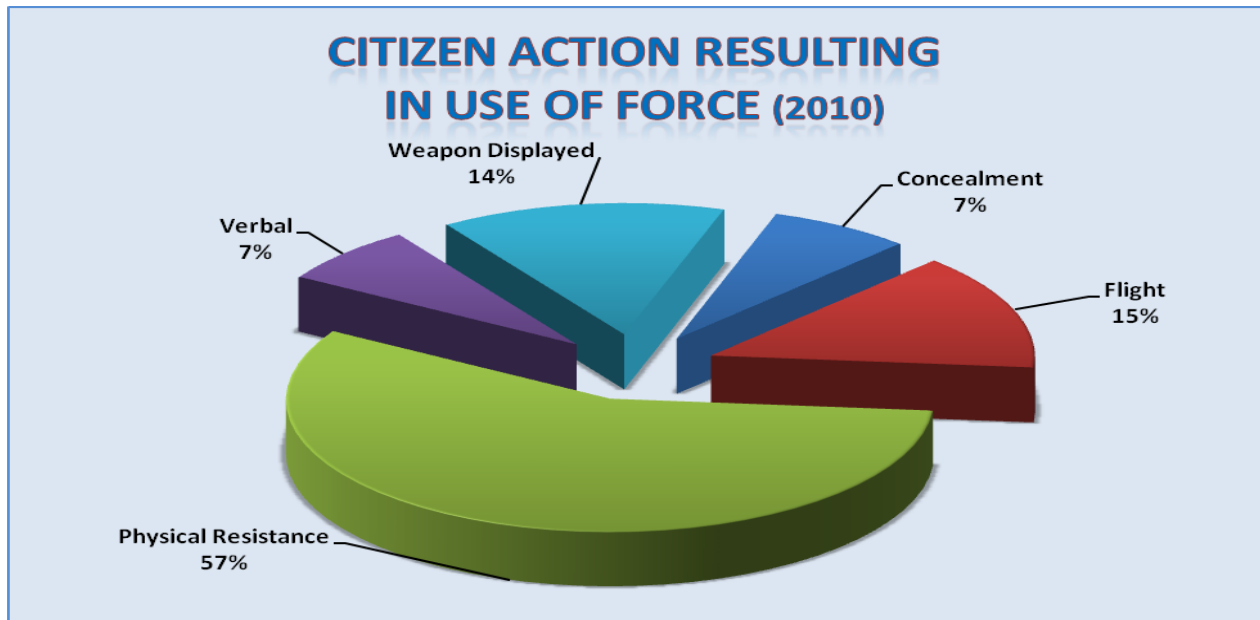
The reduction in the use of the Taser may be caused in part by recent California State Court rulings and training bulletins put out by Taser International. This court ruling elevated the use of the Taser on the Use of Force continuum and Taser International reduced the target area. The reduction in the use of the police K-9 is likely due in large part to the reduction of the K-9 unit from three police K-9's to two police K-9's

### **CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING USE OF FORCE**

The circumstances surrounding an incident that require West Sacramento Police Officers to utilize force are of particular concern not only for an administrative review process but also for internal training purposes. In 2010 West Sacramento Police Officers utilized force 79% of the time to overcome resistance of suspects being taken into custody. The remaining 21% of the time force was used on suspects who posed a threat to officers.



The specific actions of the suspects that resulted in the Use of Force were also examined. The overwhelming majority of the time (57%) suspects were physically resisting officers. This resistance resulted in the use of force by West Sacramento Police Officers to take the suspect into custody.

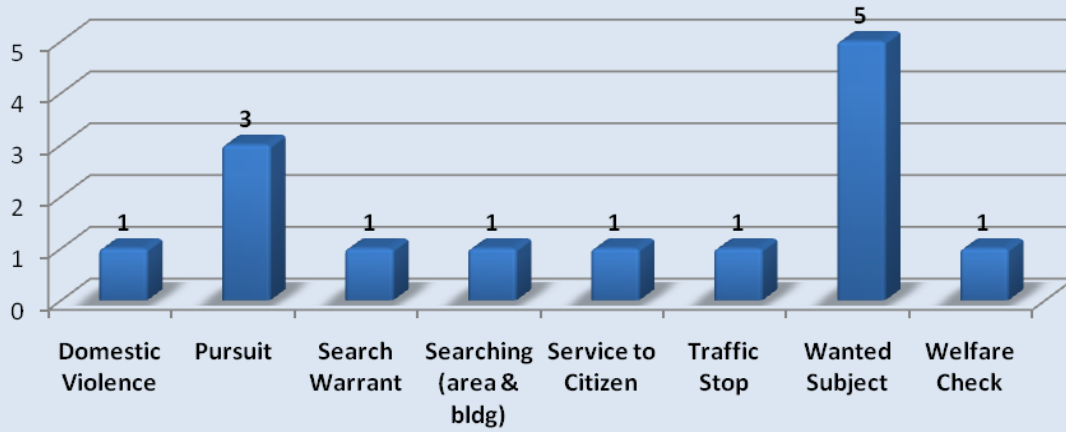


#### **SERVICE RENDERED AT THE TIME OF USE OF FORCE**

In an attempt to identify those duties that are likely to result in West Sacramento Police Officers using force, a review was conducted to identify those activities that were the most likely to result in a police use of force. Consistent with prior years as well as national trends, the greatest likelihood for a police use of force involved attempting to take wanted subjects into custody (5 incidents). Incidents involving wanted subjects are most often subjects wanted for felony crimes (often crimes of violence). These individuals are often aware they are wanted by the police and it is not uncommon for them to resist by fleeing or physically resisting the police.

The second most common service requiring the police use of force were police pursuits (3 incidents). This is also consistent with prior years as well as national trends showing that police pursuits often end with the necessity for police use of force. Suspects who have initiated a police pursuit are already actively resisting the police and commonly either flee on foot or physically resist arrest when the pursuit is concluded.

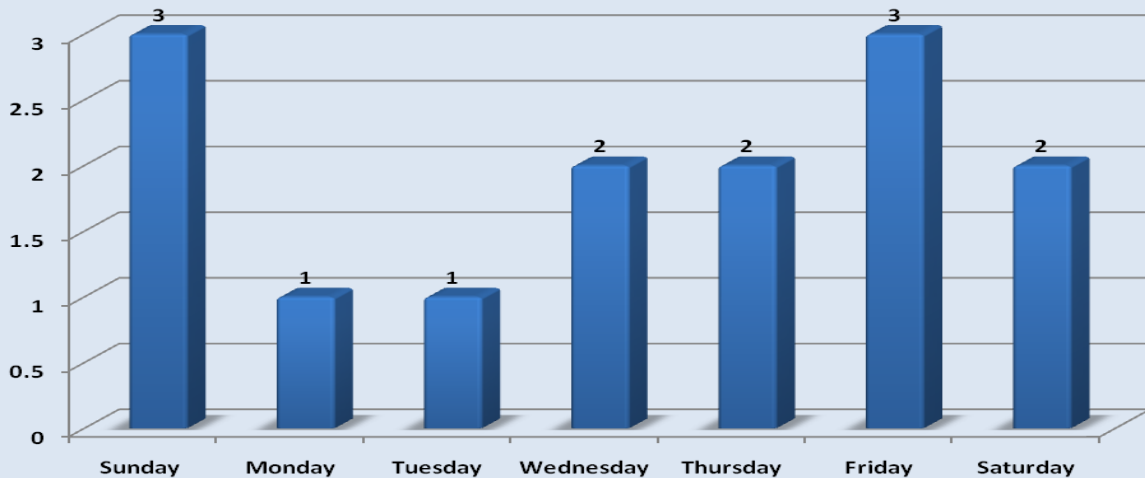
## SERVICE RENDERED DURING USE OF FORCE (2010)



### TIME AND DAY OF THE WEEK

A review was conducted to examine the most common time and day of the week in which officers utilized force. This analysis can assist with allocation of departmental resources and for training purposes.

## DAY OF THE WEEK (2010)



**Analysis:**

In summary, the collected information indicates that we had fourteen (14) total uses of force incidents out of 57,936 calls for police service for calendar year 2010. Comparatively, in 2009 there were twenty nine (29) total reported uses of force incidents out of 51,615 calls for police service. In 2009 there were 2,257 adults arrested, while in 2010 there were 2,187 adults arrested. This was a 3% decrease in arrests based on the 2 year comparison. During that same 2 year period there was a drastic reduction in the Use of Force with a 52% reduction between 2009 and 2010.

**Conclusion:**

A review of the above data and statistics derived from files maintained by Professional Standards indicates that the West Sacramento Police Department is exercising force within constitutional and policy guidelines. There were no complaints of excessive force filed against West Sacramento Police Officers in 2010. No training or policy deficiencies were identified. It is recommended that the Use of Force training currently being utilized be continued with updates as necessary.

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