



# FOREST GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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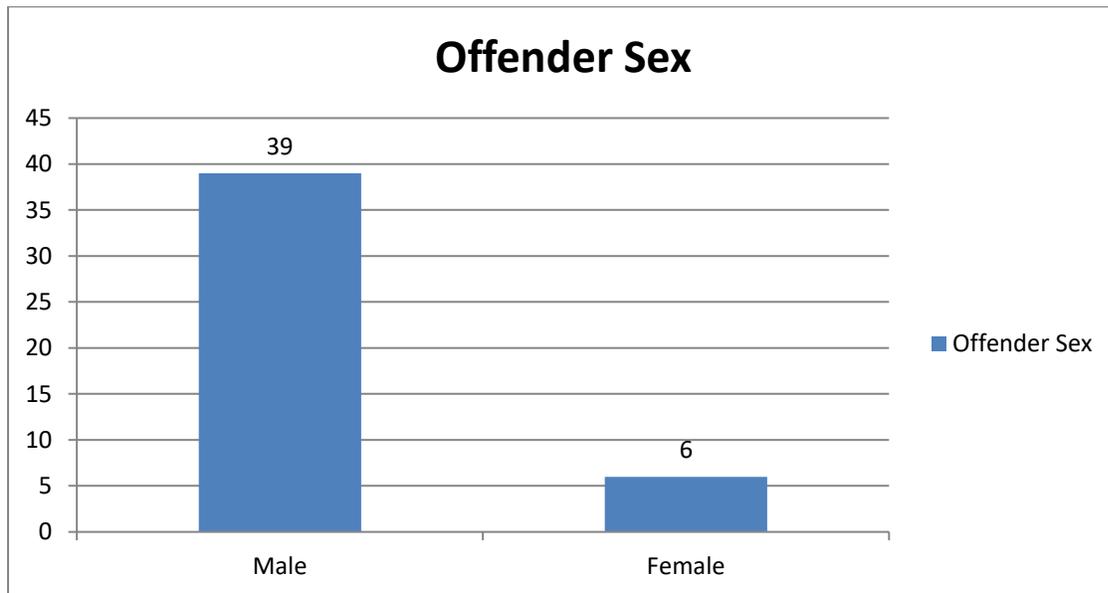
## 2021 Forest Grove Police Department Use of Force Report

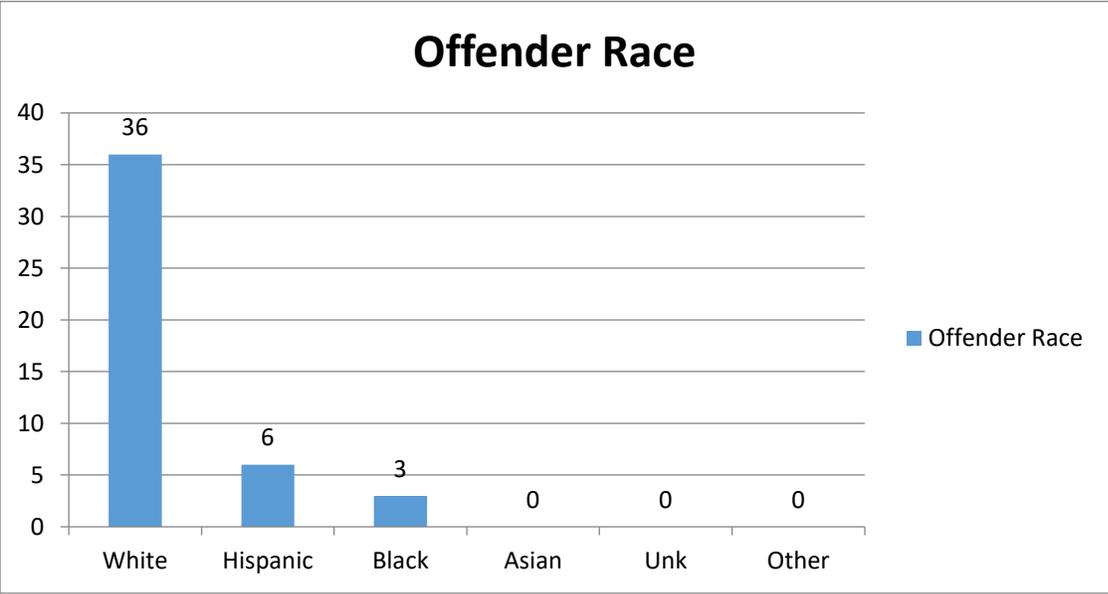
The Forest Grove Police Department operates under Federal and State laws as well as Department Policy that is modeled after the aforementioned laws. Each year the department compiles all use of force information to track trends, modify training or assist in the updating of policies.

By policy an officer is required to complete a Use of Force report each time they display a weapon, use a weapon or use physical force against a person. If more than one officer uses force on a person during an incident, each involved officer will complete a Use of Force report. The report will include the justification for the use of force, what force was used and whether it was effective or not. The report also documents race, gender, age, physical characteristics of the person, as well as any resulting injuries to the officer or citizen.

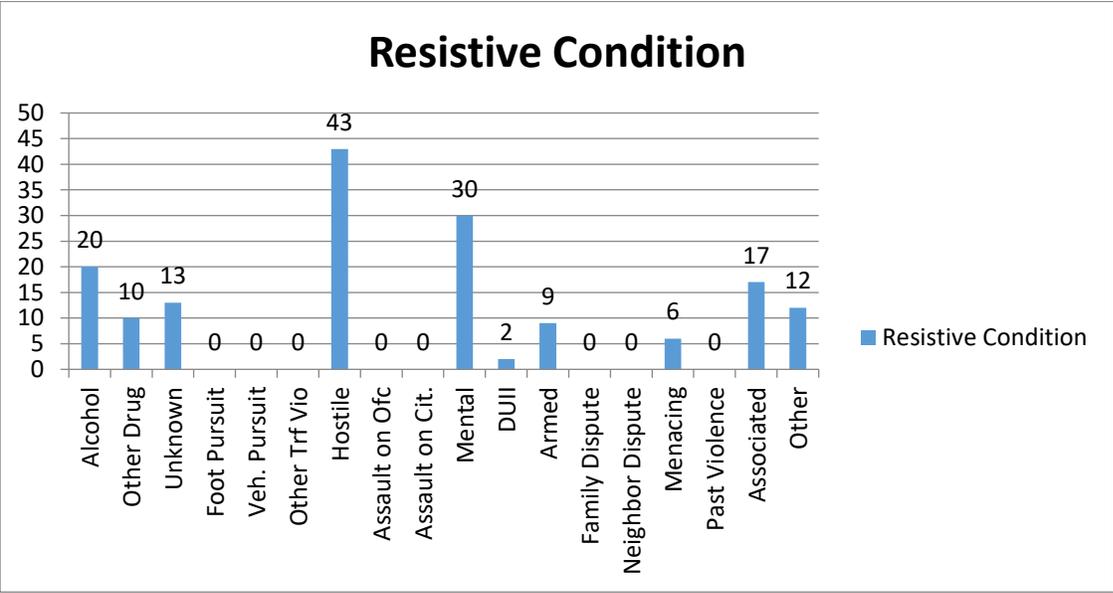
The report is reviewed by a supervisor prior to the end of the officer's shift for compliance with statute and policy. The report is later forwarded to a Use of Force Instructor to review for statute and policy compliance as well as any potential training issues that we may learn from. The report is then reviewed by the Operations Division Commander who can agree or disagree with the findings of the supervisor and/or Use of Force Instructor. Lastly, the report is approved by the Chief of Police. The data from these reports is tracked throughout the year and the annual report is derived from that data.

In 2021 the Forest Grove Police Department had over 26,308 citizen contacts and used force against 45 people. 92 Use of Force reports were completed for these 45 incidents.

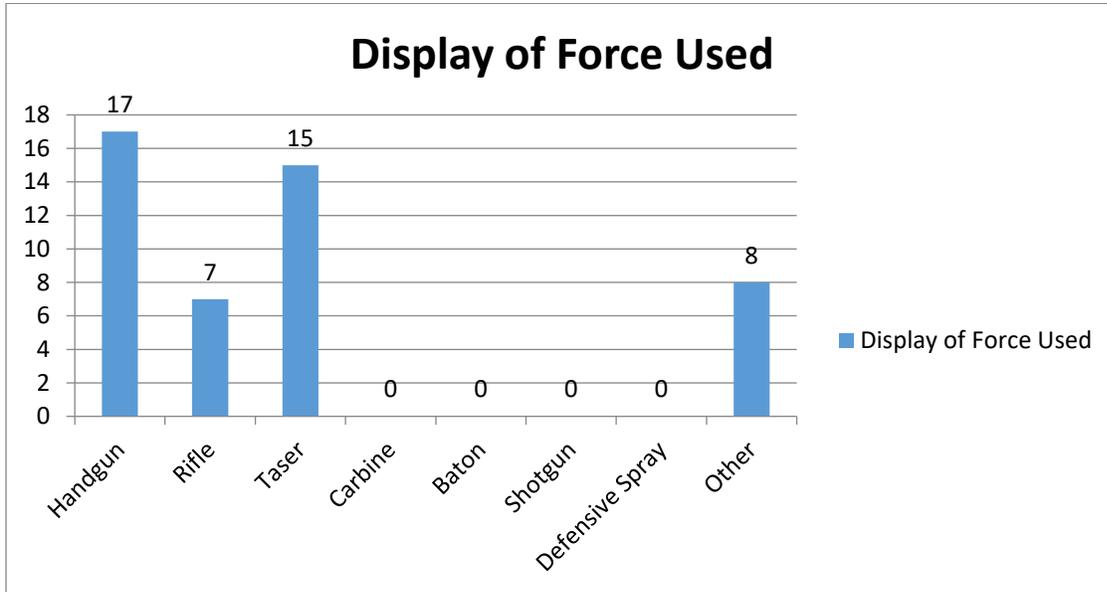




The average age of people who officers used force against was 32 years of age, while the average height and weight was approximately 5'8" and 175 Lbs. The largest driver of force used against people, noted by officers, was hostility towards officers followed closely by behavioral health issues. These were further followed by alcohol. Please note, there can be multiple resistive conditions per subject.



Throughout 2021 officers displayed weapons ranging from chemical spray to a patrol rifle 45 times and used some form of forceful physical contact 59 times. In 2021, no Forest Groves Officers fired their firearms and while Tasers were displayed 15 times, officers actually deployed them 4 times.



In 2021 the peak month for officer use of force was a tie between February and July while the peak day was Thursday. The most common hours for use of force was between 11:00pm and 12:00pm.