

# Phoenix Police Department

Tactical Review Committee

Year in Review

**2017**



**Police Chief Jeri L. Williams**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*To Serve, protect and reduce crime in Phoenix while treating everyone with dignity and respect.*

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## *A Message from Police Chief Jeri L. Williams*

The City of Phoenix Police Department has a long-standing tradition as one of the most progressive law enforcement agencies in the United States. One of the many avenues where we have excelled is exposing our officers to rigorous training.

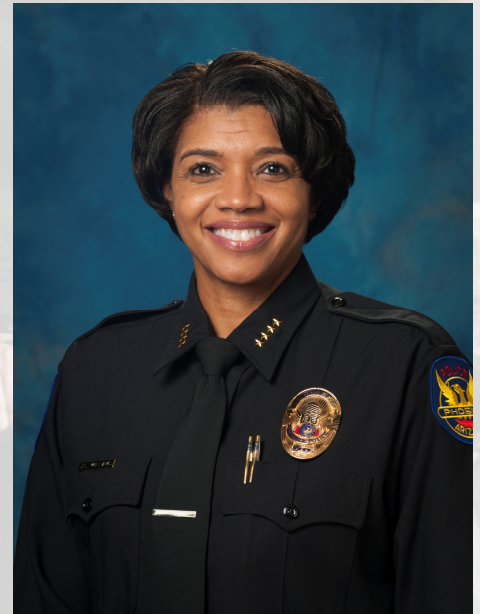
Part of this training component resides with the Tactical Review Committee (TRC). Unfortunately, at times, there are incidents we respond to that are so violent and dangerous that although de-escalation is our first choice, a situation dictates the use of deadly force.

With this in mind, the TRC reviews all critical incidents in the City of Phoenix, and is able to create or modify training immediately to match the trends our officers are experiencing during these encounters.

In reviewing these incidents to find current trends, the TRC also examines these events looking for best practices and shortcomings that can be addressed through individualized training for officers involved in the specific incident or that can be implemented from a Department-wide standpoint.

By doing so, the Phoenix Police Department demonstrates its desire to have the best trained law enforcement agency in the nation to ensure that we provide our best service to the citizens of Phoenix.

Jeri L. Williams, Police Chief  
Phoenix Police Department



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## **Current Trends**

The main priority of the Tactical Review Committee and the Year in Review Report is to identify trends and patterns observed in the field during Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS) and allowing those identified trends and patterns to assist in the evolution of our departmental training and development.

An OIS is defined as a Phoenix Police officers' use of force with a handgun, shotgun, or rifle, where the firearm discharge was intentional, excluding discharges at animals and objects.

From January 1st through December 31st, 2017, sworn personnel from the Phoenix Police Department were involved in twenty-one (21) Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) incidents. From a statistical perspective, the following information was found to be of interest for topical training points:

### **Personnel Trends**

- While there were twenty-one (21) OIS incidents during 2017, there were a total of twenty-nine (29) officers who discharged their firearms during these incidents.
- Of the twenty-nine (29) officers, fourteen (14) or 48% were assigned to patrol, nine (9) or 31% were assigned to the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) and six (6) or 21% were assigned to a Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET).
- The median tenure of officers' involved in an OIS has dropped significantly from 16.67 years of service in 2015 to 12.22 years of service in 2017.

### **Deployment Trends**

- Of the twenty-nine (29) involved officers', eighteen (18) or 62.1% engaged in the OIS with a handgun, while eleven (11) or 37.9% engaged with a rifle.
- Ten (10) or 55.6% of the eighteen (18) handgun deployments were within zero (0) to twenty-one (21) feet.
- Five (5) or 45.5% of the eleven (11) rifle deployments were within ten (10) to twenty-one (21) feet.

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### Subject Trends

- Of the twenty-one (21) OIS incidents, eighteen (18) or 85.7% involved subjects with real or simulated weapons, while three (3) or 14.3% involved subjects that were utilizing vehicles the officers perceived as a threat.
- The largest contributing factors to the OIS incidents were seventeen (17) aggravated assaults/homicides, six (6) traffic stops, while impairment (drugs, alcohol, etc.) and mental health issues were split at five (5) a piece. (\*\*Note that some of the OIS incidents had more than one (1) contributing factor.)
- Fourteen (14) or 66.7% of the subjects involved with Phoenix Police officers in an OIS received fatal wounds, four (4) or 19.0% received severe to minor injuries and three (3) or 14.3% received no injuries.

### Incident Trends

- Wednesday's held the highest day of OIS incidents with six (6).
- Fourteen (14) or 66.7% of the incidents occurred during second shift hours denoted as the hours between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- In 2017, OIS incidents occurred in Mountain View Precinct seven (7) or 33.3% of the time.
- Twelve (12) or 57% of the twenty-one (21) OIS incidents, Phoenix Police officers responded to were driven by a call for service, of which six (6) were for priority 1 radio calls and six (6) were for priority 2 radio calls.
- Of the twelve (12) radio calls that ended in an OIS, four (4) or 33% were domestic violence-related.
- Ten (10) or 47.6% of the twenty-one (21) total incidents occurred within zero (0) to five (5) minutes of the officers arriving on scene.
- Nine (9) or 43% of the twenty-one (21) incidents occurred in one (1) minute or less of officers having contact with the subject and sixteen (16) or 76.2% of the twenty-one (21) incidents occurred within zero (0) to ten (10) minutes of officers having contact with the subject.

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## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Additional information was gathered during Tactical Review Sub-Committee Meetings and Incident Debriefings with involved officers. The following are significant trends identified during the twenty-one (21) OIS incidents in 2017 and how those trends are or have been addressed in departmental training:

- As denoted in the 2017 Mid-Year Report, involved officers were requesting more high stress reality-based squad level training, a trend which continued through the year. This type of training is specifically justified due to the time constraints as noted in the trend analysis, where the majority of officers are becoming engaged in shootings with subjects within zero (0) to ten (10) minutes of contact. Modifications were made upon learning this information to scenario-based decision making training that was being taught in the 2017-2018 in-service module, as well as new courses that are being created.
- In addition to the changes that were modified for the 2017-2018 in-service module, this need for more advanced-level squad-based training has also brought an evolution to the way in which the Phoenix Police Department will conduct in-service training moving forward. Beginning in 2019, the Patrol Division will now be receiving forty (40) hours annually of proficiency training, which will include quarterly squad-based training, in which information and trends gathered from the TRC review can immediately be placed into relevant training scenarios.
- Officers continue to deal with occupied vehicles, which become threats to them as the vehicles are driven towards them. This trend, which was initially highlighted in the 2017 Mid-Year report was address through a training video (The Tactical Advantage) that was distributed department-wide, addressing how to deal with occupied vehicles, safe body placement when dealing with subject/s in these vehicles, as well as how to tactically box stationary vehicles in place to gain an advantage and stop the vehicle from being able to egress, if the situation is warranted. Since this training went out, a significant drop in these incidents was witnessed.
- Equipment issues were also identified with the Chevy Tahoe and the auto-locking function of the passenger doors. The issue was taken up with Fleet Management and any Tahoe where this function was able to be disengaged has occurred. An additional training notification also went out department-wide to help officers with this issue. There have been no reported issues since this was addressed.

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- **In response to the information gleaned through the 2017 Mid-Year report, the Tactical Training Detail (TTD) assigned to the Training Bureau created a fall catalog to provide additional advanced training courses to address some of the trends that the TRC was finding to include addressing vehicles, open area engagements, surveillance techniques and tactics, to list a few. The new courses were opened to the department and ninety-six (96) percent of the available seats were filled to capacity of the fourteen (14) courses offered. Attendance for the catalog classes totaled two hundred and six (206) additional officers, who received advanced in-service training. This does not include the eight (8) additional sessions that were created, per the requests of various supervisors, for private squad-based training, incorporating these same catalog courses.**
- **The TRC continues to examine the relationship between communications between responding officers, supervisors, and radio, as well as supervisory training (tactical pre-planning). Ensuring that pertinent information is being communicated to all involved employees during any critical incidents is of utmost importance. The Training Bureau continues to address this through in-service training scenario-based decision making to help personnel understand the importance of communicating while dealing with elevated stress levels and compressed time frames for decision making.**
- **In addition to the continued training that focuses on de-escalation, less-than-lethal strategies and working with subjects with mental health issues, the department is currently looking to update its use of force policy to define these strategies further. The use of any de-escalation and less-than-lethal strategy/technique is meant to resolve the incident as peacefully as possible with the importance being placed on the preservation of life. While these strategies have been employed by the Phoenix Police Department for decades, the TRC has identified the need to update policy based on the contemporary law enforcement needs of the citizens of the City of Phoenix.**

**The Training Bureau continues to look for ways to enhance the training and development of all Phoenix Police Department personnel. In 2018, based off of information gleaned by the TRC, an additional twenty-six (26) tactical/proficiency-based courses were being offered in the Spring Training catalog, as well as supervisory training, which will be put into place during the second-quarter of 2018. It is the Phoenix Police Department's commitment to ensuring that we have the best trained police department in the United States, while providing the best quality of service to the City of Phoenix and its residents.**

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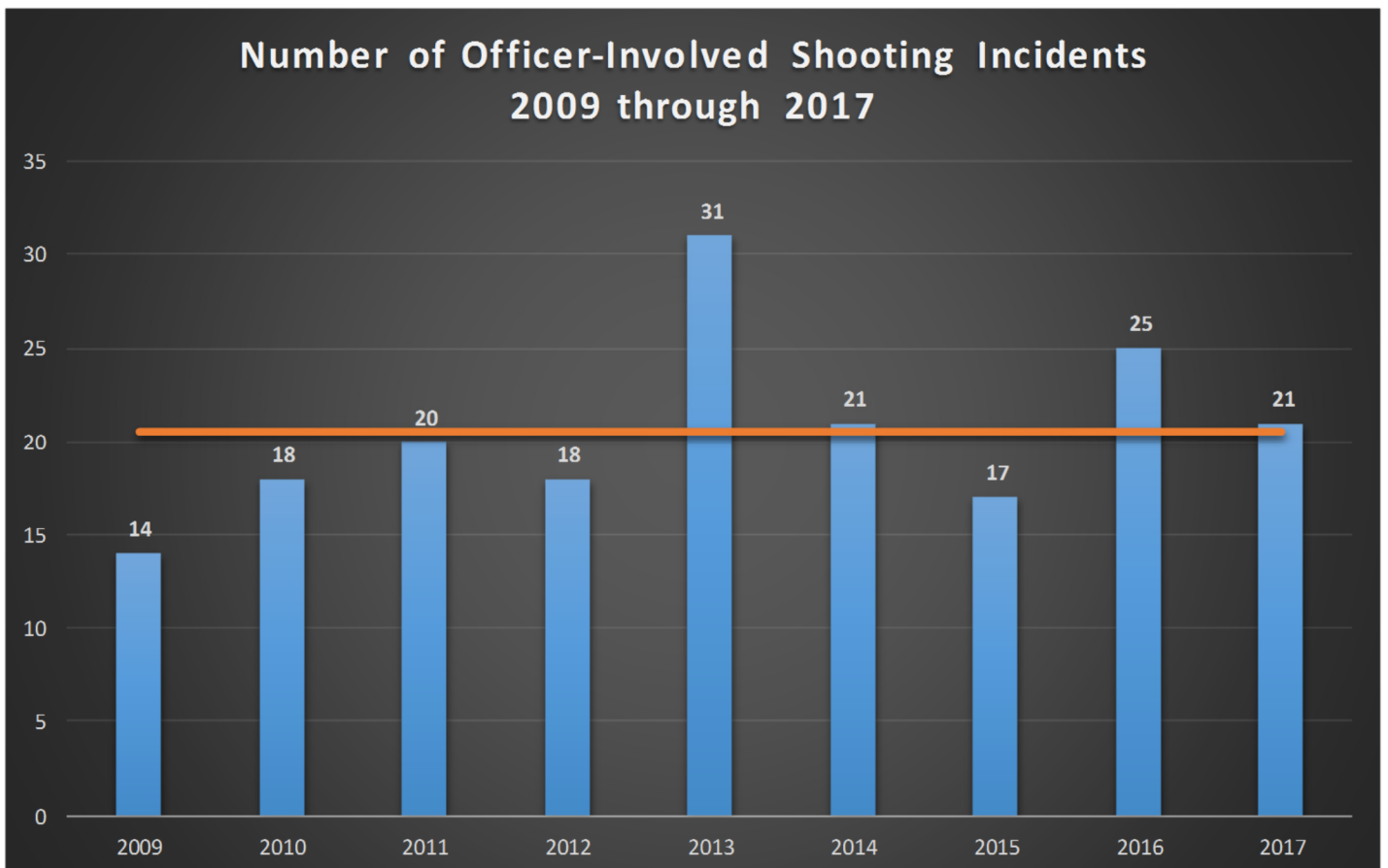
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### STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

During the calendar year of 2017 (January 1st-December 31st), police officers from the Phoenix Police Department were involved in twenty-one (21) critical incidents involving the use of deadly force, known as Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS).

The data and analysis found in the following statistical snapshot stems from the combined effort of members from the Professional Standards Bureau, Crime Analysis and Research Unit (CARU) and the Training Bureau.

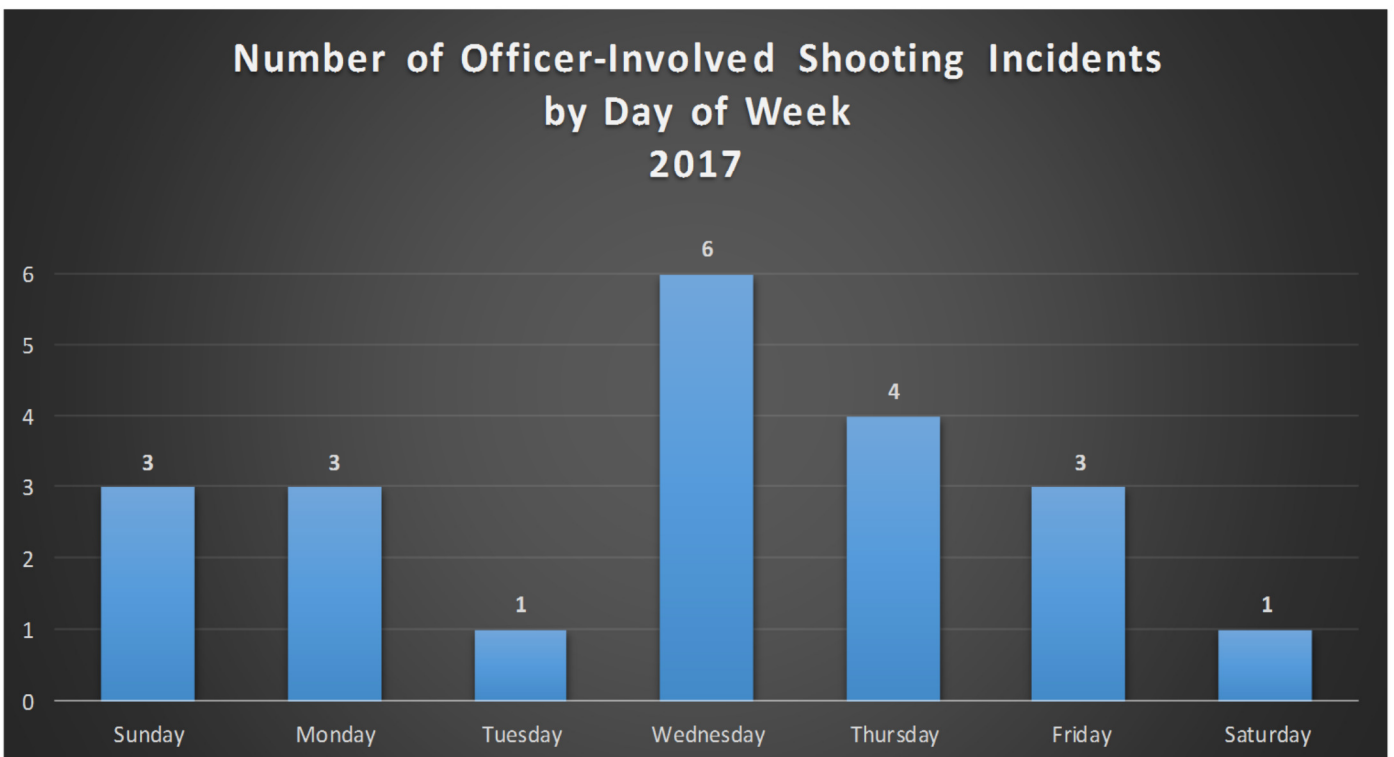
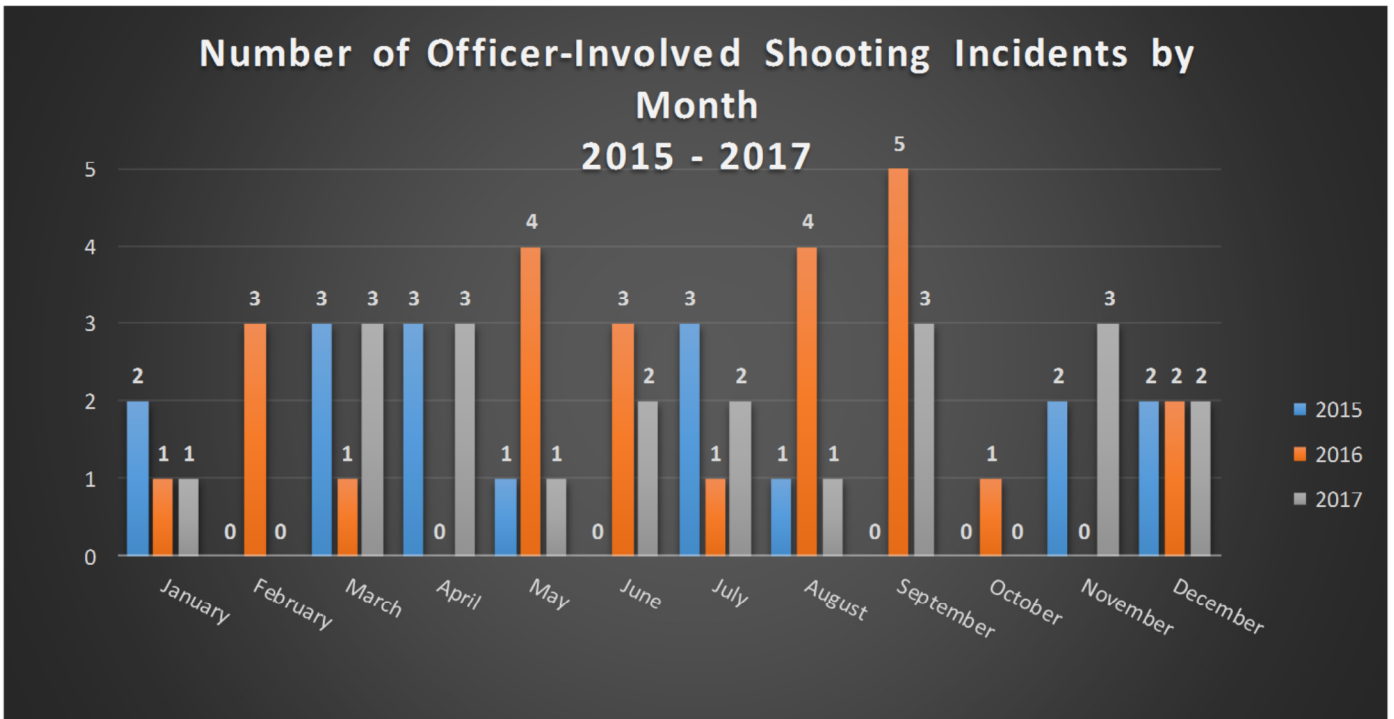
#### General Incident-Based Statistics





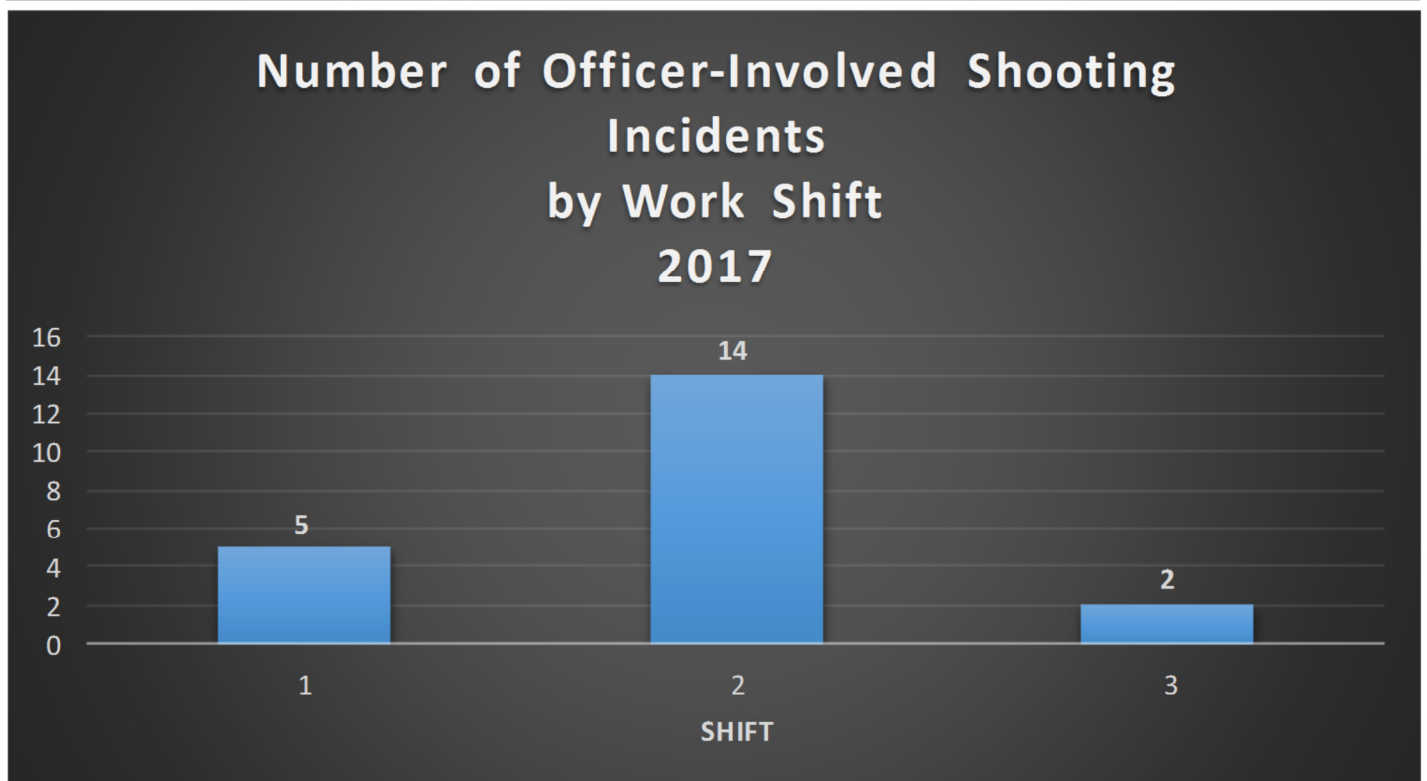
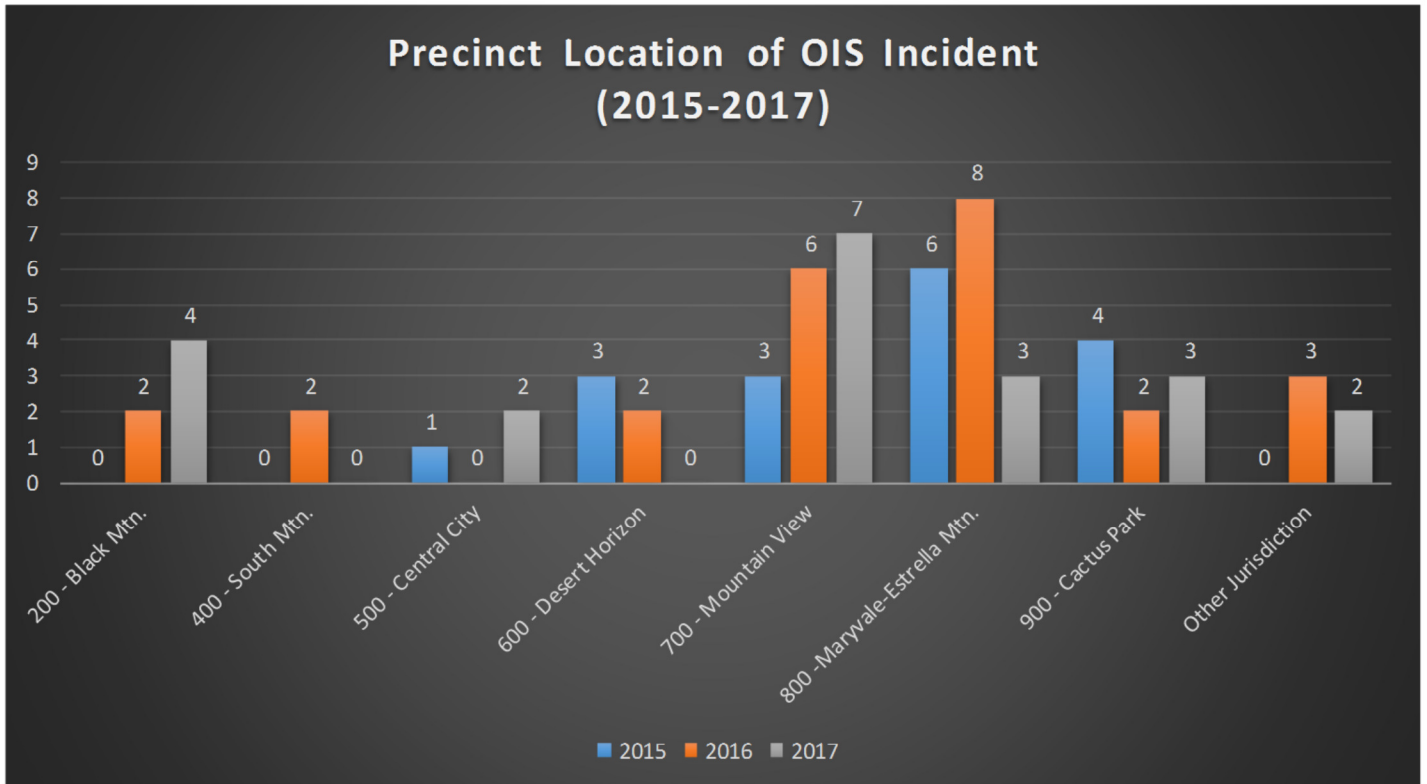
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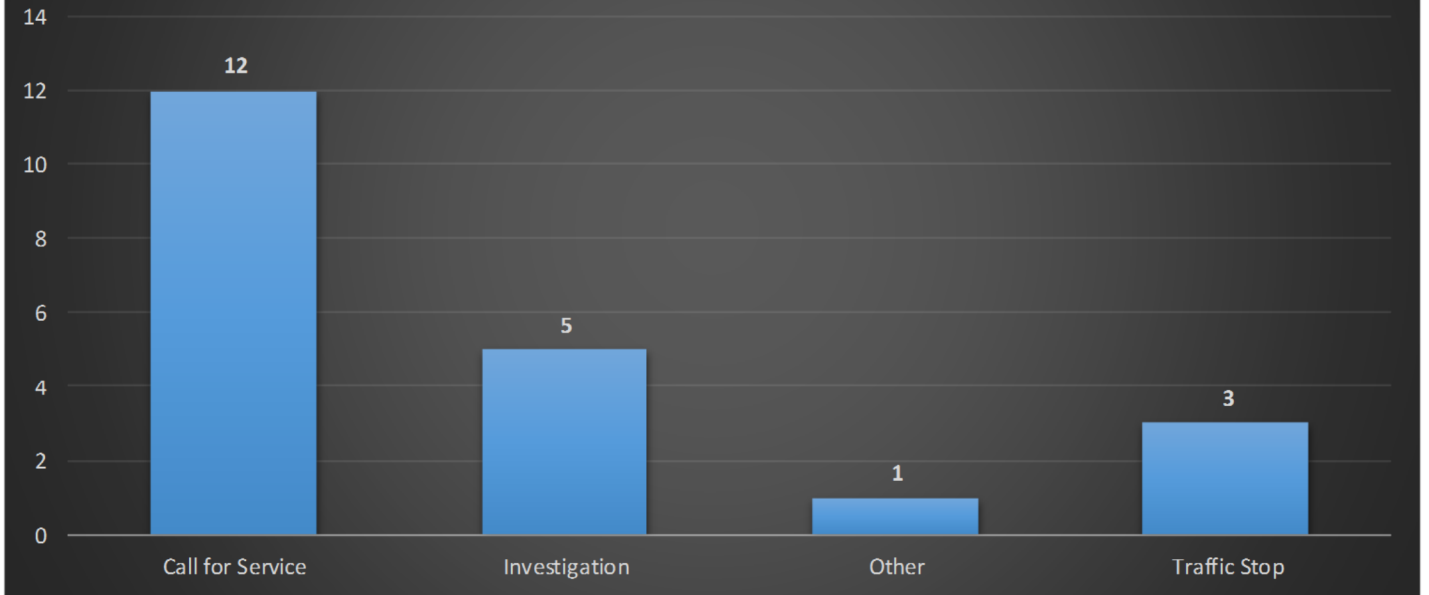
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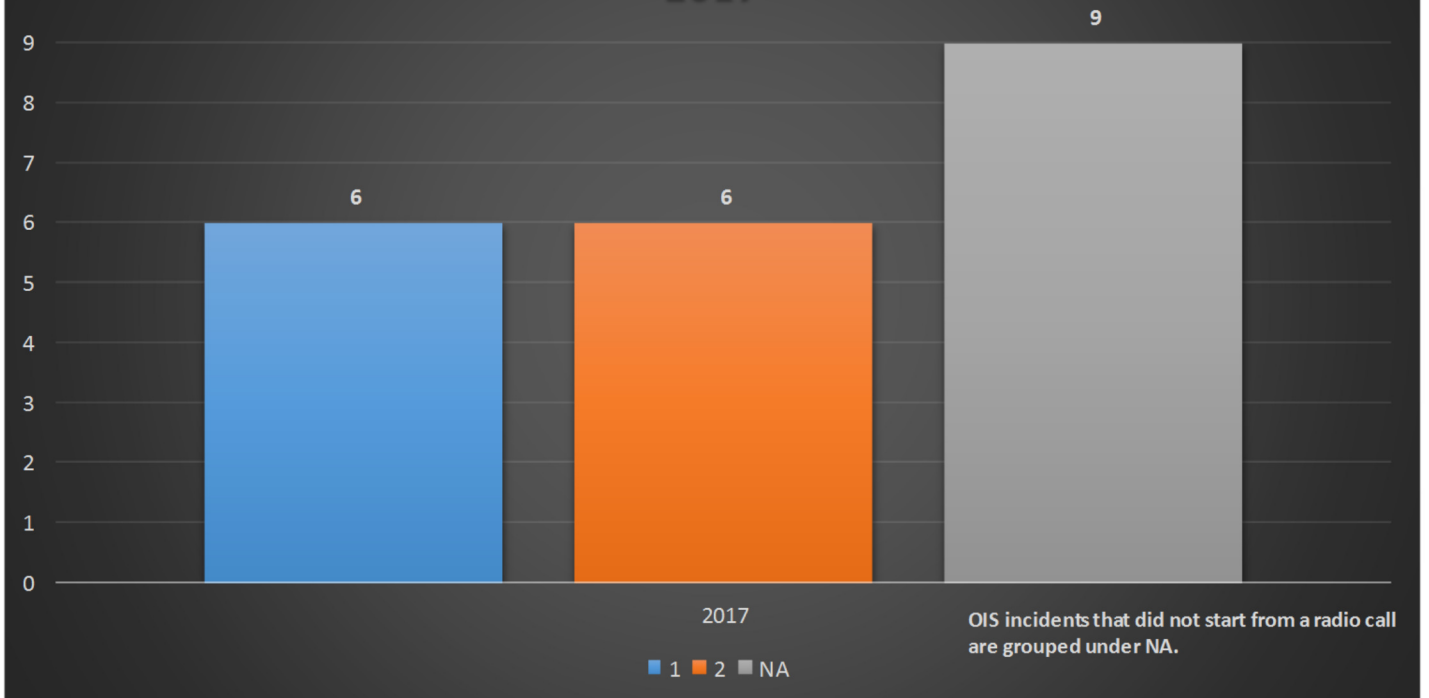
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### Initial Contacts that Preceded OIS Incident 2017



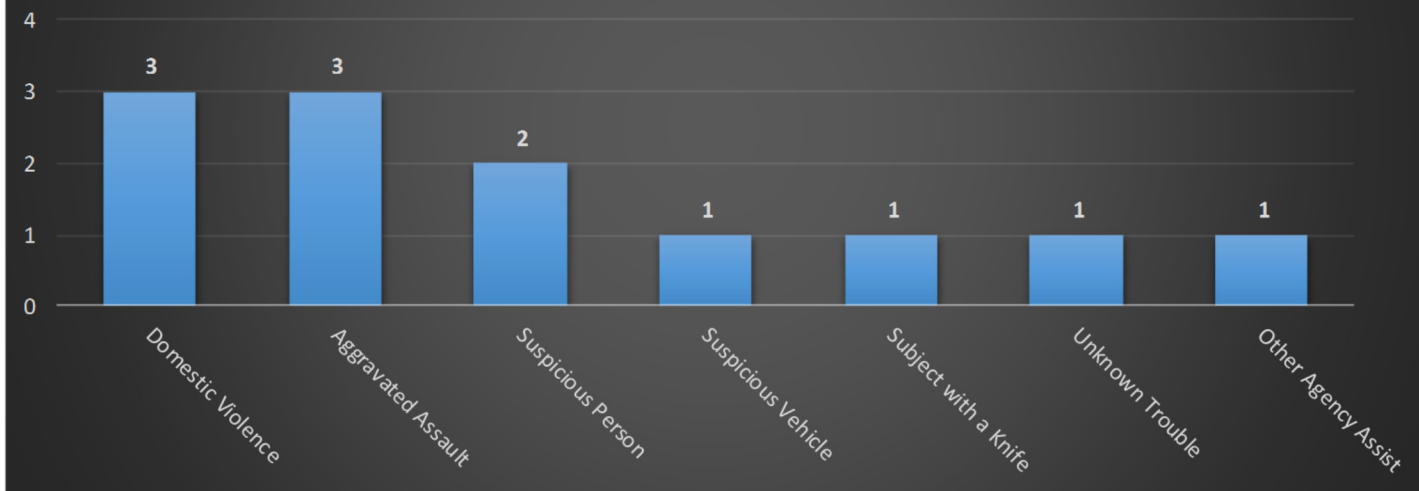
### Priority of Initial Radio Call 2017



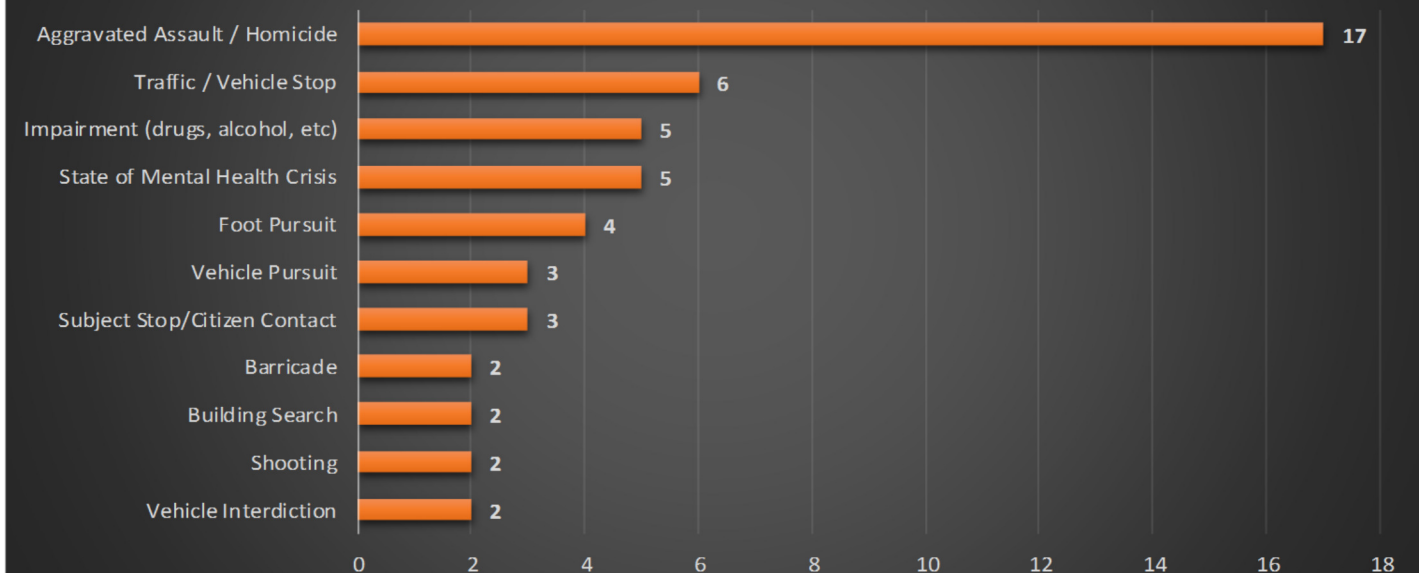
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Initial Call Type for OIS Incidents  
that Originated from a Call for Service  
2017



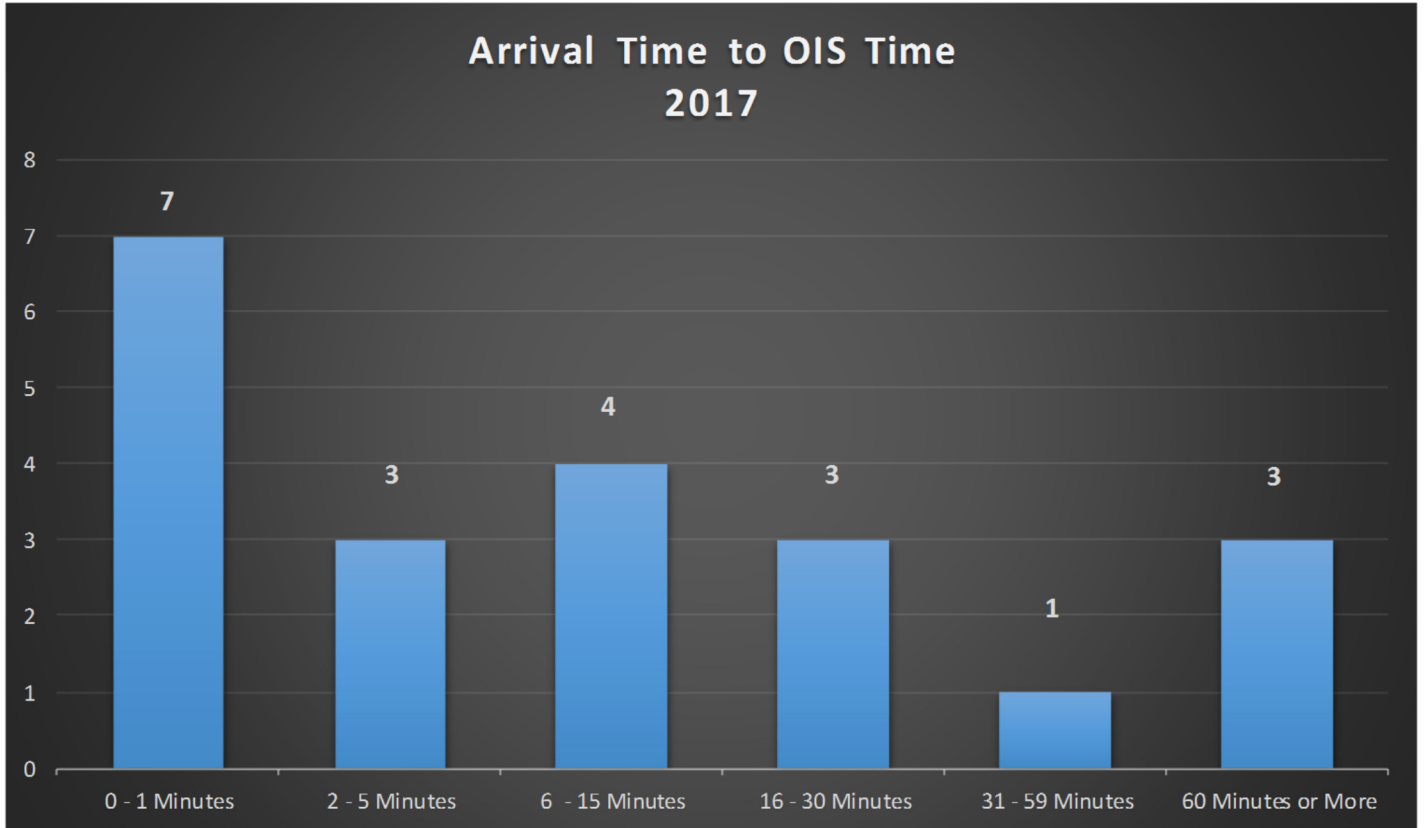
Factors Contributing to the OIS Incident  
2017



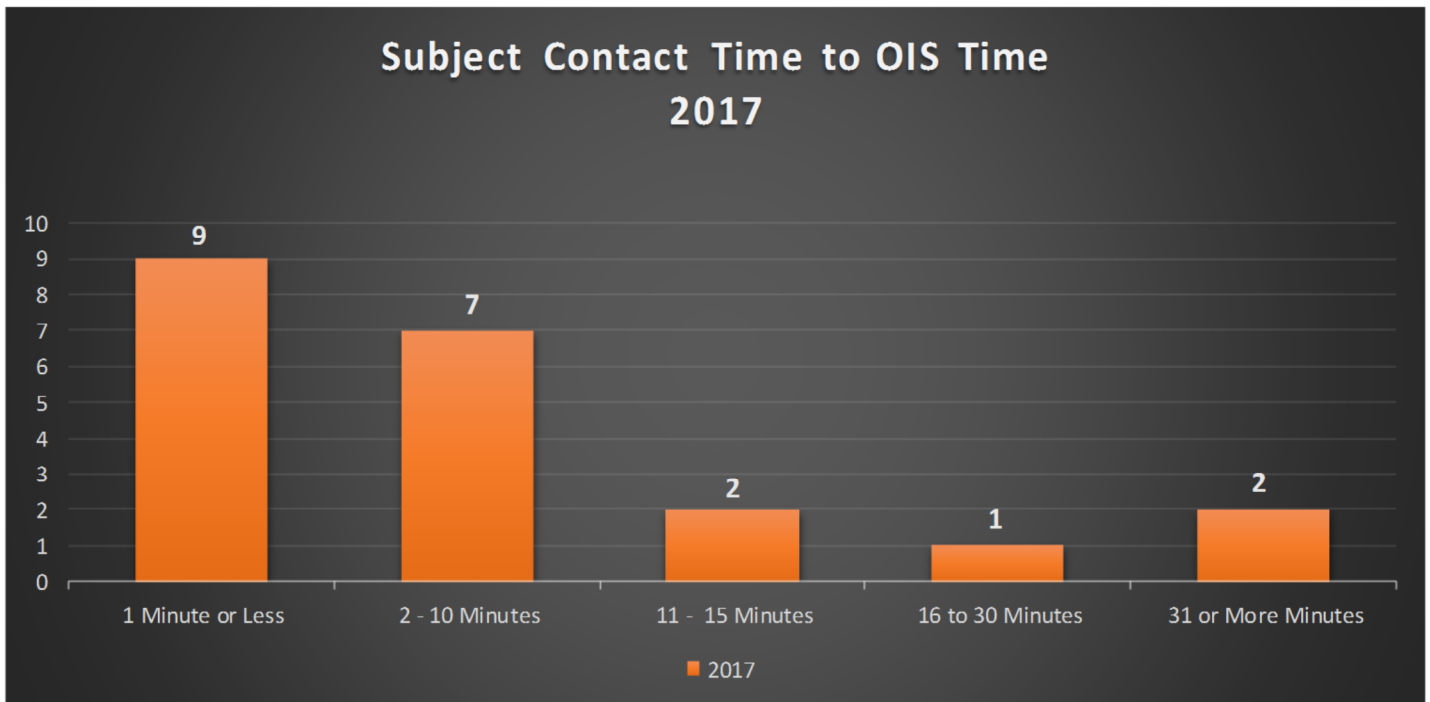
There can be more than one contributing factor per incident, therefore the count of contributing factors will exceed the number of incidents in the time period.

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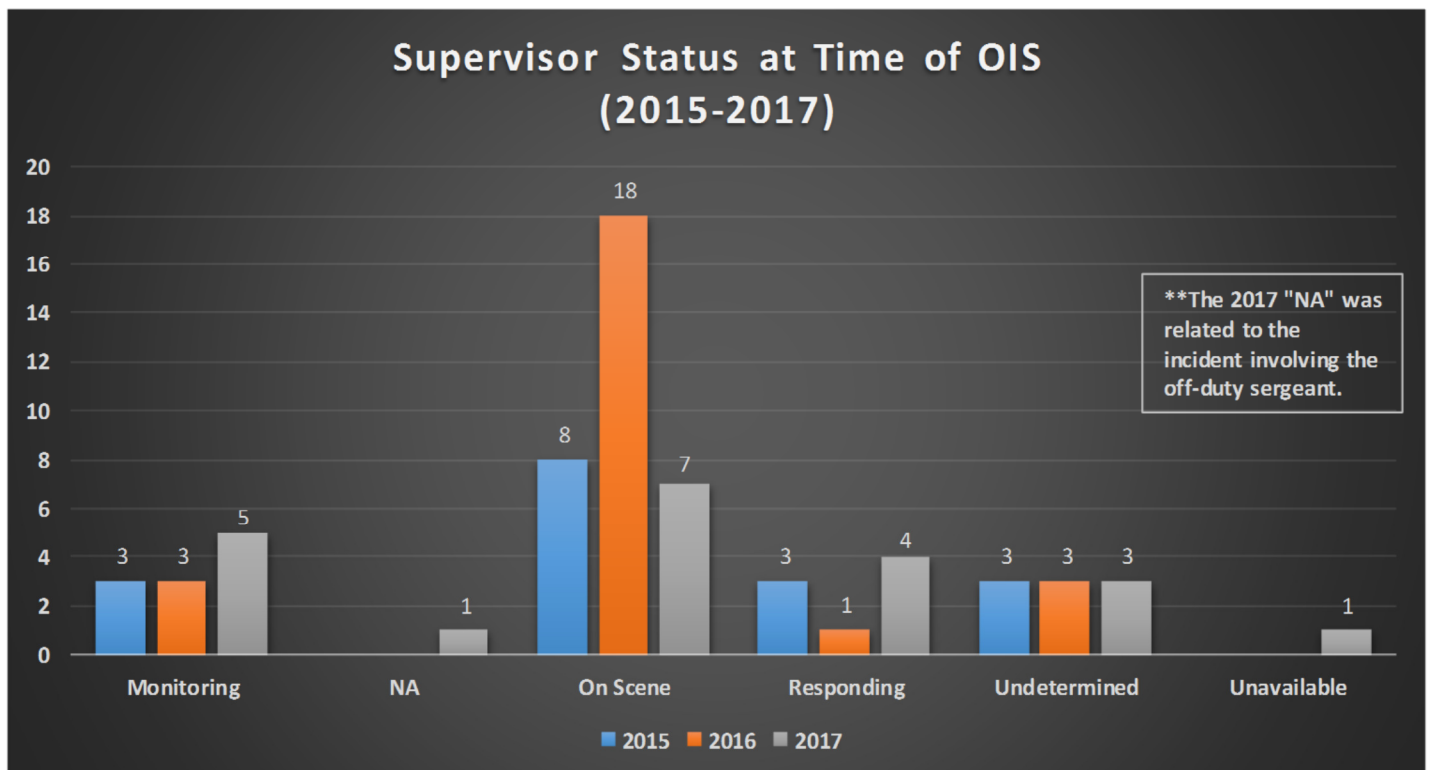
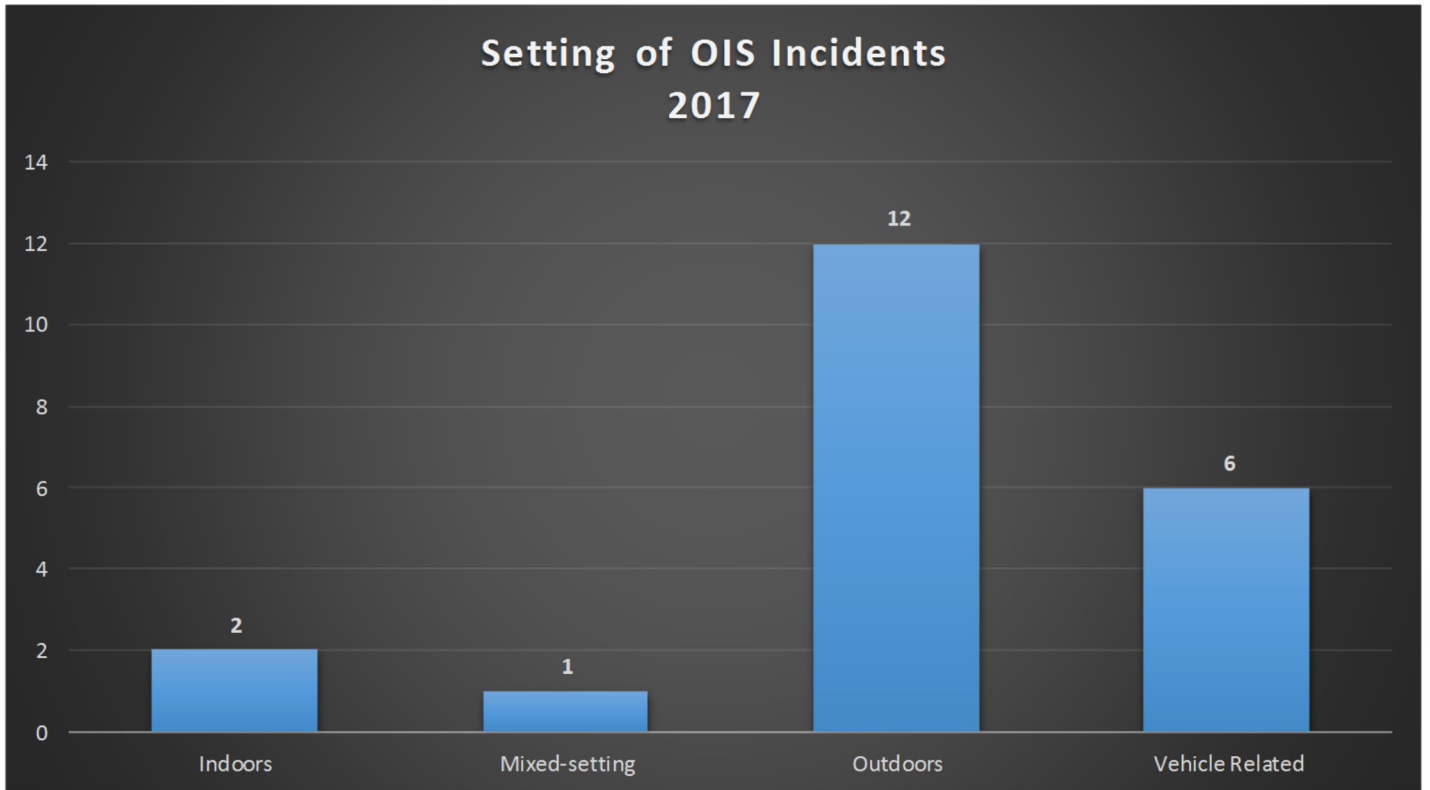
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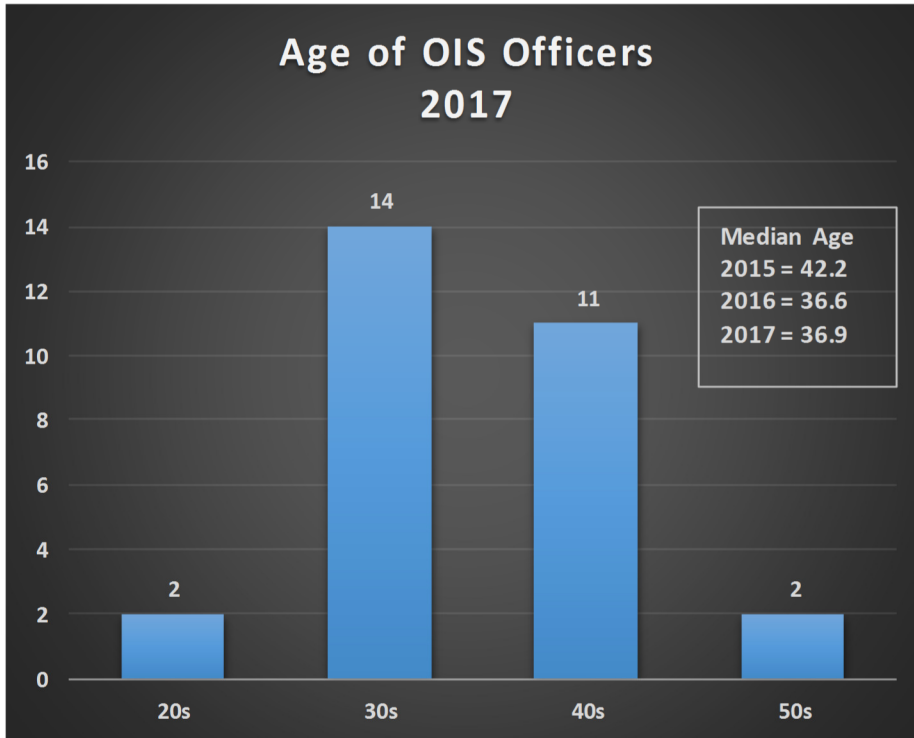
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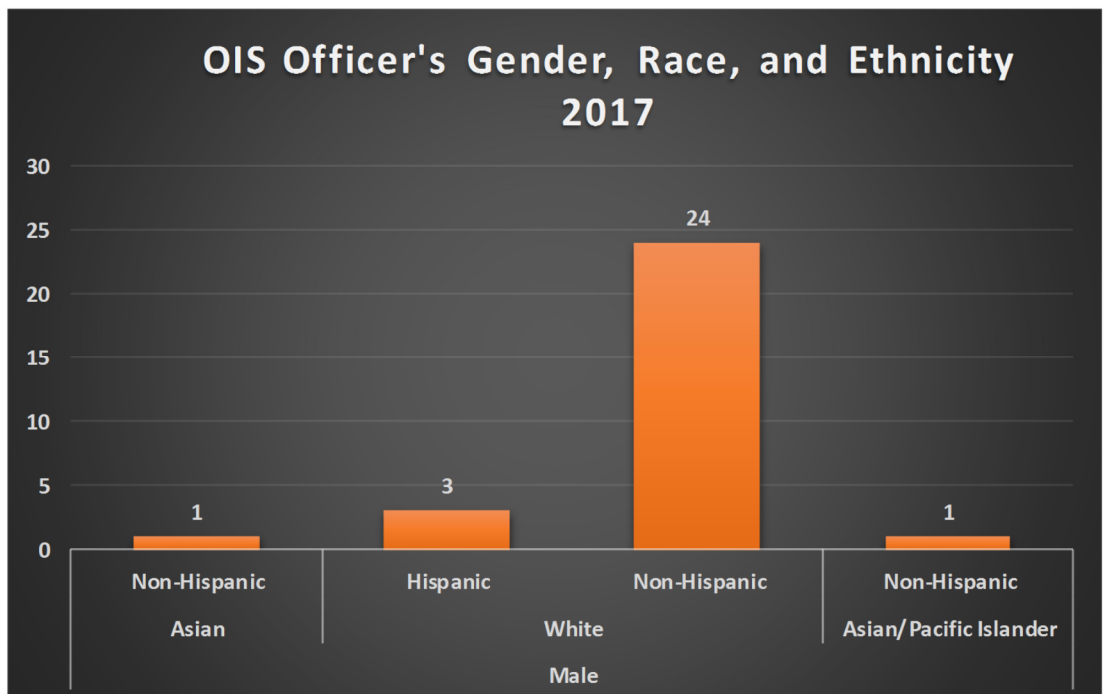
### Specific Officer-Involved Statistics



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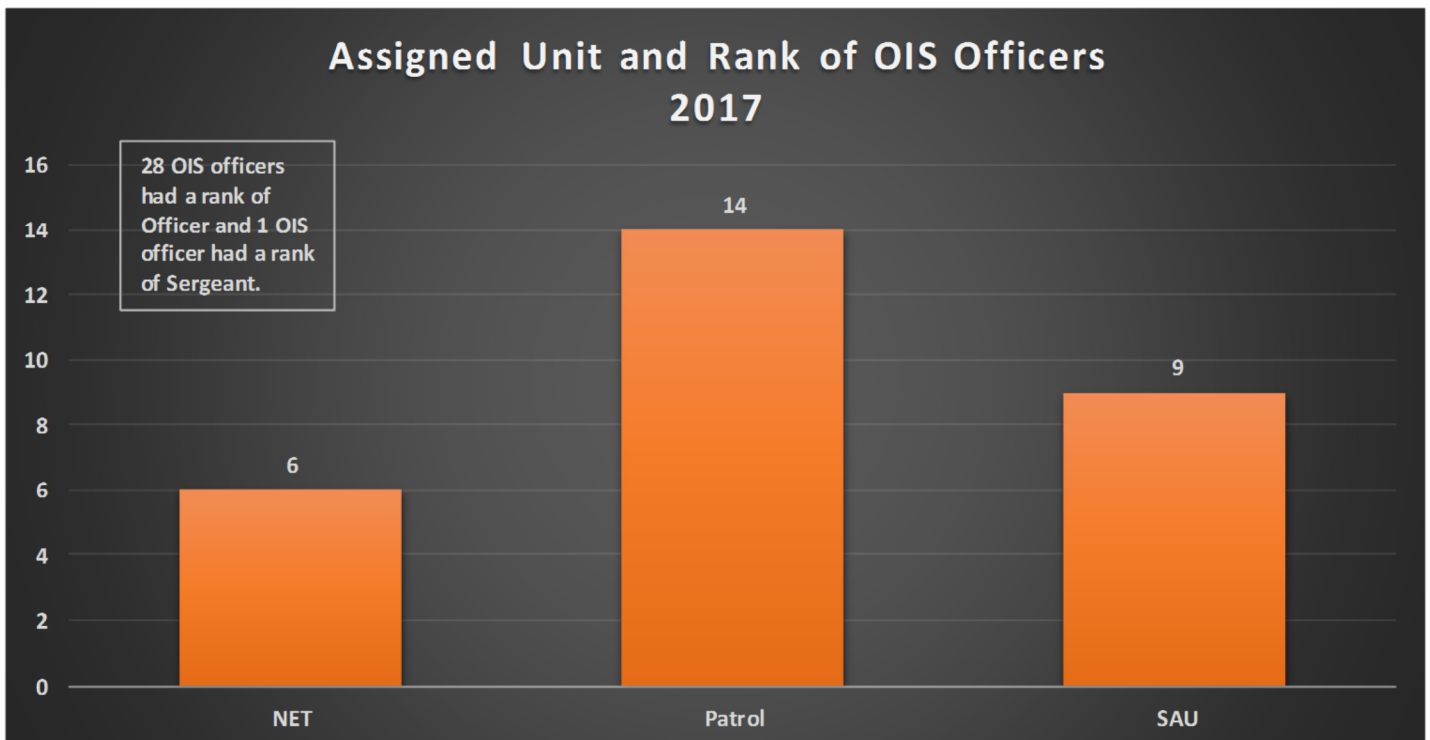
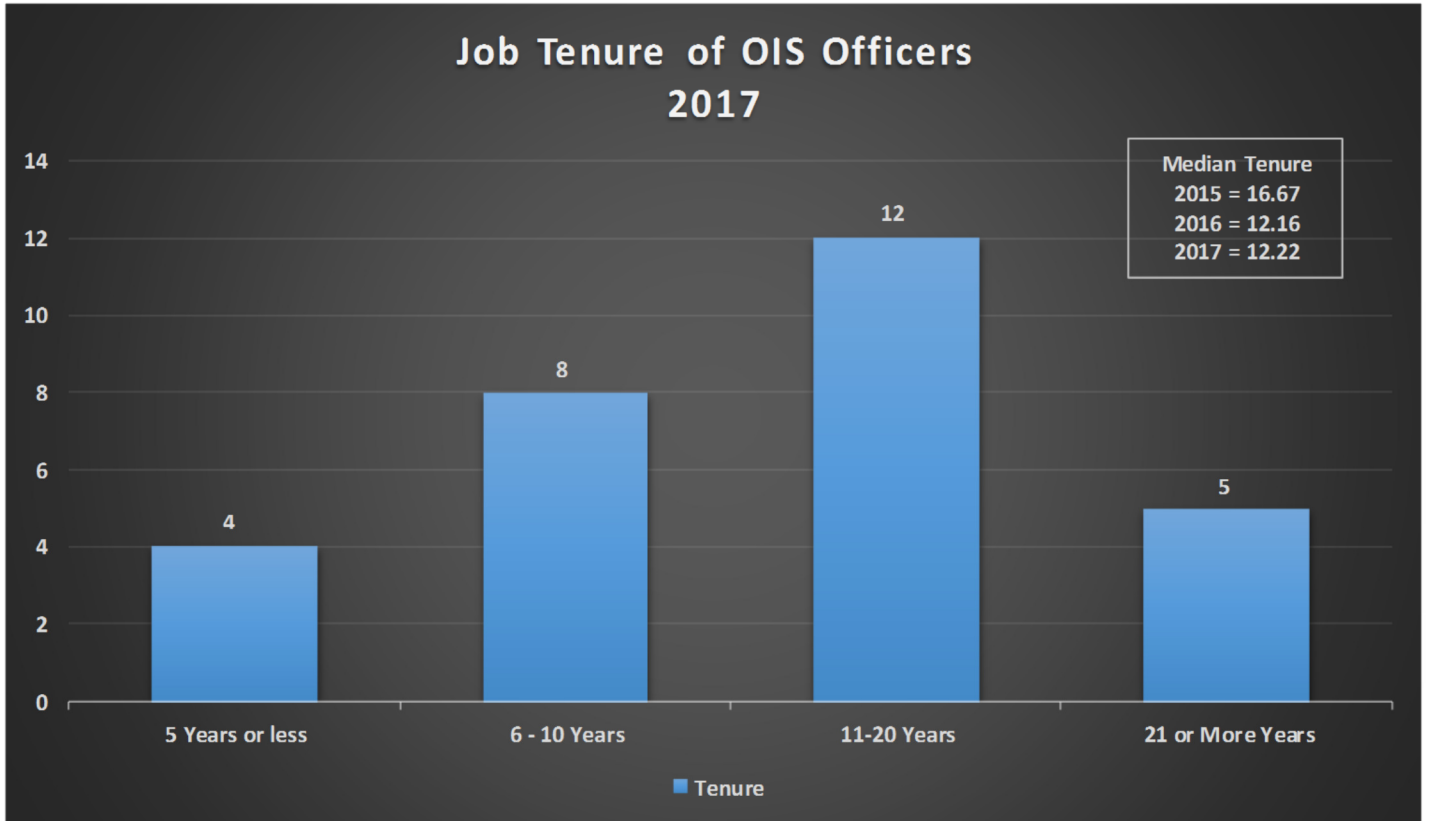
Hispanic is tracked under ethnicity. This is in alignment with the US Census categories and with data fields in the new records management system (RMS).

\*\*The 29 officers involved in OIS in 2017 were male.



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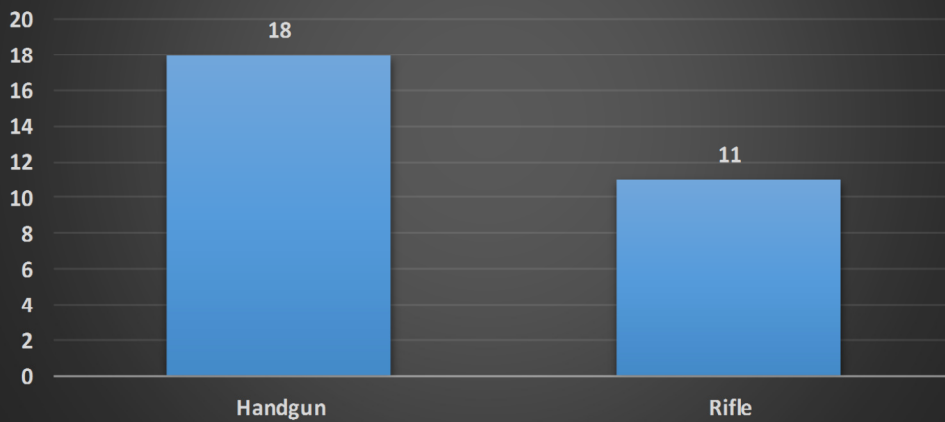


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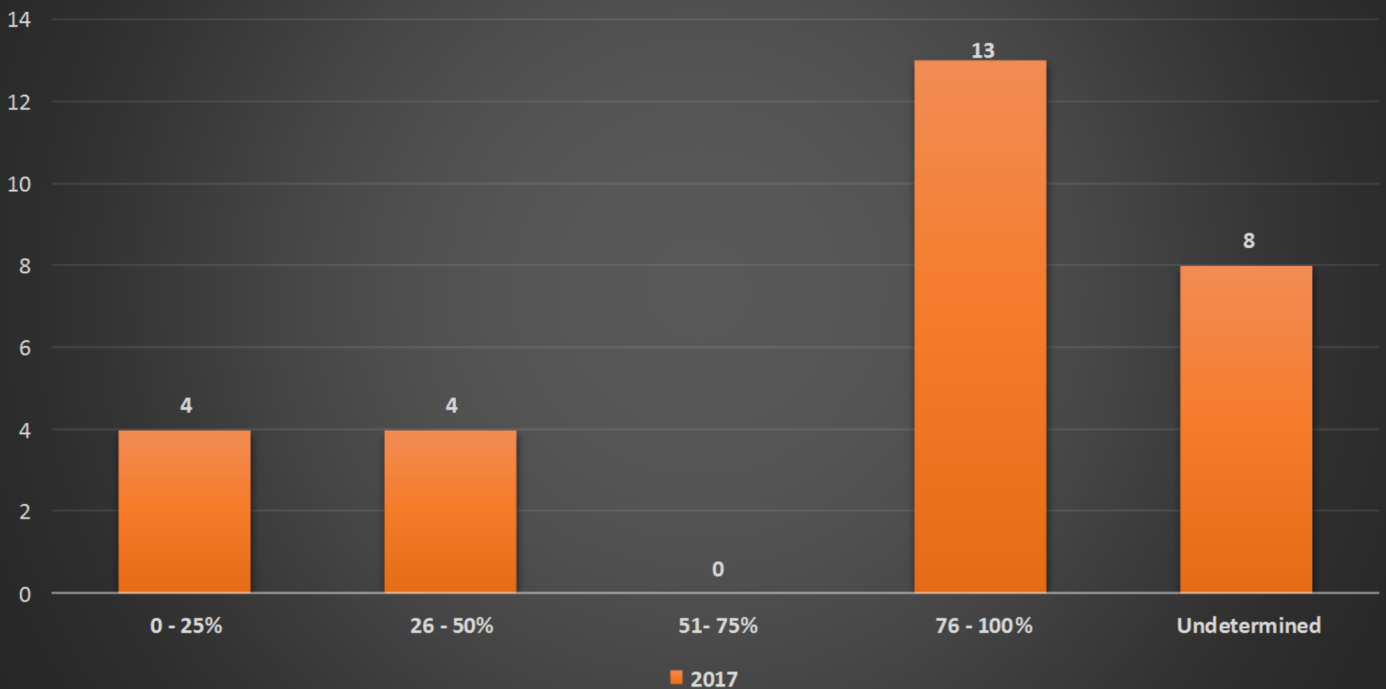
### Weapon Statistics

Type of Firearms Used by Officers  
During OIS Incidents  
2017



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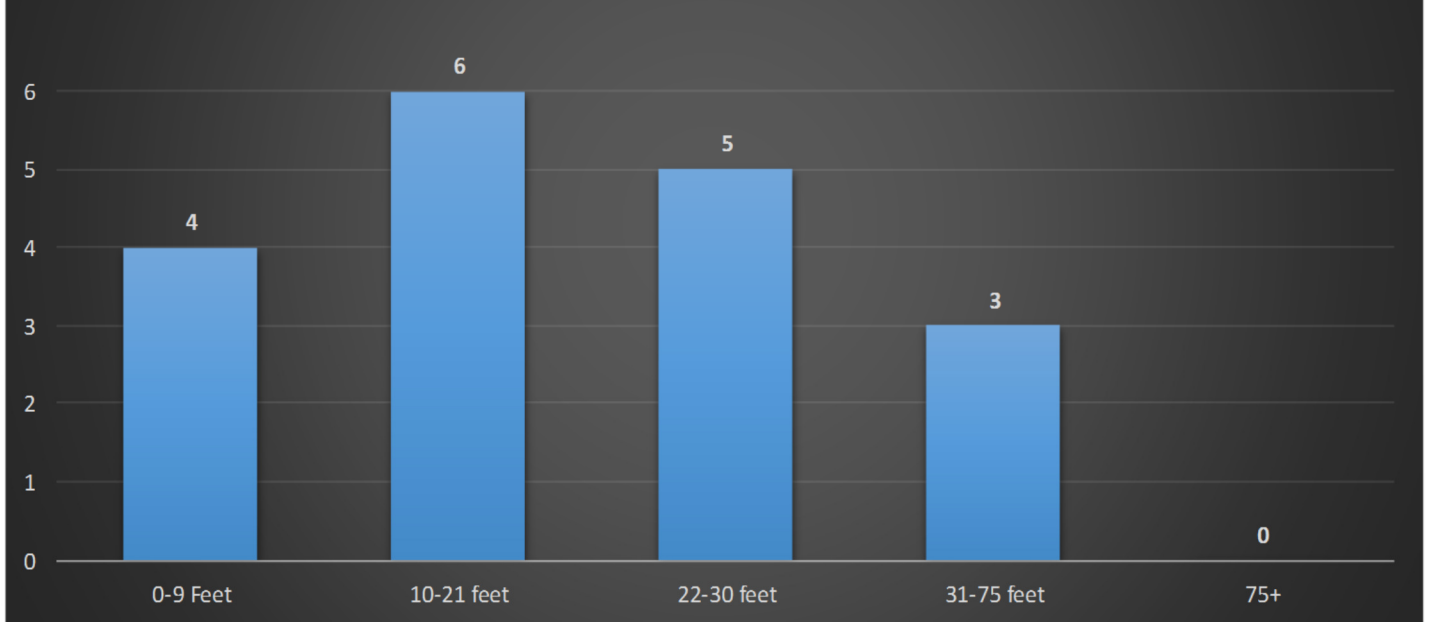
Firing Accuracy Percentage by OIS Officers  
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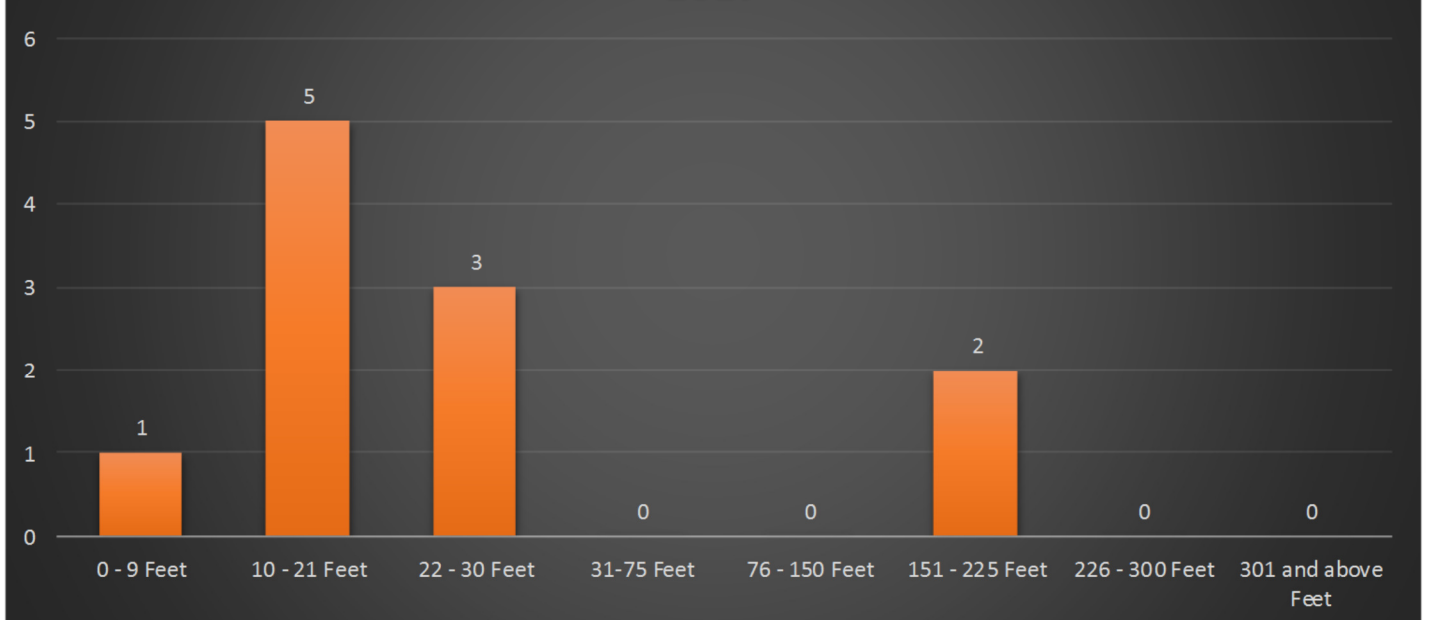
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### Initial Handgun Firing Distance of OIS Officers to Subject 2017



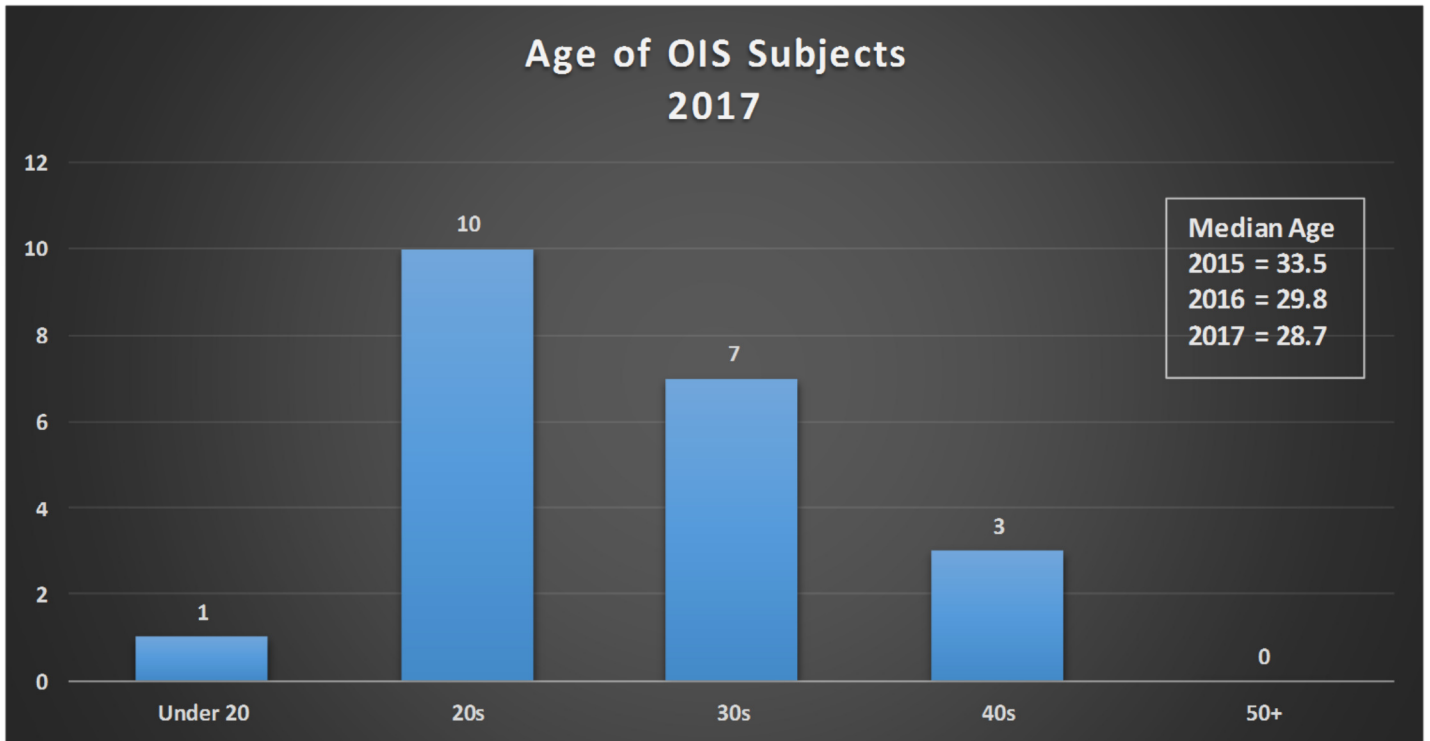
### Initial Rifle Firing Distance of OIS Officers to Subject 2017



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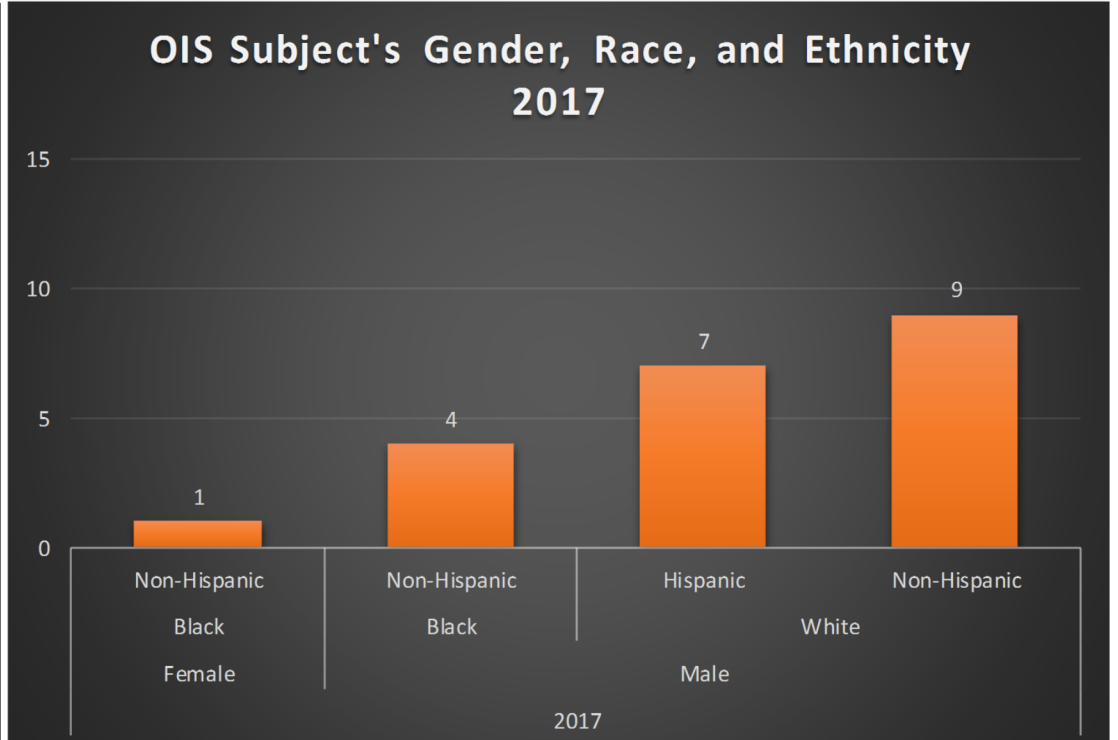
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### Specific Subject-Involved Statistics



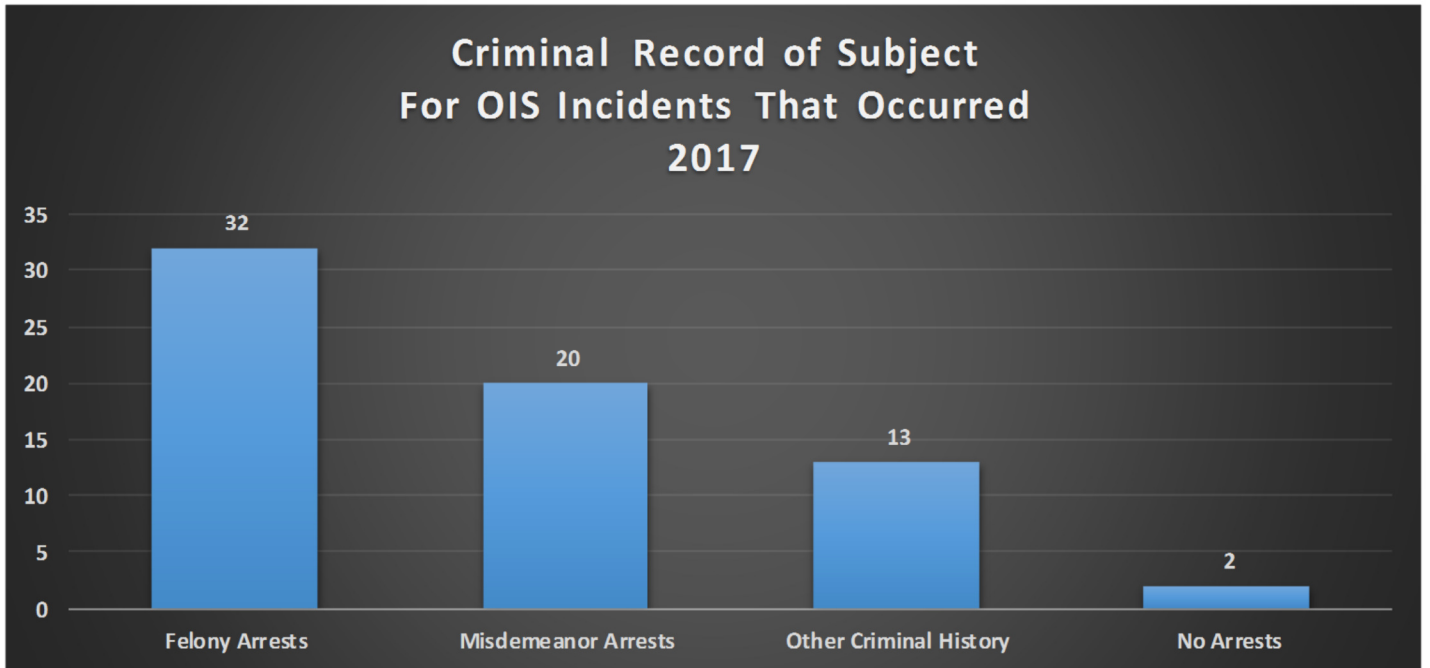
Hispanic is tracked under ethnicity. This is in alignment with the US Census categories and with data fields in the new records management system (RMS).

**\*\*20 of the subjects involved were male (95%), 1 subject was female (5%).**

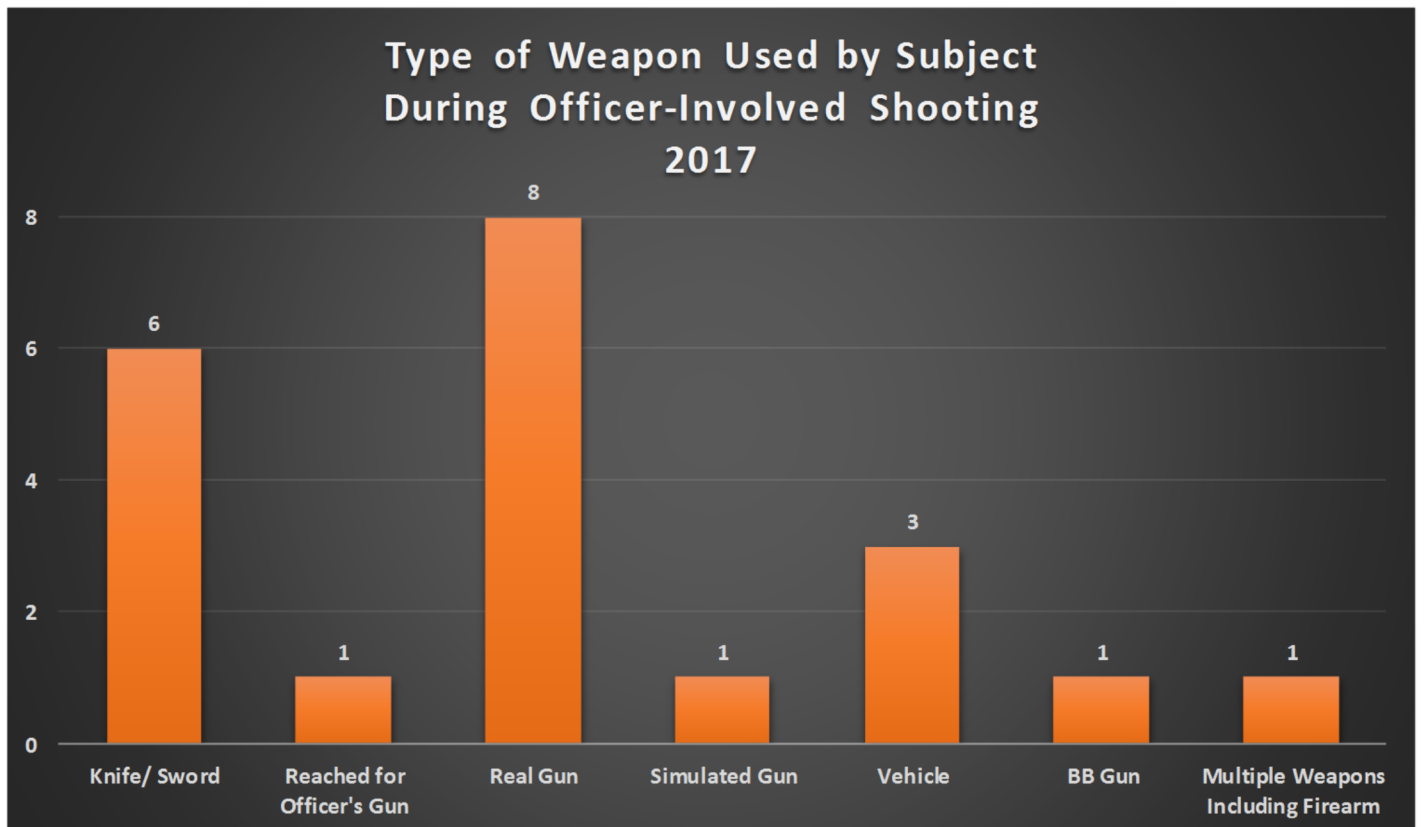


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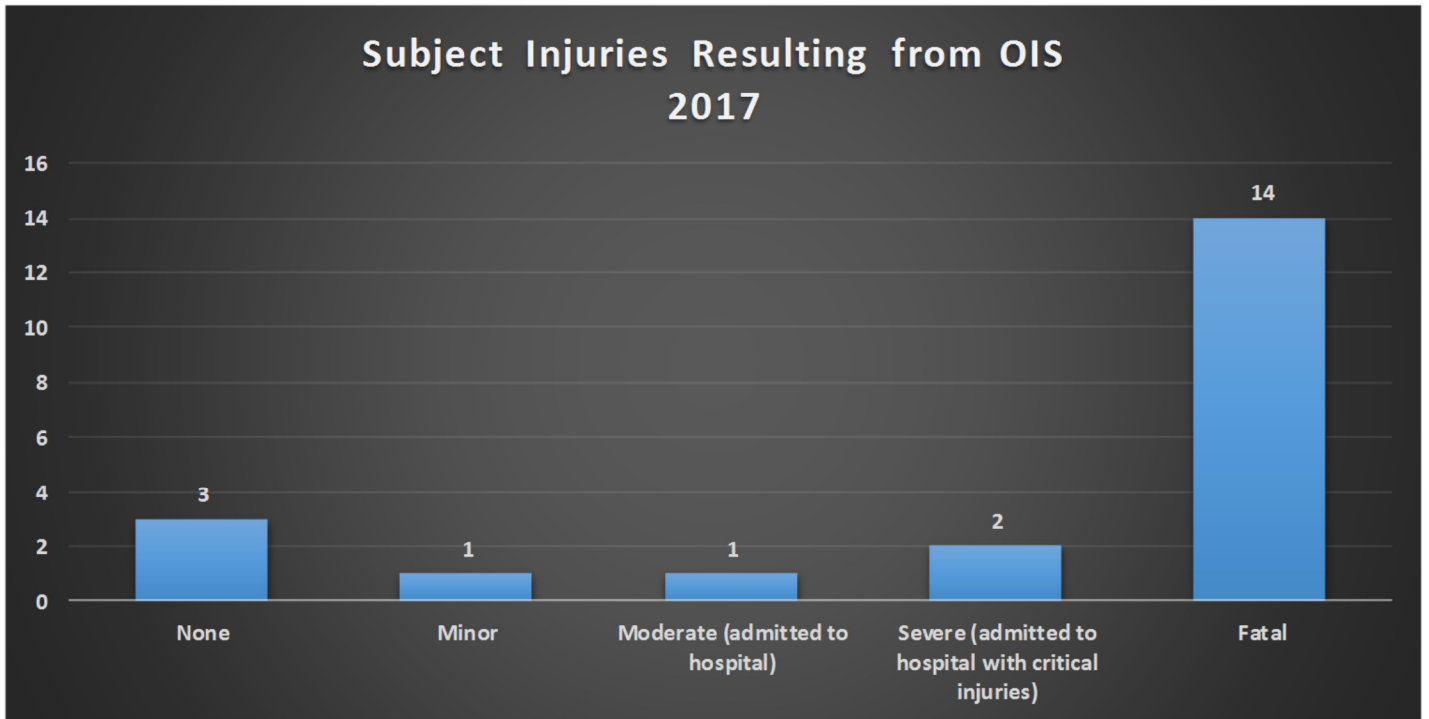
More than one category may apply to each subject, therefore the total will equal more than the total number of OIS.



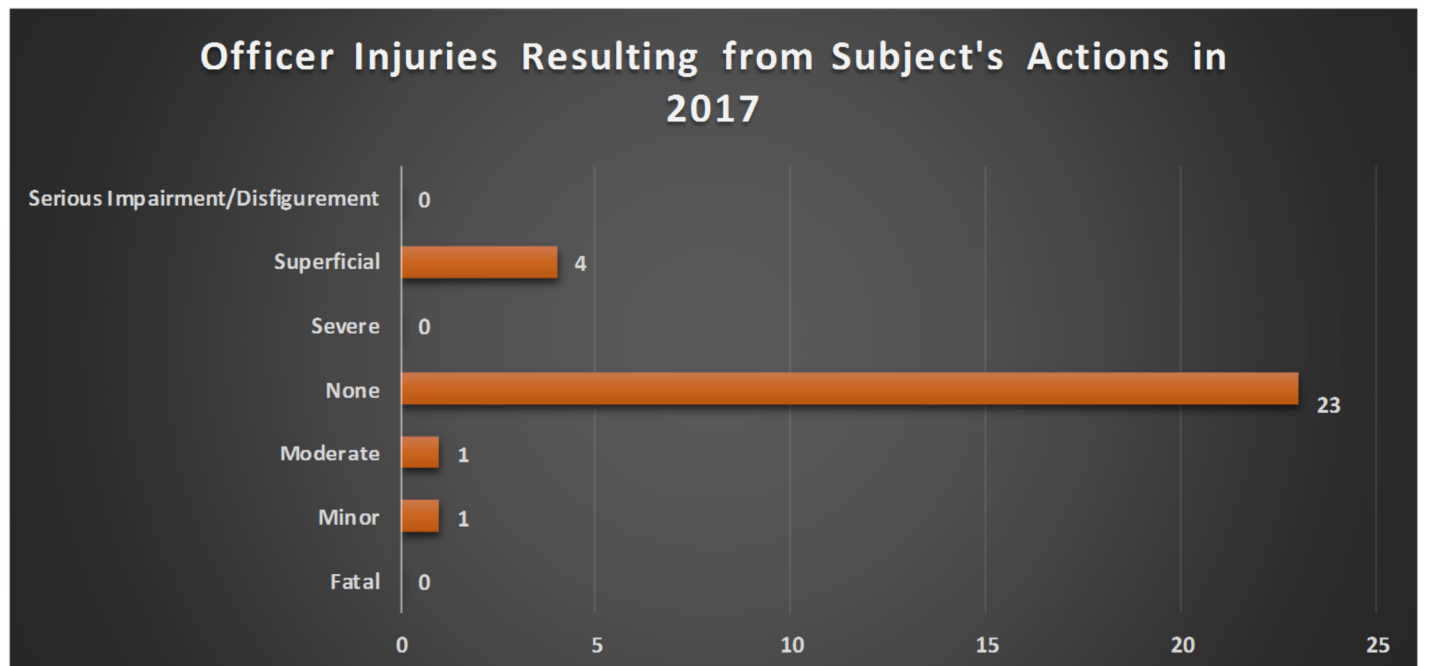
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### Injuries-Sustained Statistics



The categories of Superficial, Fatal/Self Inflicted, and Unknown had a count of zero.

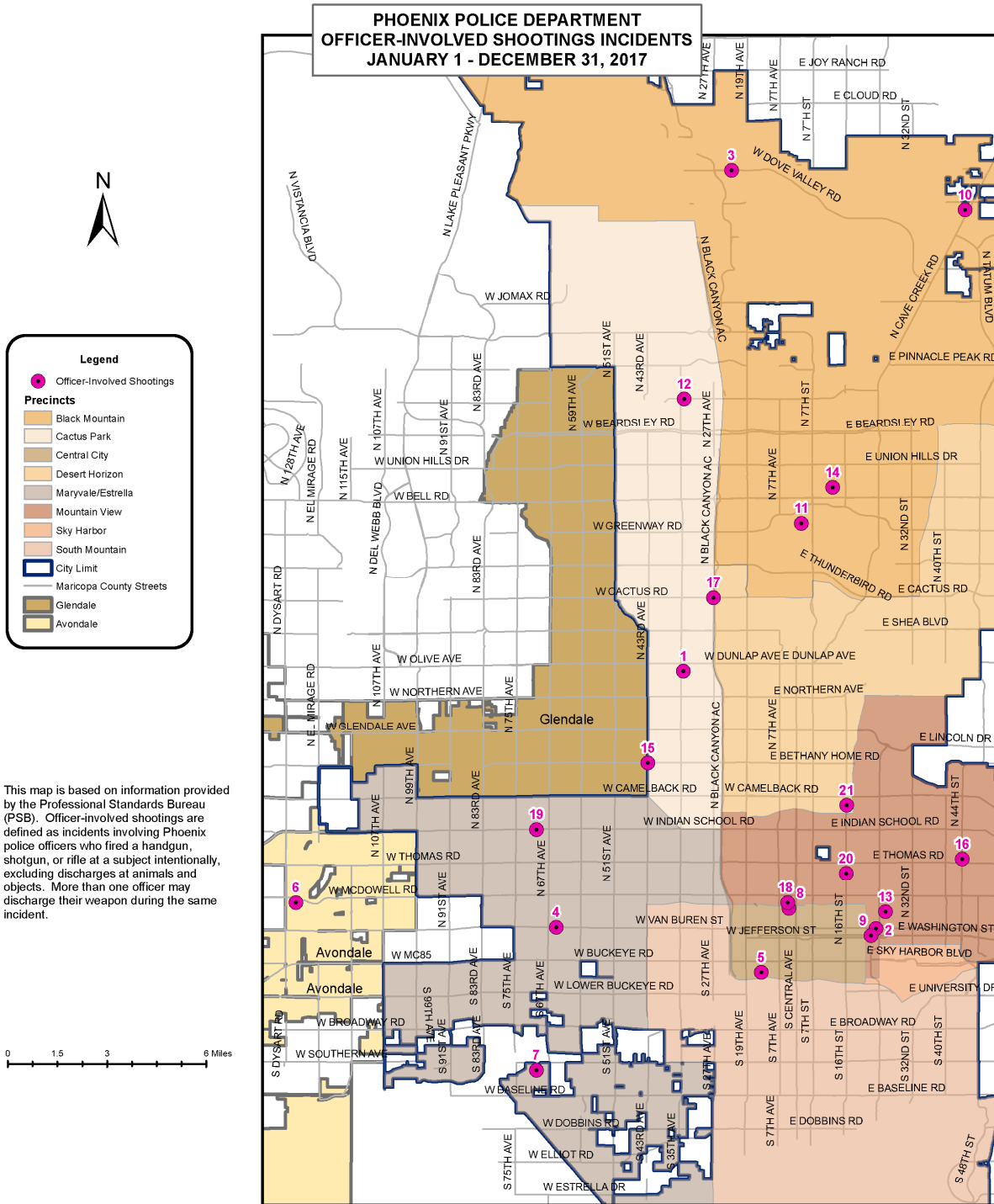


Any officer who did not fire a weapon but was injured by the subject's weapon will not be reflected in this chart.

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### Officer-Involved Shooting Incident Locations



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### Officer-Involved Shooting Overviews

#### 1. **January 9, 2017 — 3400 West Tangerine Lane**

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Simulated Firearm
- Injuries Sustained by Subject: Fatal

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle leaving a suspected drug house. Upon attempting to take one subject into custody, the subject broke free from officers and a foot pursuit ensued. During the foot pursuit, the subject made comments that he would shoot the officers in pursuit of him, while reaching into his waistband. As the officers caught up to the subject, he pulled his arm from his waistband with a clinched hand, simulating a shooting stance. A plain clothes detective, who had joined the foot pursuit, dove for cover while firing his weapon. The uniformed officer, who initiated the foot pursuit, saw both the subject and detective fall to the ground. The subject continued moving without any regard for the commands being given by the uniformed officer. Fearing the subject was a continuing threat and believing he had a gun, the officer gave commands for him to surrender, but when the subject would not comply the officer fired one round. The subject was struck in the thigh. After taking the subject into custody, a tourniquet was applied and CPR was initiated. Despite the life saving efforts, the subject was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

#### 2. **March 2, 2017 — 2300 East Van Buren Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun (Replica/BB Gun)
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to a call to assist Adult Probation with the arrest of a probationer. Upon arrival, officers observed the subject on the second floor landing of the complex. Upon contact, the subject, fled on foot along the second floor walkway, until he pulled a gun from his waistband and pointed it at the pursuing officers. One officer fired his duty weapon ending the threat. Officers administered CPR until the fire department could respond; however, the subject was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

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### 3. **March 15, 2017 — 2300 West Dove Valley Road**

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

During a homicide investigation, investigators developed information identifying the subject who had shot the victim and later made statements to family members that he was going to get into an armed confrontation with the police. Detectives from the Fugitive Apprehension Investigative Detail (FAID) later located the subject in Glendale; however, the subject fled. After fleeing from the police, the subject committed additional felonies, and was finally located by the Air Unit driving a yellow Corvette taken earlier during an armed robbery. The subject drove erratically in and out of traffic at high rates of speed and sometimes into oncoming traffic. Members from the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) were able to conduct a vehicle interdiction, at which time the subject pointed a gun at the officers who were attempting to apprehend him. Officers fired shots at the subject, subsequently ending the threat they faced. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

### 4. **March 23, 2017 — 6500 West Van Buren Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to a domestic violence call for service. The complainant advised her adult son was inside their mobile home acting erratically and she wanted him removed. Upon contacting the subject inside the residence, the subject moved from the family room to the bedroom. When asked by officers to move back to the family room, the subject retreated to the kitchen area, where he opened a drawer and began rummaging through utensils. The subject then raised an object believed to be a knife, over his shoulder in a stabbing motion. As one officer retreated he fell backwards. The second officer believed the officer who fell backwards had been stabbed. The subject continued advancing on the officer who had fallen backwards a second time. Fearing for the other officer's safety, the second officer fired his handgun to end the threat. First aid was rendered on scene by the officers, until the fire department arrived. The subject was transported and pronounced deceased at the hospital. It was later learned the subject had an outstanding warrant for a parole violation and had made previous statements to his family that he was not going to go back to prison and would pull a knife on the officers to cause a confrontation.



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### 5. April 9, 2017 — 1600 South 15th Drive

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Took Possession of Officer's Duty Weapon
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Non-Life-Threatening Injuries

Officers responded to a suspicious person call for service. The caller indicated an unknown male had been going in and out of a vacant house at that address for the past two days. When officers contacted the subject, a records check revealed that the subject had an outstanding warrant for a probation violation. As officers tried to take the subject into custody, he violently resisted arrest and began assaulting the officers. At one point, the subject was able to grab one officer's gun, partially removing it from the holster. The subject was able to fire one round with the officer's gun, which went through the officer's pants and struck the subject in the leg. The subject was able to get to his feet and turned toward the other officer with his hands in a two-handed shooting stance. At this time, fearing the subject still had the first officer's duty weapon, the second officer fired one round, which did not strike the subject. After a short foot pursuit, the subject was taken into custody and transported for non-life threatening injuries.

### 6. April 12, 2017 — 13000 West Rancho Santa Fe Boulevard (Avondale)

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Vehicle
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

A motor officer attempted to stop the subject's vehicle for speeding, but the driver failed to yield prompting a tactical surveillance. After approximately one hour, the subject drove his vehicle to 13000 West Rancho Santa Fe Boulevard in Avondale, where he parked in front of a group of open businesses. Members from the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) attempted to box in the subject's vehicle within its parked position. The subject tried to maneuver his vehicle to escape, but was blocked by a pillar of the building. While the subject was trying to escape, the SAU officer exited his vehicle and approached the rear of the subject vehicle. The subject looked back at the SAU officer and then reversed his vehicle towards him. The officer, fearing for his safety and the pedestrians that were standing behind him fired rounds from his rifle at the subject, which struck him and stopped his actions. Officers provided medical aid to the subject; however, he was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

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### 7. April 19, 2017 — 7000 West Alta Vista Road

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Severe Injuries

Officers responded to a domestic violence radio call. The subject had been drinking and arguing with his family. The verbal altercation, led to the subject breaking a table within the home. The incident started to turn violent when the subject threatened to kill his stepfather and to cut his mother's throat with a large kitchen knife. As officers arrived on scene, the stepfather was running down the street, while being chased by the subject who was holding a large kitchen knife over his head. The subject turned his focus towards the officers, while running at them in a full sprint, screaming at them. After ignoring their commands to drop the knife, the officers fired their duty weapons at the subject stopping the threat. The subject was transported to the hospital with severe injuries for further medical attention.

### 8. May 15, 2017 — 1100 North 3rd Avenue

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers located a homicide subject from earlier in the day at the Japanese Gardens, just west of Hance Park. Partial containment was established by Patrol, the Fugitive Apprehension Investigative Detail (FAID) and the Special Assignments Unit (SAU). Attempts were made to negotiate with the subject, but she was unresponsive and continued to remain seated and move a revolver from her mouth to her body. Evacuations of the park were underway, when she stood and began to walk into the unsecured park. Officers repeated commands for her to stop, but she continued to walk northbound towards the park. Fearing for the innocent civilians inside the park, the officer fired one round from his rifle at the subject, which stopped her actions. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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### **9. June 23, 2017 — 2200 East Washington Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Vehicle
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) officers were in the area of North 28th Street and East Monroe Street, when they observed a suspicious vehicle in the area. The officers initially attempted to stop the vehicle, but it fled from them at a high rate of speed. While circulating the area, officers relocated the vehicle a short time later and the subject again attempted to flee. While attempting to do so, the subject lost control of the vehicle and collided with a chain link fence. The subject then placed the vehicle in reverse and accelerated abruptly striking a tree. Officers attempted to approach on foot, as the subject was attempting to dislodge the vehicle from beneath the tree. While the officers approached on foot, an additional officer attempted to block the vehicle resulting in a minor collision and injuring the officer driving. The subject's vehicle was now pointing in the direction of the officers on foot and as the subject continued attempting to accelerate, one officer fired his weapon at the driver of the subject vehicle fearing the subject was going to run the officers over. The rounds ended the threat the two officers perceived they were facing. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

### **10. June 25, 2017 — 4400 East Rancho Caliente Drive**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Rifle
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to a domestic violence emergency radio call for service. When officers arrived, the subject was in his front yard with a rifle. The subject pointed his rifle in the air and fired a shot in the direction of the police helicopter. One officer fired one round from his patrol rifle, which struck a tree that the subject was standing behind. The officer intentionally did this to get the subject's attention off of the police helicopter, as the officer did not have a clear shot at the subject. The subject then moved positions and pointed his weapon at the officers across the street. The officer fired his patrol rifle again at the subject, ending the threat. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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### **11. July 20, 2017 — 15800 North Hanna Maui Drive**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Vehicle
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Minor Injuries

Officers responded to the 15800 block of North Hanna Maui Drive on a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in the area. The first officer arrived on scene and contacted the subject and lone occupant of the vehicle. The subject refused the officer's commands to exit the vehicle. The subject then drove toward the officer as he fled the scene, causing the officer to fire his duty weapon at the subject, striking his vehicle. Officers were able to locate the subject's abandoned vehicle in the area of 800 West Moon Valley Drive, where several officers from the Tactical Support Bureau worked alongside Patrol Officers and located the subject hiding in a residential backyard and he was taken into custody. The subject did not sustain any injuries from the officer discharging his firearm.

### **12. July 26, 2017 — 3500 West Deer Valley Road**

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers were in the area of North 35th Avenue and West Deer Valley Road looking for a known subject with a felony warrant. The officers observed a subject on a bike matching the description of the person they were looking for and attempted to stop him; however, he fled southbound into a dirt field and headed towards an open convenience store. As the subject went around the building, he waited for the officers and fired multiple rounds at the officers with a handgun. The officers returned fire and ended the threat. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene. No officers were injured during the shooting. The subject was identified as the same person who had the outstanding felony weapons violation warrant.

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### **13. August 17, 2017 — 1000 North 25th Place**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers were dispatched to the area of 2600 East Roosevelt Street on a report of a subject with a knife. The call indicated an adult male with two knives was inside the Emergency Department at the hospital. Responding officers located the subject at an apartment complex across the street from the hospital and observed the subject armed with a knife. The subject would not comply with commands, so officers deployed their stun-bag shotguns. The stun-bag rounds had no effect and the subject advanced toward the officers, with his knife. One officer fired his patrol rifle at the subject, ending the threat. The subject was taken to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

### **14. September 8, 2017 — 17400 North 13th Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Minor Injuries

Officers from a Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) became aware of several robberies, which involved two subjects. A plan was formulated to apprehend the subjects. Officers from the Special Assignment Unit (SAU) were requested to assist with the apprehension. As SAU personnel attempted to take the subjects into custody, both subjects ignored the commands from the officers and fled on foot. Officers chased the subjects and the first subject was taken into custody without incident. The second subject was seen carrying a handgun while he fled from officers. As the second subject continued to flee, he refused to drop the gun and ran towards nearby residences. The officer, wanting to ensure the subject did not gain entry into an innocent person's home, fired his duty weapon at the subject. The subject sustained minor injuries and was transported to the hospital, where he received medical treatment, prior to being booked into jail.

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### **15. September 20, 2017 — 4300 West Bethany Home Road**

- Number of Officers Involved: 3
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Severe Injuries (See Below)

Officers from a Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) attempted to stop a known wanted subject in the area of 4300 West Bethany Home Road. When the subject saw the officers, he fired multiple rounds at them while he was stopped at a fast food restaurant. The officers fired back at the subject; however, he was able to drive away from them. A pursuit was then initiated and the Air Unit arrived overhead and took over a tactical surveillance of the subject vehicle as it traveled throughout the city, while personnel from the Tactical Support Bureau (TSB) were requested (see Incident #16 below).

### **16. September 20, 2017 — 3000 North 44th Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Severe Injuries

As the Air Unit continued to direct officers involved in the tactical surveillance in, they were authorized to utilize stop sticks in order to disable the subject's vehicle. The stop sticks were deployed in the area of North 48th Street and East Indian School Road, which caused the vehicle to slow down; but, it continued onto North 44th Street. The subject vehicle finally came to a stop at 3000 North 44th Street. The first officer to arrive at the subject vehicle immediately started taking multiple rounds that the subject was firing from his handgun. The officer and another officer, who arrived moments later both returned fire. When the subject failed to comply with commands to exit the vehicle, less-than-lethal gas rounds were deployed into the vehicle as well as a canine. The subject was taken into custody without further incident. During the exchange of gunfire with the subject, one of the officers was also shot; however, his equipment stopped the round. His vehicle was also struck by several rounds. He was transported to the hospital for treatment and his injuries were considered non-life threatening. The subject was also transported to the hospital with severe injuries to include gunshot wounds.

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### **17. November 4, 2017 — 2700 West Cactus Road**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

An off-duty sergeant was driving his personal vehicle in the area of 2700 West Cactus Road when he observed an injured adult male on foot next to a stopped Valley Metro bus. He then saw an adult male in traffic, armed with two knives, attempting to gain entry into multiple vehicles. After exiting his vehicle, he drew his back-up handgun, identified himself as a police officer and gave commands to the subject. The subject refused commands and started rapidly approaching the Sergeant with the knives in his hands. The Sergeant fired his weapon striking the subject and ending the threat. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene. It was later learned the subject had boarded an eastbound Valley Metro bus at approximately West 51st Avenue, armed with the knives. During the ride, the subject brandished the knives while pacing up and down the bus, cutting and stabbing multiple victims, who required medical attention.

### **18. November 10, 2017 — 300 West Culver Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to an alleyway in the area of 300 West Culver Street on a report of a suspicious person who was yelling. Upon the arrival of the first officer, he observed the subject sitting with his back against a garage and an adult female being held with her back against him. The subject was yelling he was going to kill her. As the officer began negotiating with the subject, he saw the subject holding a knife to the neck of the female. The second officer arrived on scene and deployed with his patrol rifle. The subject continued to yell threats of killing the woman and at one point, told the officers he was sitting on a bomb. As the subject became more aggressive and it appeared that negotiations were failing, the second officer fired one round from his rifle, striking the subject and ending the threat. When officers attempted to move the female away from the subject, they discovered she had a chain wrapped around her waist, securing her to him. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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### **19. November 14, 2017 — 7000 West Indian School Road**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Detectives from the Street Crimes Unit, using both undercover and marked vehicles, began surveillance of two stolen vehicles. During the surveillance, they observed a male subject get into one of the stolen vehicles, who proceeded to circulate the area, after putting a bandana over his face and gloves on his hands. At this time, personnel from the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) were requested to assist with the surveillance and apprehension. While detectives from the Street Crimes Unit were waiting for SAU personnel, the subject parked the stolen vehicle and began walking across West Indian School Road, where he was confronted by a canine officer. The subject fled on foot and ran around an apartment building where he was confronted by another officer. The subject fled again and tried to hide near an apartment door. As one of the pursuing officers found the subject, the subject was holding a handgun and was ordered to drop it. The subject lifted the gun and pointed it at the officer, who then fired his duty weapon, striking the subject. The subject was taken to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. There were two guns recovered from the subject.

### **20. December 24, 2017 — 1600 East Yale Street**

- Number of Officers Involved: 1
- Weapon Used by Subject: Knife
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: Fatal

Officers responded to the area of North 16th Street and East Yale Street on a report of a subject with a knife. As the first officer arrived on scene, the subject approached the officer's car and banged on the driver's side window with a knife. A second officer arrived on scene and deployed with his stun-bag shotgun. The subject then began to walk toward the officer with the stun-bag shotgun, who gave him several commands to drop the knife. After firing one round from his stun-bag, which had no effect on the subject, the subject continued toward the officer. The officer then used the stun-bag shotgun as an impact weapon and struck the subject as he continued to approach him. The original officer then attempted to engage the subject by yelling at him, causing the subject to divert his attention. The subject then started back toward the original officer with the knife in his hand. The officer discharged his firearm at the subject, ending the threat. Minor injuries were sustained by the officer with the stun-bag. The subject was taken to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.



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### **21. December 25, 2017 — 1600 East Highland Avenue**

- Number of Officers Involved: 2
- Weapon Used by Subject: Handgun
- Injuries Sustained by the Subject: None

Officers responded to a shooting around 1600 East Highland Avenue. When officers arrived they located a 38-year-old female, deceased in the parking lot from apparent gunshot injuries. The subject was the victim's estranged spouse. After the shooting, witnesses reported the subject returned to his nearby apartment within the complex where his two children, ages 10 months and 11 years, were inside.

While negotiating with officers, the subject claimed that he had killed the two children; however, he later changed his story stating the children were alive and he threatened to kill them. Officers negotiated with the subject for several hours until the subject stopped communicating. Personnel from the Special Assignments Unit (SAU) were able to deploy a robot into the apartment and found the 10-month-old child deceased. While officers continued using the robot to search for the 11-year-old child, the subject began firing shots. At this time, SAU personnel made a crisis entry into the apartment from several locations as the subject continued shooting. Two SAU officers fired rounds during the incident. One of the officers sustained a gunshot wound from indirect fire and was taken to a hospital in stable condition.

The suspect surrendered to police and was taken into custody without injury. After his arrest, officers physically located the 11-year-old child and baby, who were deceased from apparent gunshot injuries. The suspect was booked for a variety of felony crimes.

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