

# PPB Force Data Summary Report

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Covering Dates: April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014

Total Force Data Collection Reports written: 240

Total Force Incidents: 187

| Precinct / Division / Unit of occurrence: |    |     |                         |   |    | Total | 240 |
|---|----|-----|-------------------------|---|----|-------|-----|
| Central                                   | 61 | 25% | Family Services         | 0 | 0% |       |     |
| East                                      | 85 | 35% | Outside Portland        | 0 | 0% |       |     |
| North                                     | 69 | 29% | TOD                     | 7 | 3% |       |     |
| K9  | 6  | 3%  | Traffic                 | 3 | 1% |       |     |
| Detectives                                | 2  | 1%  | Transit                 | 6 | 3% |       |     |
| DVD                                       | 1  | 0%  | Youth Services Division | 0 | 0% |       |     |

| Type of Force Used: |    |     |                  |     |     | Total | 293 |
|---------------------|----|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Holds with injury   | 5  | 2%  | Bean Bag         | 1   | 0%  |       |     |
| Takedowns           | 79 | 27% | K-9              | 5   | 2%  |       |     |
| Hands / Feet        | 38 | 13% | Baton            | 0   | 0%  |       |     |
| Pepper Spray        | 7  | 2%  | Taser            | 23  | 8%  |       |     |
| Hobble              | 18 | 6%  | Pointing Firearm | 117 | 40% |       |     |

| Other Elements Tracked:                             |     |                       |    |
|---|-----|-----------------------|----|
| Taser over 2 cycles                                 | 8   | Transient             | 56 |
| Pointing Firearm with other Force                   | 8   | ME issues flagged     | 23 |
| Number of Persons who had a firearm pointed at them | 108 | Force without custody | 21 |

## Discussion points / Trends

Calls for Service April - June 2014:

| April 2014             | May 2014               | June 2014              | Total Q2 2014          |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dispatched: 19,089     | Dispatched: 22,261     | Dispatched: 22,688     | Dispatched: 64,038     |
| Self-initiated: 12,871 | Self-initiated: 12,862 | Self-initiated: 10,847 | Self-initiated: 36,580 |
| Total: 31,960          | Total: 35,123          | Total: 33,535          | Total: 100,618         |

Note: On March 18, 2014 the Neighborhood Involvement Locations (NI-Loc) project began. Approximately 7,819 dispatched calls were generated in the 2nd quarter 2014 as part of this project.

While individual types of force continue to rise and fall from quarter to quarter, the overall the number of incidents where force is used continues to trend downward.

The report from the first quarter of 2014 did not contain the number of force incidents involving people who are transient as previous reports had. During the crafting of that report it was determined that the method we used to gather the transient statistic was not being applied consistently so the number could have included persons who intentionally failed to provide an address or the address field was

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left blank on the Force Data Collection Report (FDCR). As the Bureau migrates to new field reporting and records management software, the ability to more easily track a wide array of data points will increase. In the interim, we have standardized our reporting method and will continue to report this statistic. This number is derived strictly from those force reports that indicate the person is "transient" or "homeless". In the first quarter of 2014 the number of force incidents involving transients was 53.

There were two officer involved shootings (OIS) during the second quarter of 2014. These incidents are investigated by the Detective Division, Training Division and Internal Affairs. The findings are then presented to the Performance Review Board for recommendations to the Chief of Police.

Internal Affairs reported four complaints involving force during this review period. Two were the aforementioned officer involved shootings that result in full investigations as a matter of policy. One case was a third-party complaint that was dismissed by IPR. The fourth was an inappropriate application of a Taser. In this incident the Taser application missed and the subject did not receive any conducted energy. This member received non-disciplinary corrective action and the case was resolved as an Internal Service Improvement Opportunity (ISIO) with the concurrence of Independent Police Review.

Incidents where more than one Taser cycle was applied increased from previous review periods. The majority of these incidents involved subjects that not only resisted officers' efforts of control, they assaulted officers as well. We also found that alcohol and drug abuse played a significant factor in these events. These incidents shared a common trait in that when the initial Taser application was not successful, the officer attempted an alternative application, such as a drive-stun, instead of escalating to higher levels of force such as baton strikes. In two instances the multiple cycles were used to control subjects who were believed to be armed with firearms at the time force was used, and against whom deadly physical force was considered.

## Force Report Definitions

### **PPB Force Data Summary Report:**

- *Total Force Data Collection Reports Written:*

This is the number of force reports written during the time period listed, regardless of whether multiple reports were written by different officers concerning the same incident. This number is simply the total number of force reports entered into our database by PPB Records Division.

- *Type of Force Used:*

This is the number of the total reported uses of each type of force during the time period listed. The Force Data Collection Report the officers file after an incident include check boxes for the “Force Option Used.” This number is larger than the total number of force reports written because during any single incident more than one force option may have been used by one or more officers. Further, whenever multiple reports indicate the same force was used in an incident against the same subject, that type of force will be counted multiple times. For example, if Officer A and Officer B check the “Control Holds Causing Injury” box on their force reports for the same incident, there will be two counts of “holds causing injury.” This differs from, and is greater than, the same type of force listed in the demographics report. The reason for this is that the demographics report counts only the number of persons who were the subject of force, regardless of whether the type of force was used by more than one officer during the same incident.