

# DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## YEAR TO DATE USE OF FORCE REPORT

January 1 through March 31, 2021

# DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT USE OF FORCE STATISTICS

## Q1 2021

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Use of Force Report is a comparison between 2020 and 2021 use of force statistics. The information contained herein are the statistics as reported on March 31, 2021. Each subsequent section defines the Use of Force Category and provides a graph of reported statistics.

**It is the Department's policy, in all instances when an officer uses force, each officer who has employed such force shall complete:**

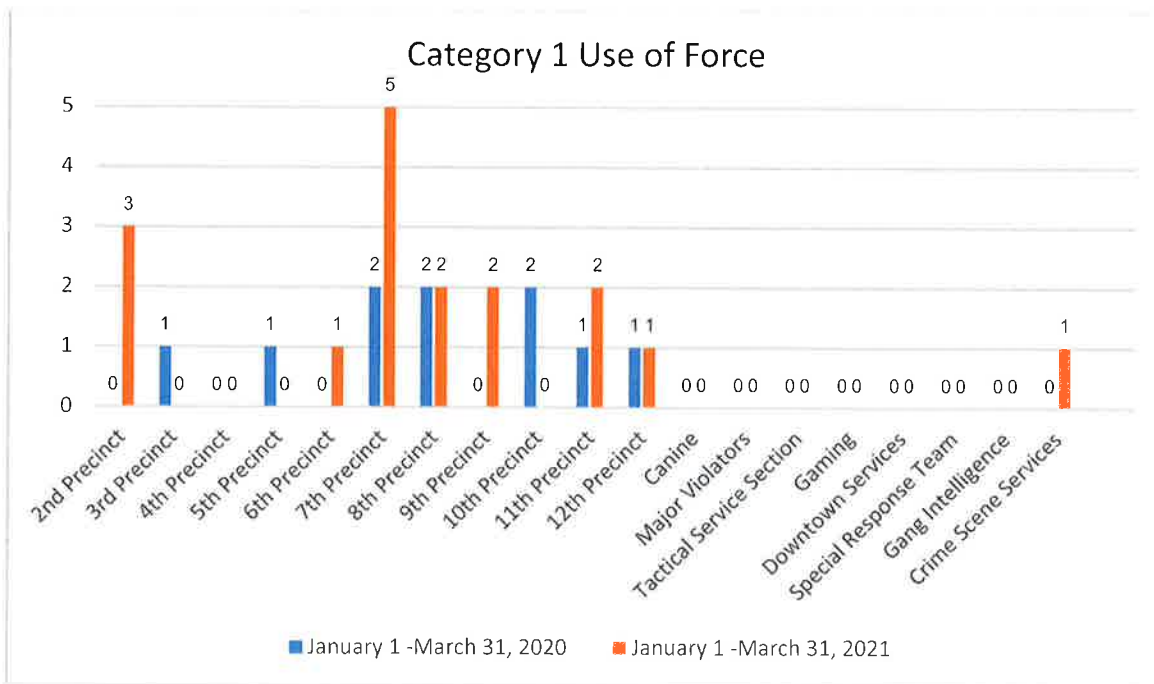
1. Any reports made necessary by the nature of the underlying incident;
2. Each member using force shall ensure that a declarative statement is included at the beginning of the narrative section of the arrest report indicating whether or not force was used during the incident;
3. Each individual officer who uses force in an incident shall submit a separate Use of Force Report (UF-002) documenting any force, any prisoner injury, and any instance in which an officer draws a firearm and acquires a target;
4. Allegation of force shall only be taken by a supervisor;
5. All Use of Force Reports shall specify the actions of the subject that necessitated the use of force, the reasons why the officer used force, any subject complaints of injury, medical treatment received, or refusal of medical treatment;
6. The Use of Force Report shall be submitted as soon as possible following the incident but prior to the end of the member's tour of duty; and
7. All reports/forms completed as a result of an incident shall be reviewed and updated by a supervisor prior to the end of his/her tour of duty.

<b>Total Use of Force</b>				
<b>Year to Date Comparison 2020 to 2021</b>				
	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	Change 2020-2021	% Change
<b>Category 1</b>	10	17	+7	+70%
<b>Category 2</b>	91	52	-39	-43%
<b>Category 3</b>	136	145	+9	+7%
<b>Category 4</b>	3	2	-1	-33%
<b>Acquire Target</b>	26	27	+1	+4%

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## Category 1 Use of Force – Investigated by Force Investigations (FI) Category 1 uses of force include the following:

- a. Death resulting from discharge from a member’s firearm. Any death following an altercation with a member of the department;
- b. All discharges of firearms (except at the firearms range and at animals);
- c. The use of chemical spray against a restrained person (Note: Members are prohibited from spraying a handcuffed individual in a police vehicle);
- d. Any use of force resulting in broken bones or loss of consciousness. Injury requiring hospitalization (including hospitalization for observation) or a substantial risk of death, serious disfigurement, disability or impairment of the functioning of any body part or organ, and head strikes with an impact weapon;
- e. Any incident involving a Taser drive stun;
- f. Any incident involving a Taser probe strike to a person’s head, face, and/or genitals;
- g. Any incident involving a Taser discharge against a member of a special population;
- h. Department canine bites; and
- i. Allegations of a use of force that are of a Category 1 type.

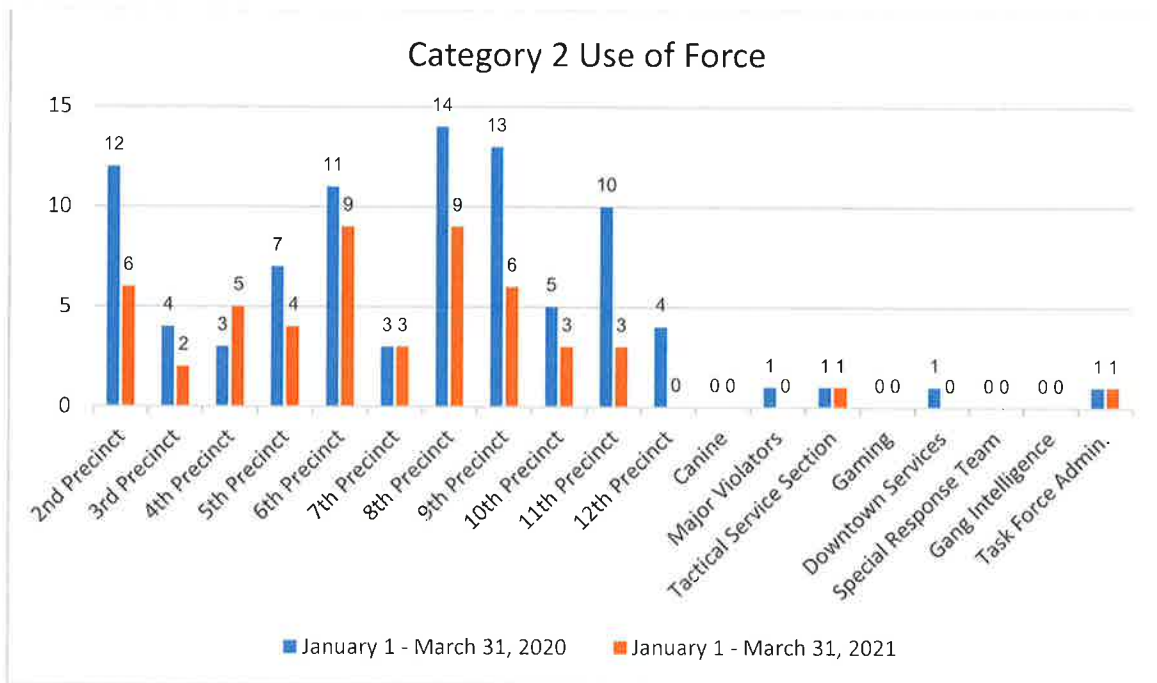


Breakdown of Category 1 Use of Force Investigations for 2021			
Fatal Shootings	1	Non-Fatal Shootings	1
Shots Fired	2	Unintentional Discharge	3
Fatal Vehicle Pursuits	0	Critical Vehicle Pursuits	1
Category 1 Use of Force Other	4	Category 1 Use of Force Taser	5

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## Category 2 Use of Force – Investigated by the parent command Category 2 uses of force include:

- a. Physical control (e.g. strikes, kicks);
- b. Takedowns that result in injury or a complaint of injury, but does not meet the criteria of a Category 1;
- c. Intermediate controls – Use of intermediate weapons that do not meet the criteria of, or cause injury, as indicated in Category 1;
- d. A Taser discharge that:
  - Impacts any area of the subject’s body, excluding areas that would elevate the matter to a Category 1 (i.e. head, face, and/or genitals); and
  - Is deemed by Force Investigations to not be a special population.
- e. An injury or complaint of injury that occurs in the course of taking, or after an individual was taken into DPD custody, not requiring hospitalization; and
- f. The use of chemical spray where the subject complains of or suffers adverse effects from the chemical spray after the subject has been decontaminated.



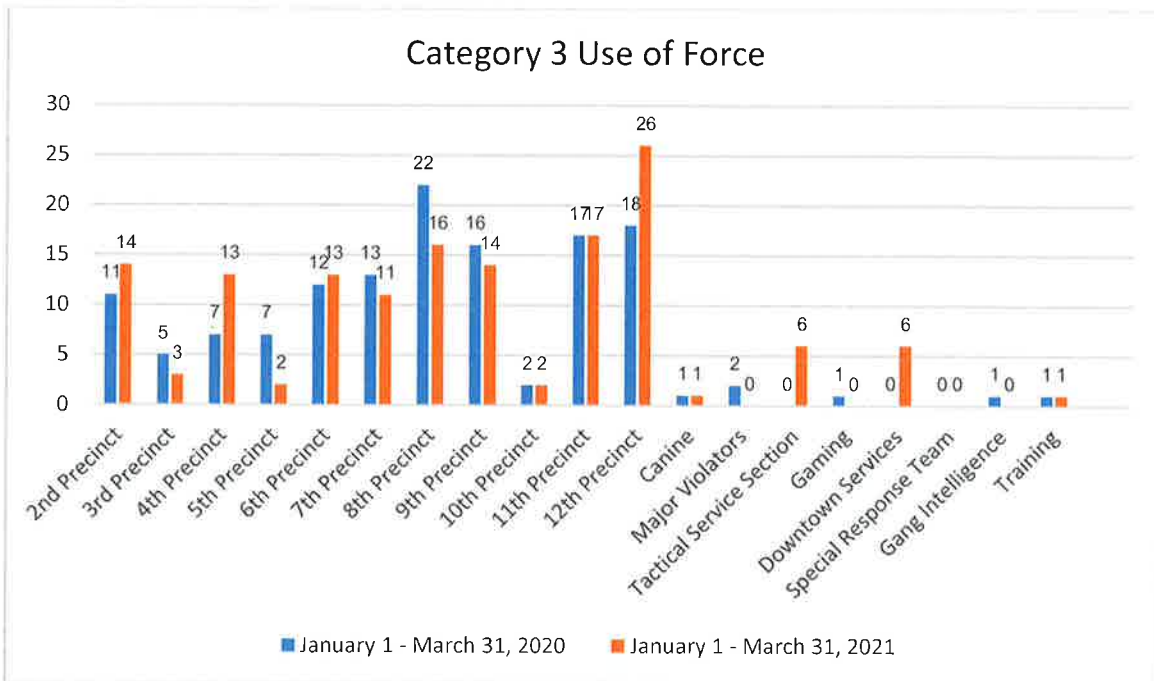
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**Category 3 Use of Force – Investigated by the parent command**  
**In order for a use of force to be labeled as category 3, the following stipulations shall apply:**

- a. The subject must not require medical attention from the use of force;
- b. The subject must not suffer any adverse effects from the use of chemical spray; and
- c. There must be no visible injury or complaint of injury.

**Category 3 uses of force include:**

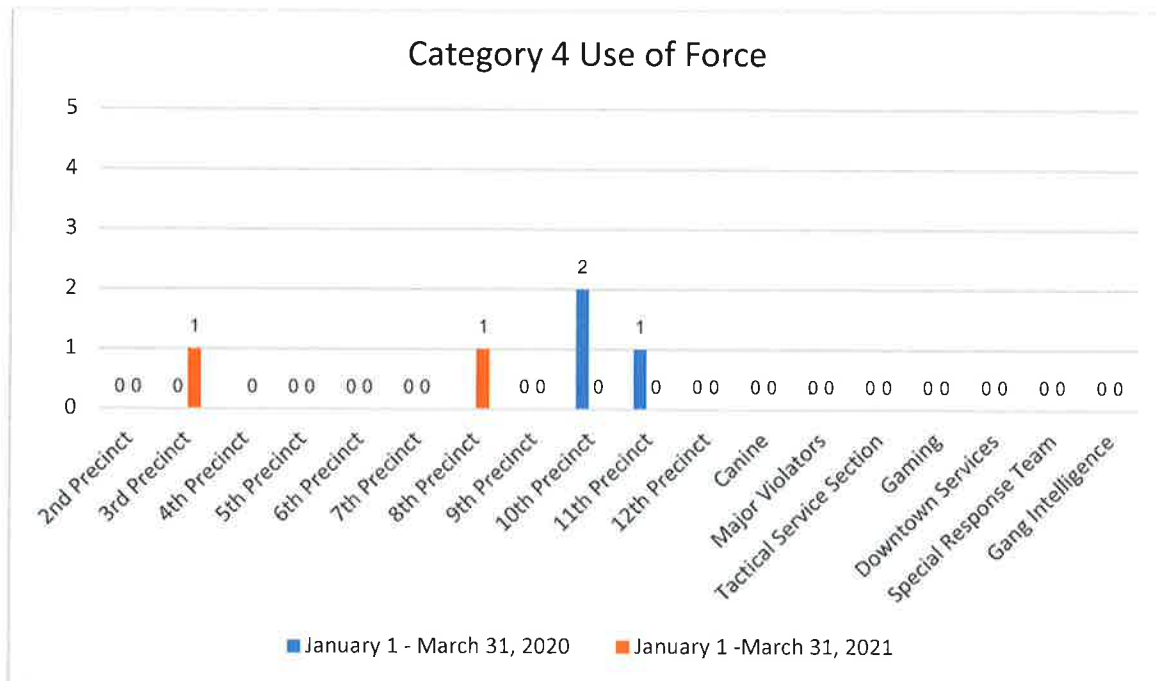
- a. Physical Controls – forcibly handcuffing, restriction of movement, takedown (no injuries or complaint of);
- b. Compliance Techniques (joint locks, pressure points);
- c. The use of a PR-24 as a compliance tool to assist in forcibly handcuffing. However, any strike with a PR-24 shall be investigated as a Category 1 or 2;
- d. Taser discharge that does not make contact with the suspect (including Taser discharges that only strikes the subject’s clothing);
- e. Deployment of Chemical Spray with no complaint of adverse effects; and
- f. Canine apprehension.



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## Category 4 Use of Force<sup>1</sup> – Investigated by the parent Command Category 4 uses of force include:

- a. The member, at the request of EMS personnel, physically assists by placing the subject/patient into an ambulance;
- b. The subject/patient suffers no injuries as a result of the member's assistance, nor were there any accusations of injury.

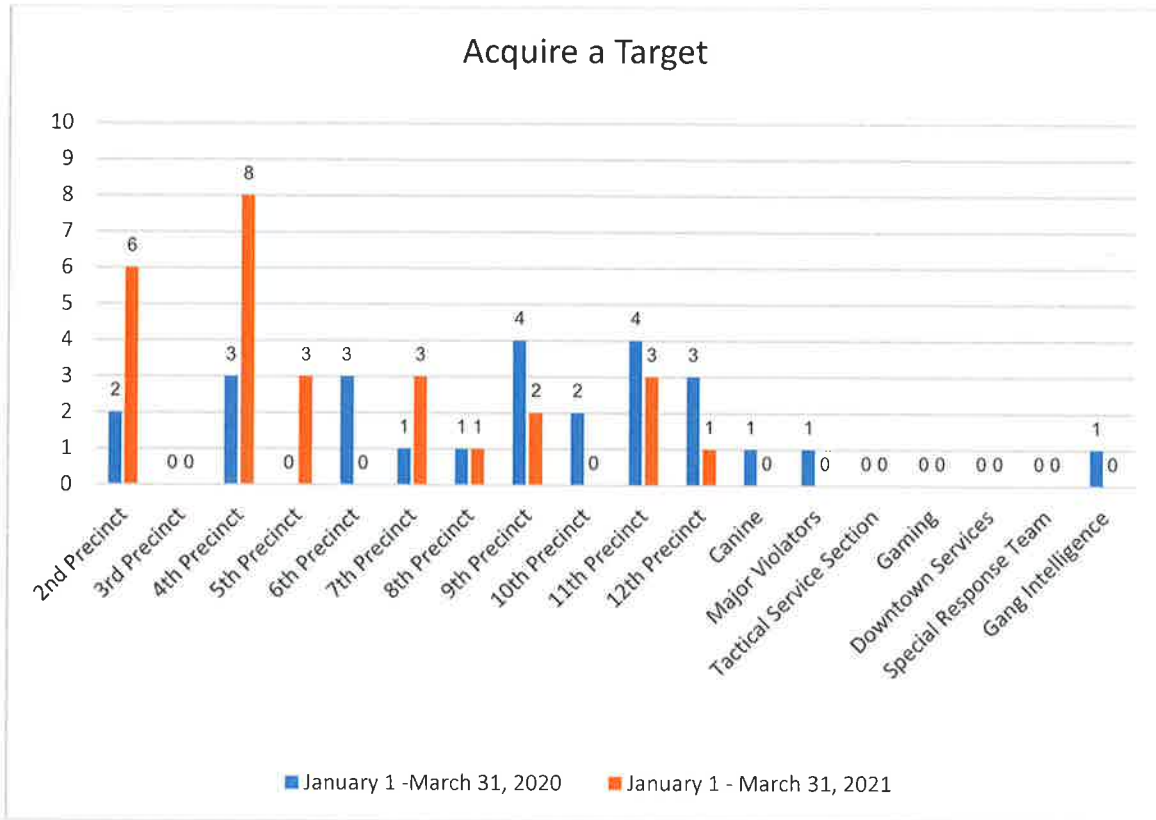


<sup>1</sup> The Category 4 Use of Force Report was approved in January, 2020. (Teletype #20-0040)

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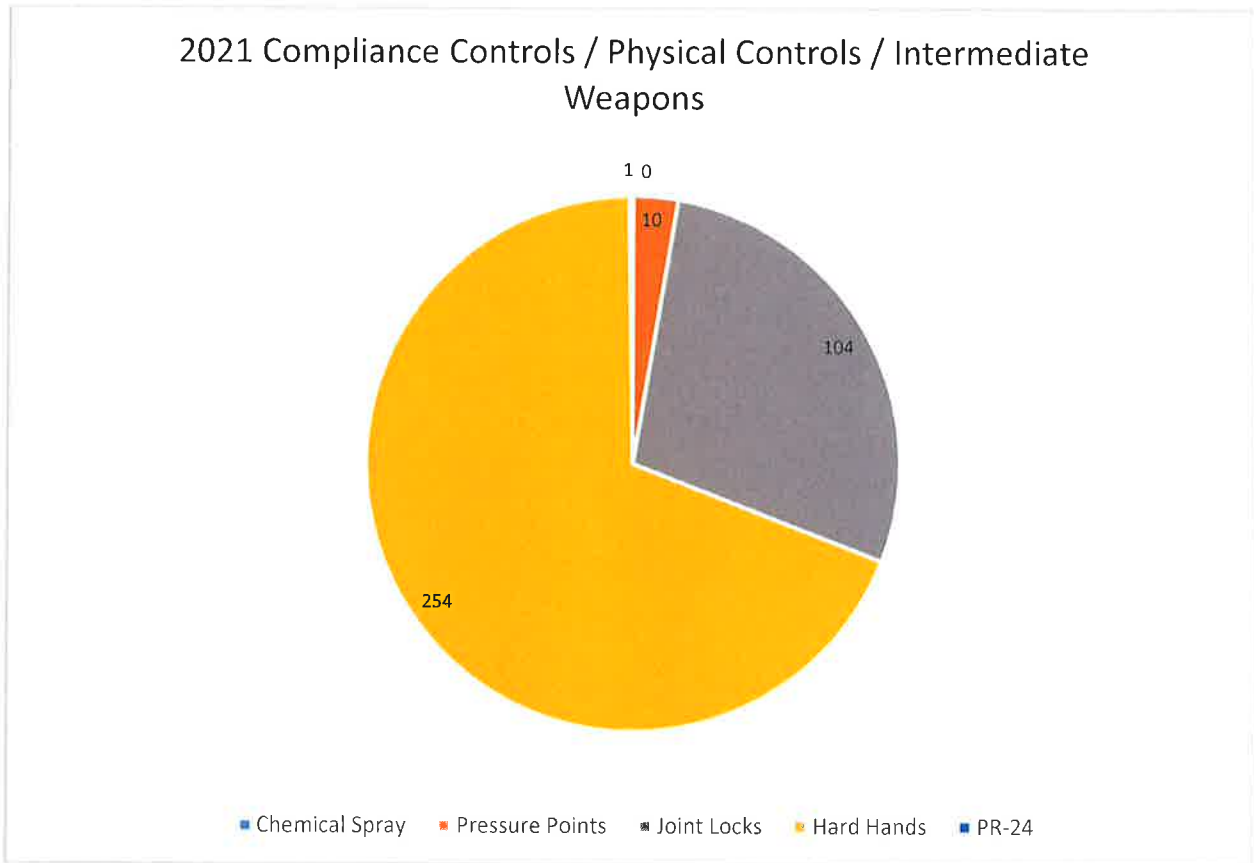
## The Drawing of a Firearm and Acquiring a Target

**The parent command shall investigate incidents where a member draws a firearm and acquires a target (e.g. person, subject) and there are no further uses of force**



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## Breakdown of Category 2, 3 and 4 Use of Force By Compliance Controls / Physical Controls / Intermediate Weapons



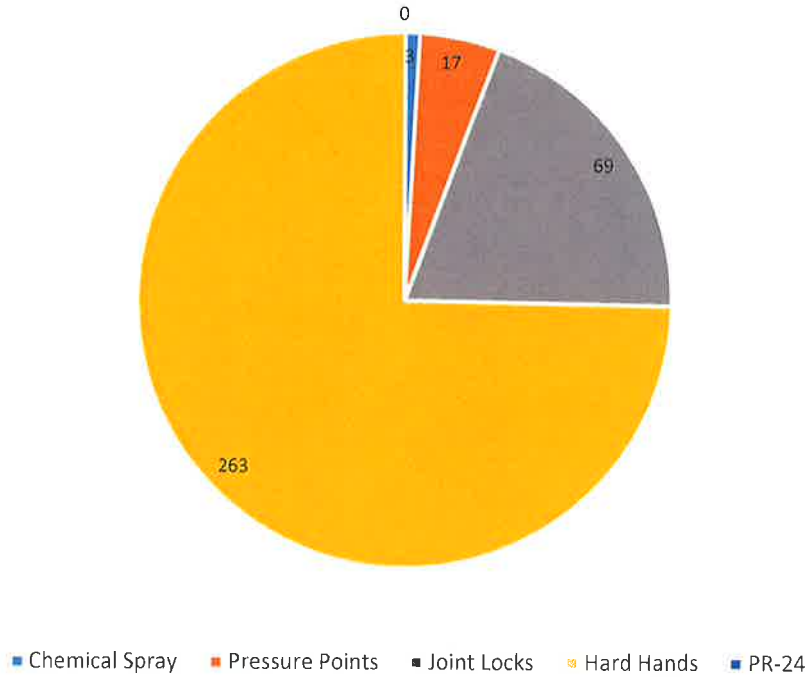
Breakdown of Category 2, 3 and 4 Use of Force By Compliance Controls / Physical Controls and Intermediate Weapons for 2021 <sup>2</sup>			
Pressure Points	10	Joint Locks	104
Hard Hands	254	Chemical Spray	0
PR-24	1		

<sup>2</sup> The Compliance Controls / Physical Controls / Intermediated Weapons breakdown is based upon the documentation in a member's respective Use of Force and / or Detainee Injury Report. A member may indicate more than one Compliance Controls / Physical Controls / Intermediated Weapons.



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2020 Compliance Controls / Physical Controls / Intermediate Weapons



Breakdown of Category 2, 3 and 4 Use of Force By Compliance Controls / Physical Controls and Intermediate Weapons for 2019 <sup>3</sup>			
Pressure Points	17	Joint Locks	69
Hard Hands	263	Chemical Spray	3
PR-24	0		

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## Dangerous Animals – Investigated by the Parent Command

- a. The use of physical force against any animal will be used only to the extent that such force is necessary to prevent harm or injury to another person(s) or animal(s). An officer shall not discharge a firearm at a dog or other animal, except to protect a member or person from imminent physical injury and there is no opportunity to retreat or other reasonable means to eliminate the threat.
- b. Before using deadly force, every attempt will be made to use other reasonable means to contain the threat of a dangerous animal.
- c. In any instance where a member discharges a firearm at an animal with the intent to destroy, whether the animal is hit or missed, the officer's supervisor shall prepare a Destruction of Animal Report (DPD669).

