



2022 Annual Use of Force Report



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Presentation Outline

- Use of Force Reporting
- York Regional Police – Use of Force Training
- Building the 2022 Use of Force Report
- Key highlights from the data
- Looking ahead to 2023 and beyond



Mandatory Use of Force Reporting

- Regulation 926 of the Police Services Act addresses reporting requirements when a police officer applies force:
 - Handgun is drawn in the presence of a member of the public, points or discharges a firearm;
 - A member uses a weapon other than a firearm on another person;
 - A member uses physical force on another person, that results in injury requiring medical attention;
 - A member deploys or displays a Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) on a person or an animal or displays the CEW in Demonstrated Force Mode;
- The circumstances of the application of force are recorded on a Ministry Form, the Use of Force Report



Use of Force Reporting



The officer continuously assesses the situation and selects the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that point in time.

Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General **Use of Force Report**
Police Services Act

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory. Check more than one box in each section, where appropriate.

Police Service * York Regional Police Location Code (if applicable) _____

Part A

Date (yyyy/mm/dd) * _____ Time Incident Commenced (24 hour) * _____ Time Incident Terminated (24 hour) * _____

Report Type *

☐ Individual Length of Service (years completed) _____ Rank _____
☐ Team Type of Team _____ Number of Police Officers Involved _____

Type of Assignment *

☐ Drugs ☐ Foot Patrol ☐ General Patrol ☐ Investigation ☐ Off-duty ☐ Traffic
☐ Other (specify) _____

Type of Incident *

☐ Alarm ☐ Break and Enter ☐ Domestic Disturbance ☐ Homicide ☐ Other Disturbance
☐ Robbery ☐ Serious Injury ☐ Suspicious Person ☐ Traffic ☐ Weapons Call
☐ Other (specify) _____

Police Presence at Time of Incident * **Attire *** **Number of Subject(s) Involved in Incident ***

☐ Alone ☐ Civilian Clothes ☐ Animal/No subject (e.g., unintentional discharge)
☐ Police Assisted (specify #) _____ ☐ Uniform ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three ☐ Other (specify #) _____

Perceived Subject Race * **Type of Force Used ***
(Select only one per subject) (include all options used during incident and rank in sequence of use)

	1	2	3		Rank	Was Force Effective?
						Yes No
Black	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Aerosol Weapon	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
East/Southeast Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Empty Hand Techniques – Hard	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Indigenous	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Empty Hand Techniques – Soft	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Latino	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Firearm – discharged	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Middle Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Firearm – pointed at person	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
South Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Handgun – drawn	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
White	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Impact Weapon – Hard	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/> Impact Weapon – Soft	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g., conducted energy weapon, less lethal shotgun, "ARWEN") (specify) ▼	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Reason for Use of Force *

☐ Accidental ☐ Destroy an Animal ☐ Effect Arrest ☐ Prevent Commission of Offence ☐ Prevent Escape
☐ Protect Public ☐ Protect Self ☐ Other (specify) _____

Type of Firearm Used (if applicable) **Distance * (between you and subject/animal at the time the decision was made to use force)**

☐ Revolver Number of Rounds Discharged _____ **Animal** ☐ **1** **2** **3**
☐ Rifle _____
☐ Semi-automatic _____
☐ Shotgun _____
☐ Other (specify) ▼ _____
Less than 2 metres ☐
2 to 3 metres ☐
3 to 5 metres ☐
5 to 7 metres ☐
7 to 10 metres ☐
Greater than 10 metres ☐

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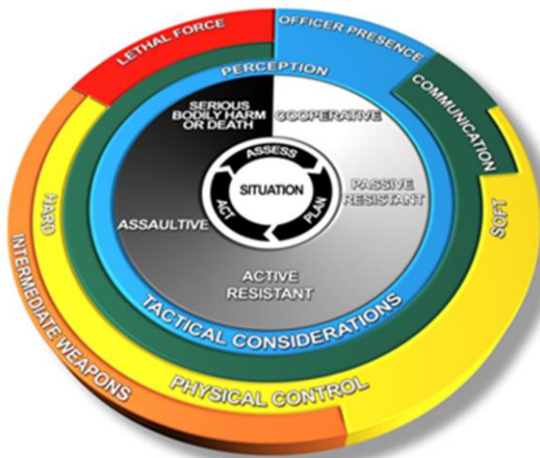
York Regional Police – Use of Force Training

- Cadet Training (YRP & OPC)
- Annual In-Service Training:
 - Instruction on the Use of Force Model and Use of Force Options;
 - Use of Force training is focused on subject behaviour (Officer is assessing the behaviour) and appropriately assessing situational factors;
 - De-escalation, crisis intervention and communication are the foundation of all of our training and de-escalation techniques and are interwoven in all use of force training;
 - Since 2015, all sworn members take part in a stand alone, one week course on crisis intervention
- Decision making model – to support officer decision making in critical situations
- Make decisions on risk necessity, effectiveness and acceptability of the action (legally and morally)

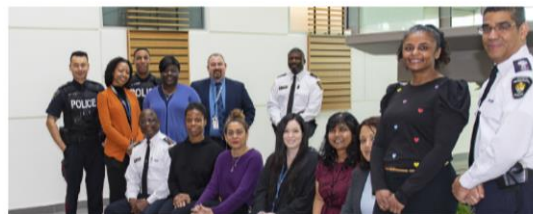


York Regional Police Training – Anti-Racism Training

- Perception can be influenced by ones implicit or subconscious bias
- Anti-Racism training can help eliminate unconscious biases
- York Regional Police has implemented a robust Anti-Racism Training Strategy which further supports our Use of Force and Crisis Intervention Training



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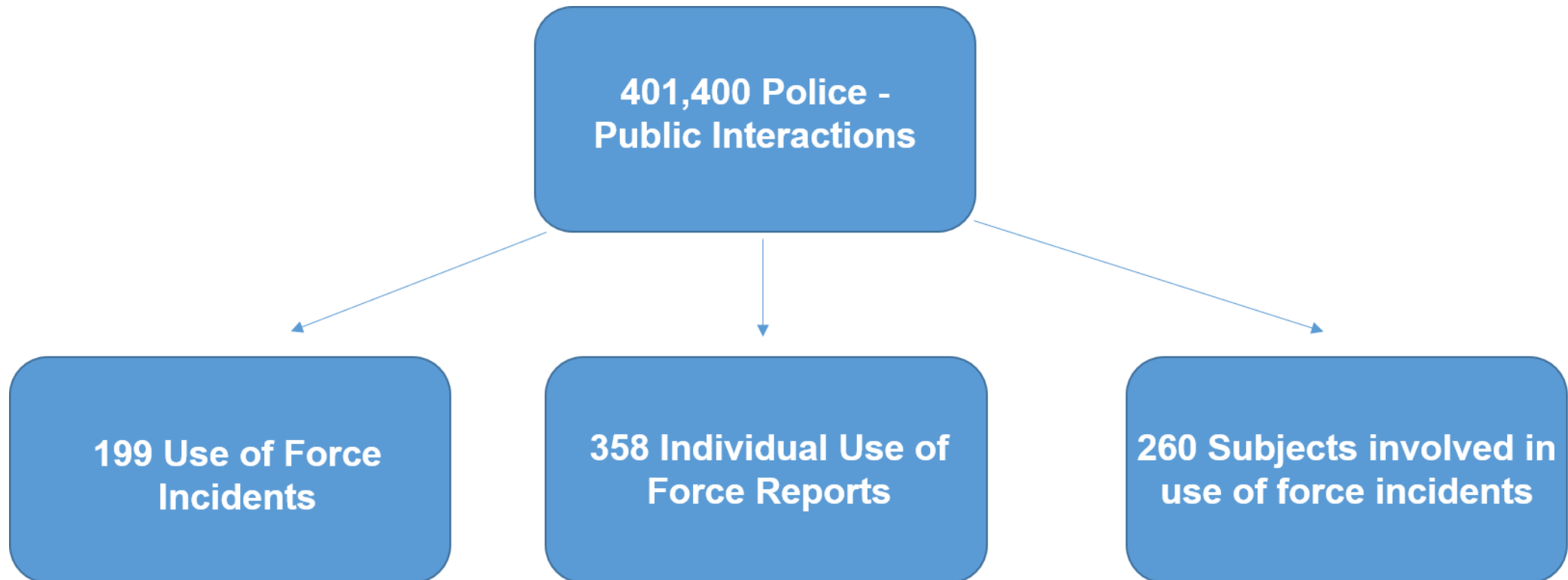
Building and Enhancing the 2022 Annual Use of Force Report

- Community consultation and education
- Data transparency
- Providing context to the analysis
- Listening to feedback for continuous improvement





2022 Use of Force Report – Breakdown of the numbers





2022 Use of Force Incidents



199 Use of Force Incidents for
401,400 Police-Public Interactions



13.5 % decrease compared to
2021



99.5% of all police interactions
were resolved without the
application of force



Use of Force Options



Firearm – pointed (151 reports)
(Figure #6A, p.12)



CEW – 84 (53 reports displayed and 31 deployed)
(Figure #7, p.14)



Physical Control – (41 reports)
(Figure #8, p.15)



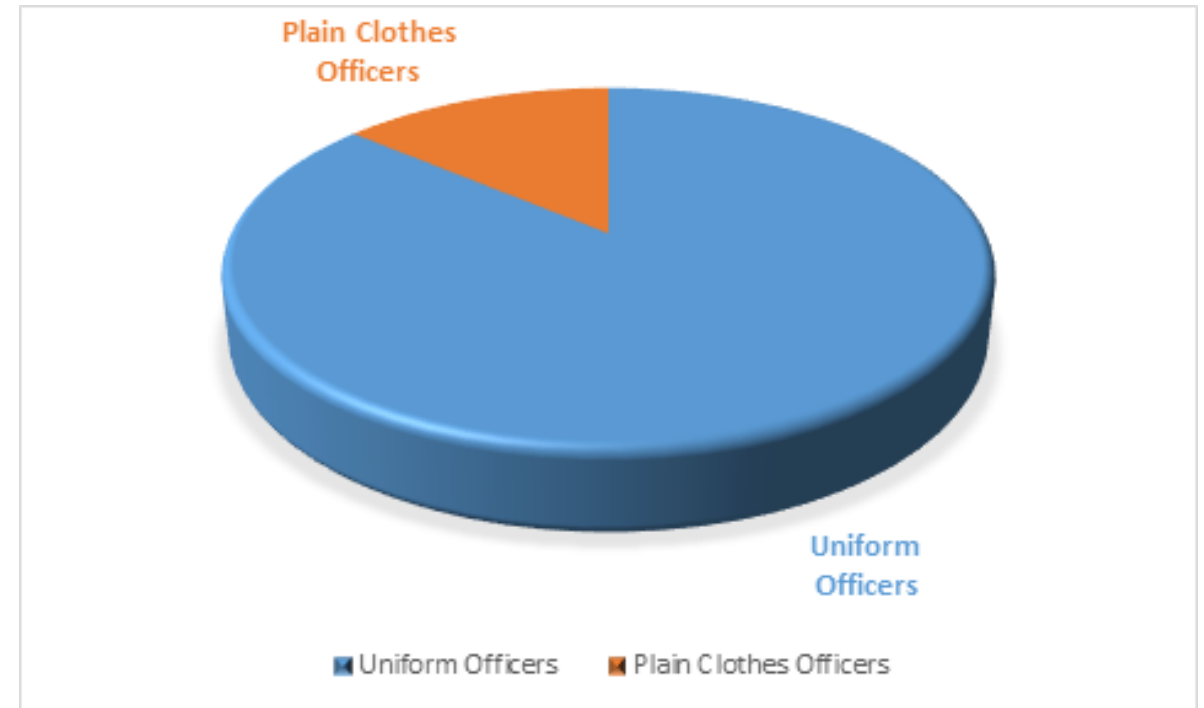
Aerosol Weapon – (6 reports)
(Figure #9, p.16)



Police Service Dogs – (6 reports)
(Figure #10, p.17)

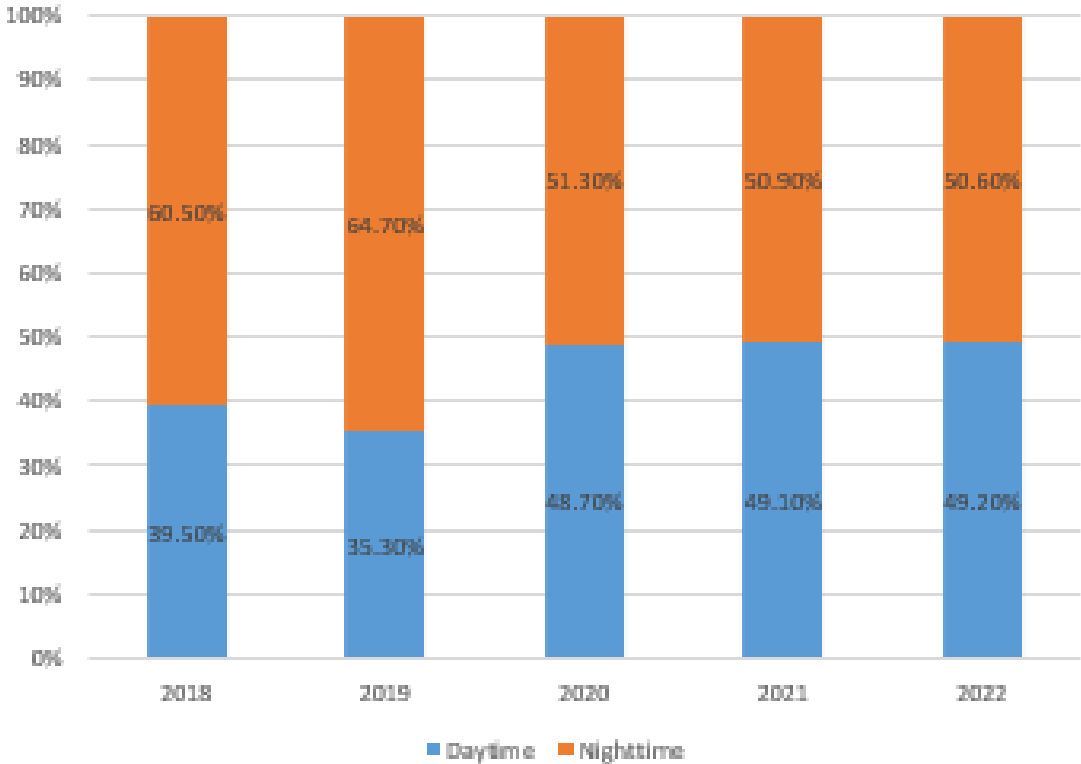
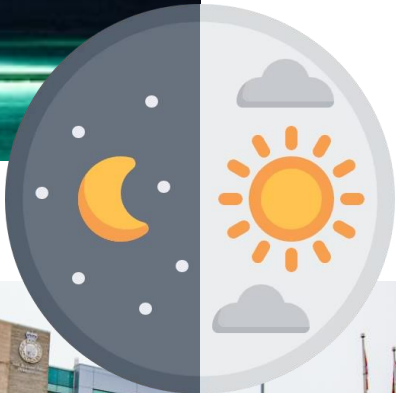


Uniform vs. Plain Clothes Officers



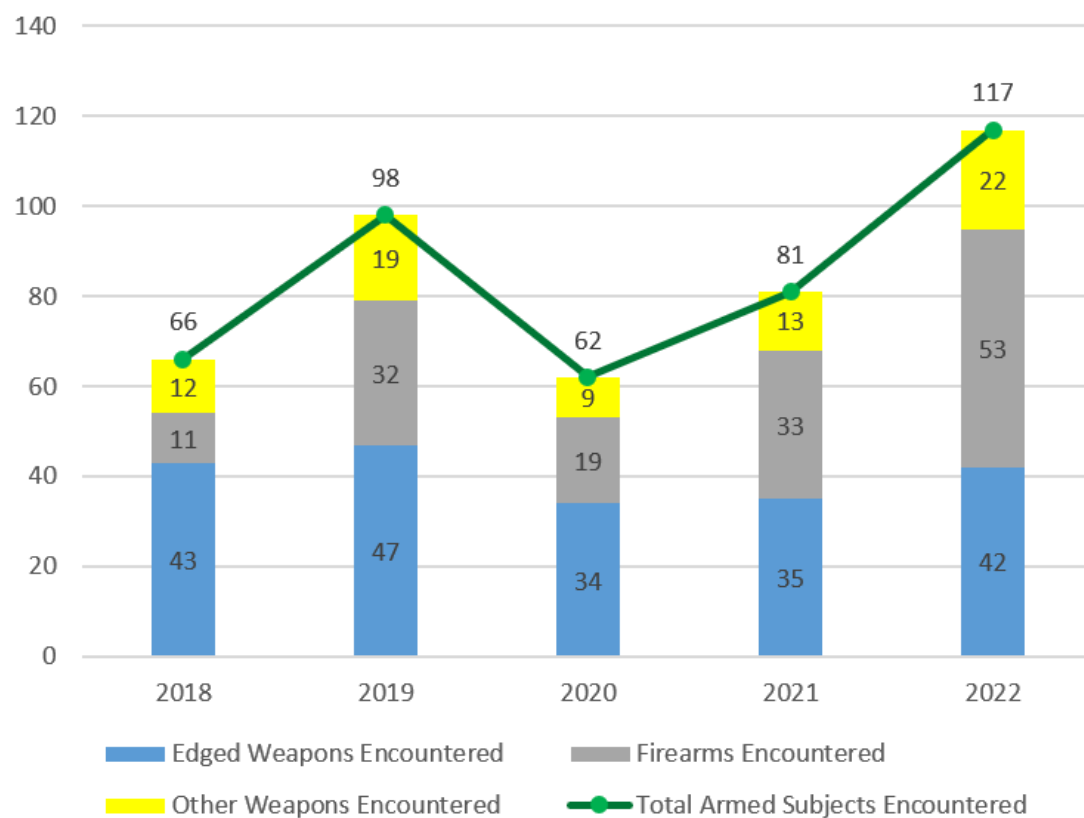


Nighttime vs. Daytime





Incidents with Armed Subjects



Incidents with Armed Subjects increased by 44%



Firearms 45.2%



Edged Weapons – 35.8%



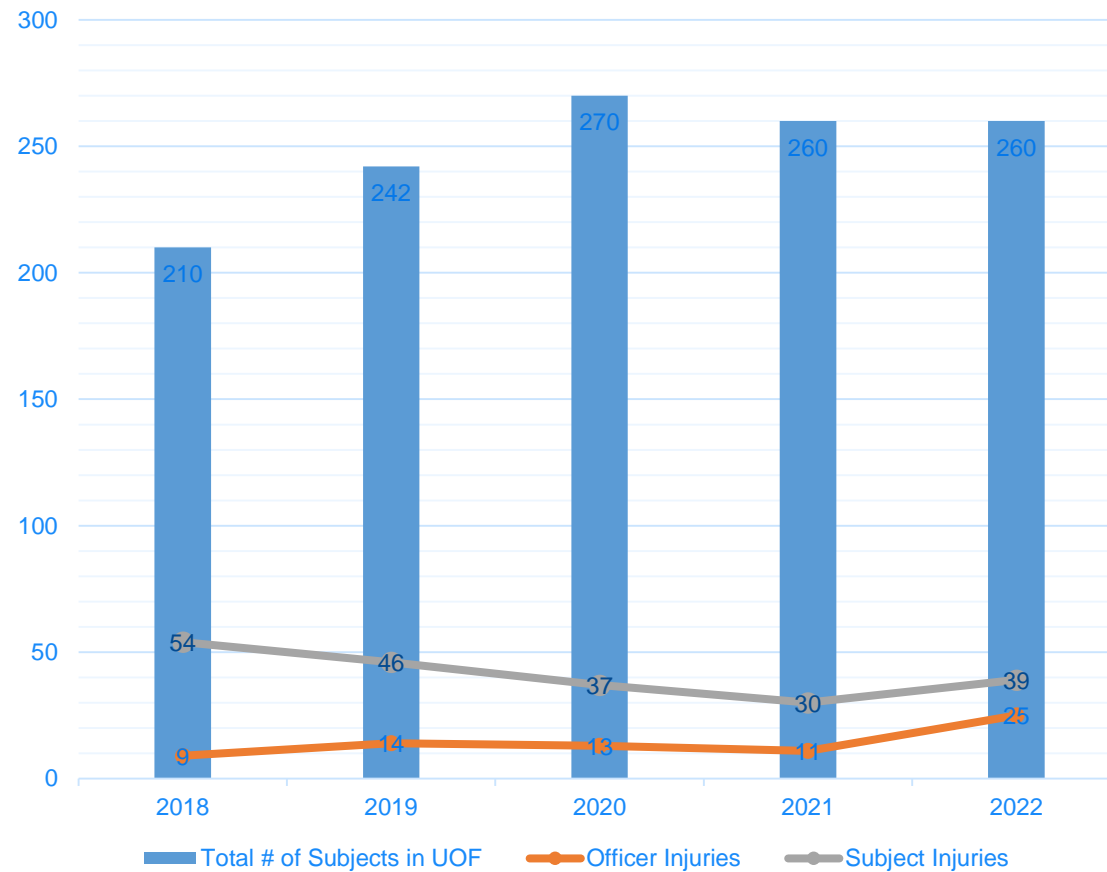
Incidents with Unarmed Subjects

- 143 unarmed subjects were involved in use of force incidents
- Examples of interactions with unarmed subjects include: assaultive subjects, subjects believed to have a weapon but later found to be unarmed or the documented history of the subject
- The demonstration of force options represents (90) 63% of the reportable use of force for unarmed subjects
- 53 (37%) unarmed subjects had actual physical force applied to them



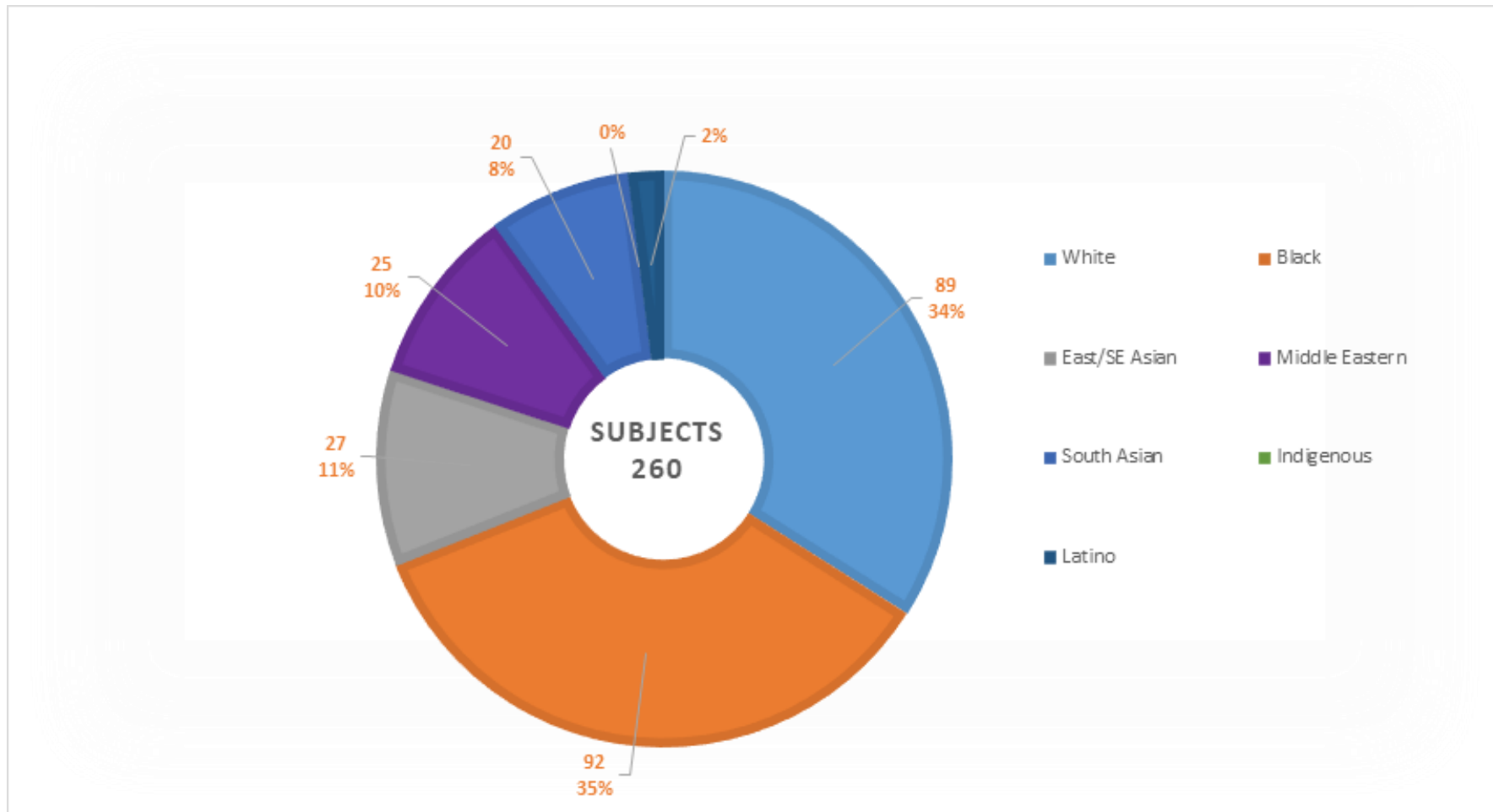


Injuries – Officer and Subject





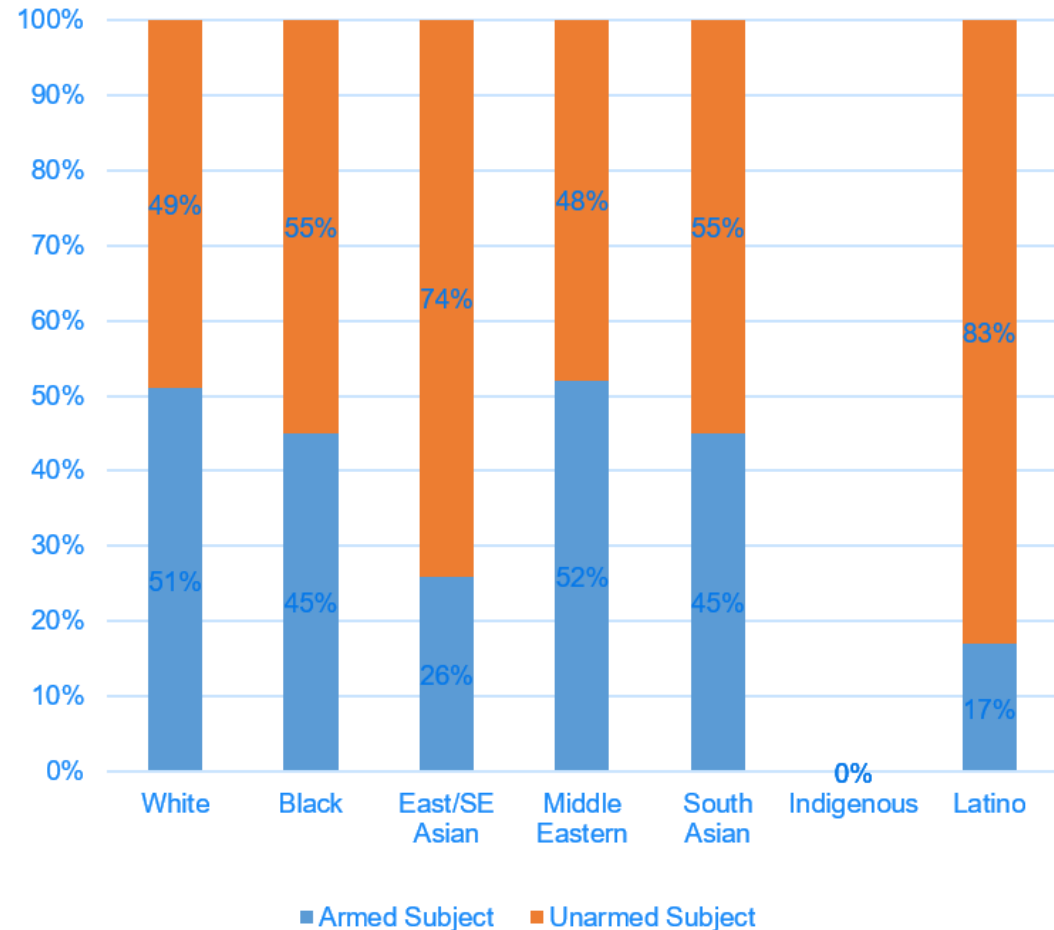
Subjects and Perceived Subject Race





Perceived Subject Race – Further Investigation

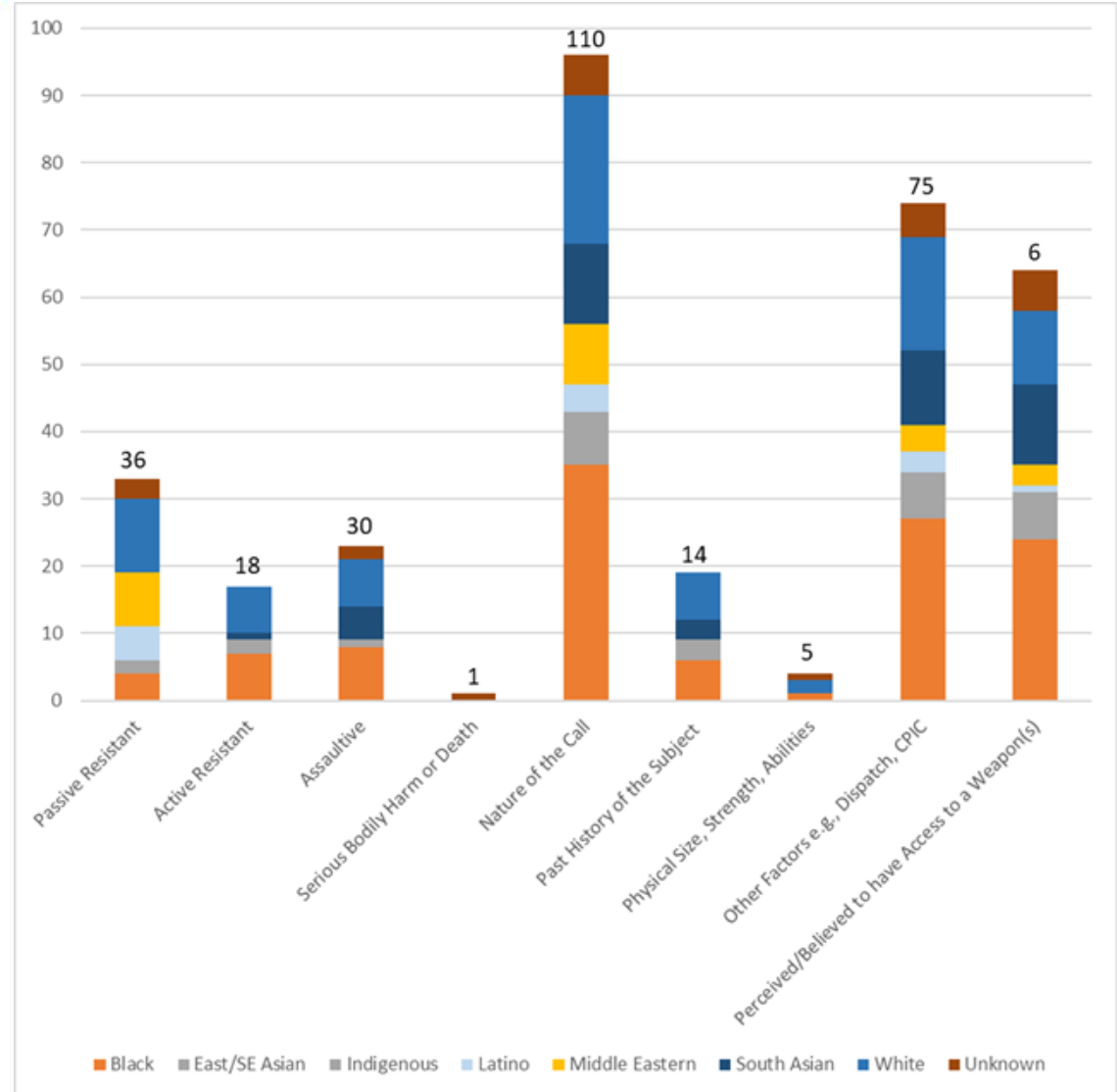
- Each incident is unique with its own set of circumstances (subject armed vs unarmed, subject behaviour, witness information or call type)
- Each incident was independently reviewed (general occurrence reports and involved officers notes)





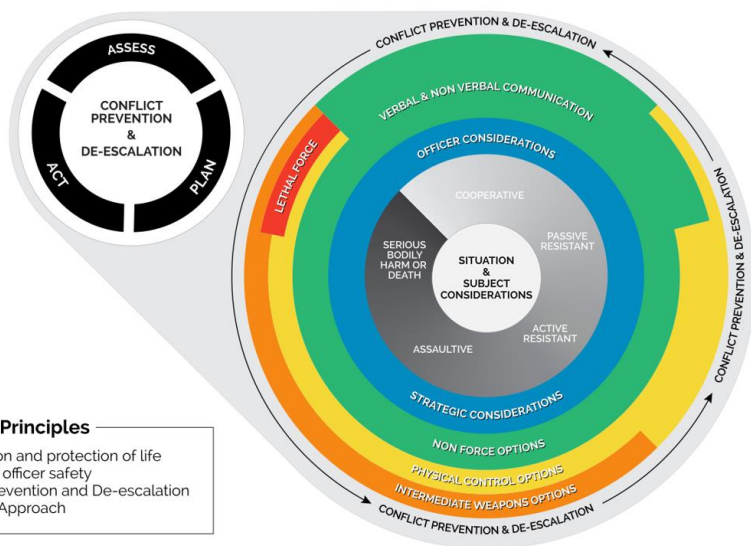
Perceived Subject Race – Further Investigation

- Each incident involving an unarmed subject was reviewed and subject behaviour and other influencing factors were reviewed and categorized
- Once categorized, another member cross-referenced subject race to ensure the initial review limited any bias
- This review found that the officers responses were consistent regardless of race when faced with similar subject behaviour and similar factors





Looking Ahead to 2023 and Beyond



Guiding Principles

Preservation and protection of life
Public and officer safety
Conflict Prevention and De-escalation
Relational Approach

The officer continuously assesses the interactions and selects the most reasonable option(s) relative to the subject and circumstances given available resources and time.

Ontario

Subject 1 *	Delete Subject
What race category best describes this individual? * (select only one) Show Help	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> East/Southeast Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White	
Did you have any difficulties perceiving the race of the subject? *	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
What age category best describes this individual? * (select only one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Under 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 – 17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55 – 64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 and older	
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What gender category best describes this individual? * (select only one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Trans/Non-binary/Other <input type="checkbox"/> ?	
Distance between you and the subject * (at the time decision was made to use force)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3 metres (approx. 10 feet) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 7 metres (approx. 10 to 23 feet) <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 7 metres (more than 23 feet)	
Reason(s) for Use of Force * (select all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Effect Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent an Offence <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent Escape <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Other Officer(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Public (including victims)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect Self <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Subject(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional <input type="checkbox"/> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Identify the information/factors that influenced your response * (select all that apply)	
Subject Actions: <input type="checkbox"/> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Resistant Passive <input type="checkbox"/> Resistant Active <input type="checkbox"/> Assaultive <input type="checkbox"/> Serious Bodily Harm or Death	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature of the Call <input type="checkbox"/> Past History with Subject <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Size, Strength, Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other Factors (e.g., CPIC, dispatch)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject Perceived/Believed to have Access to a Weapon(s)	
Officer Responses <input type="checkbox"/> ?	
Did you issue directions to the subject to comply? * <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Did you attempt/use de-escalation techniques? * <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



Conclusions from the 2022 Use of Force Data



Use of force incidents involving York Regional Police remain rare



Majority of use of force reports (80.5%) involved demonstration of force only



Officers are encountering more armed subjects. Firearms and edged weapons are the most common weapons being encountered



Regardless of race, officers responded similarly to subjects based on similar subject behaviours and similar situational factors



Police training remains focused on subject behavior, de-escalation and bias free policing



Thank you!

Questions?



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