



**DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE
2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

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Response to Resistance Philosophy

The Dallas Police Department uses a Linear Response-to-Resistance Continuum as its training model. The Response Continuum is a concept used in incident handling that simultaneously recognizes the level of subject resistance encountered and the level of control required for the situation. It is an overview that does not direct a particular officer on how much control to use in a particular situation. It gives direction in the escalation and de-escalation of resistance and the escalation and de-escalation of control necessary in police incidents. It explains that many variables are involved in situations where an officer must control a subject.

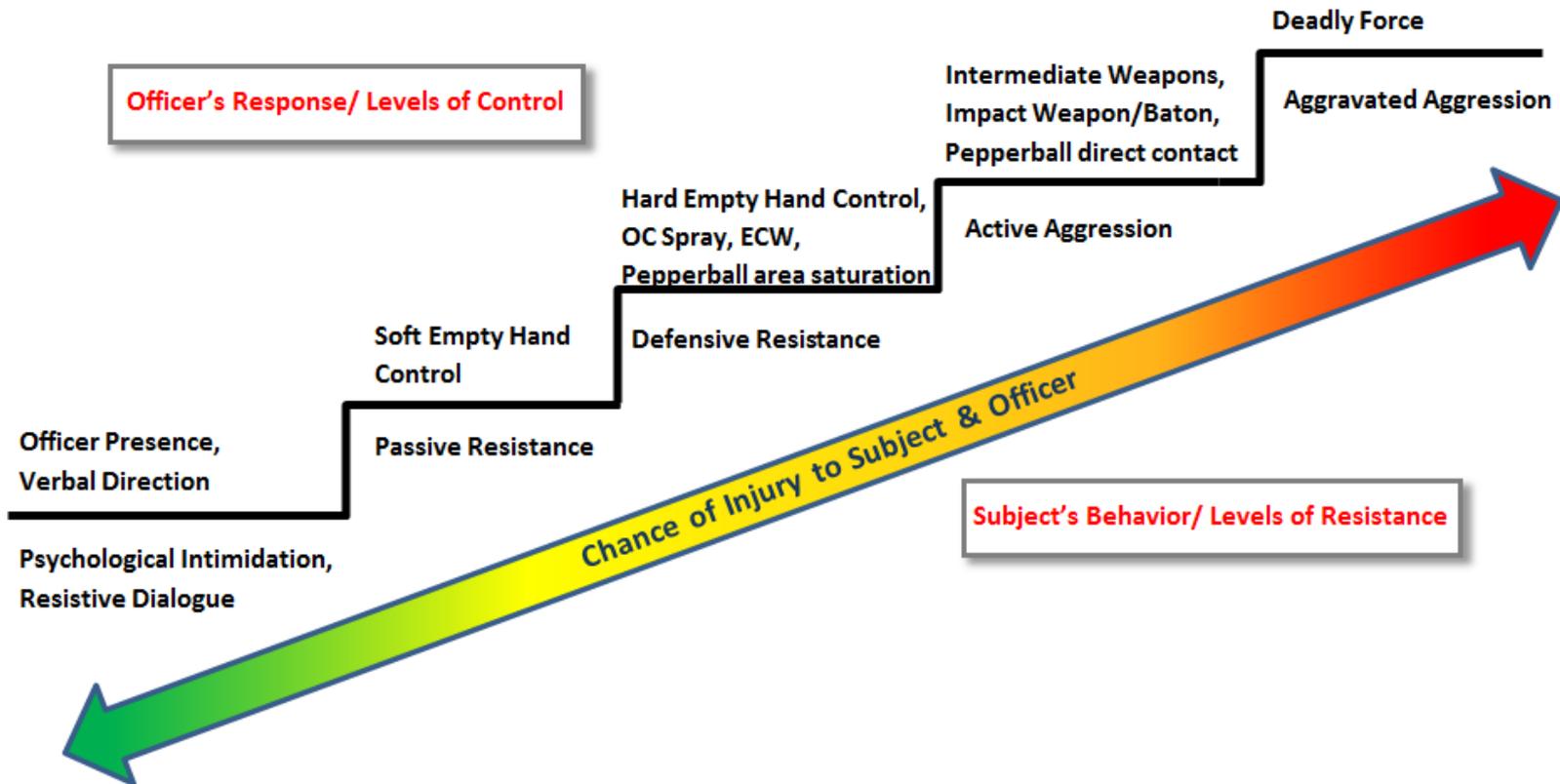
Skillful use of the options identified in the Response Continuum decreases the necessity to respond with physical control techniques and increases the probability of bringing the incident to a successful conclusion. The physical control techniques used may range from the use of handcuffs in an arrest, strikes with an impact weapon, or the use of a firearm. In all cases, the Dallas Police Department dictates that only reasonably necessary control techniques are justified. Any use of control techniques above that would be unjustified and the goal of control violated.

Where there is no apparent need to take a suspect into immediate physical custody, officers should utilize tactics designed to de-escalate the situation and facilitate a safer resolution whenever reasonably possible. The use of delaying tactics in order to obtain more favorable physical cover and additional officer presence is encouraged, as long as the safety of the officer, citizens, and subject is not compromised in doing so.

Response Continuum Model

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Linear Response Continuum



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Response to Resistance Reporting Requirements

On January 1, 2013, the Dallas Police Department began to require officers to enter a separate report on their response to resistance encountered. The Department's current policy states the completion of a Response to Resistance Report will be required in the following instances:

Any Response to Resistance that is Soft Empty Hand Control or above on the Response Continuum, with the exception of "Compliant Handcuffing" only. This will include, but not be limited to the following:

1. All take-downs, pressure points, joint locks.
2. Any use of Oleoresin Capsicum Chemical Spray.
3. Any deployment of the Pepperball System or 40mm "Stinger" Less Lethal Launcher System.
4. Personal weapons such as hands and feet.
5. Any use of the baton or any other type of instrument that is used as an impact weapon.
6. Any use of an Electronic Control Weapon (Taser).
7. The deployment of a firearm which is pointed directly at any individual. This will NOT include when any firearm is deployed as part of a warrant process or felony stop.

Each officer will document their response to resistance separately and write their own narrative. (The only exception to this will be Firearm Display where one officer may do the report for multiple officers if the only use of force is a Firearm Display.)

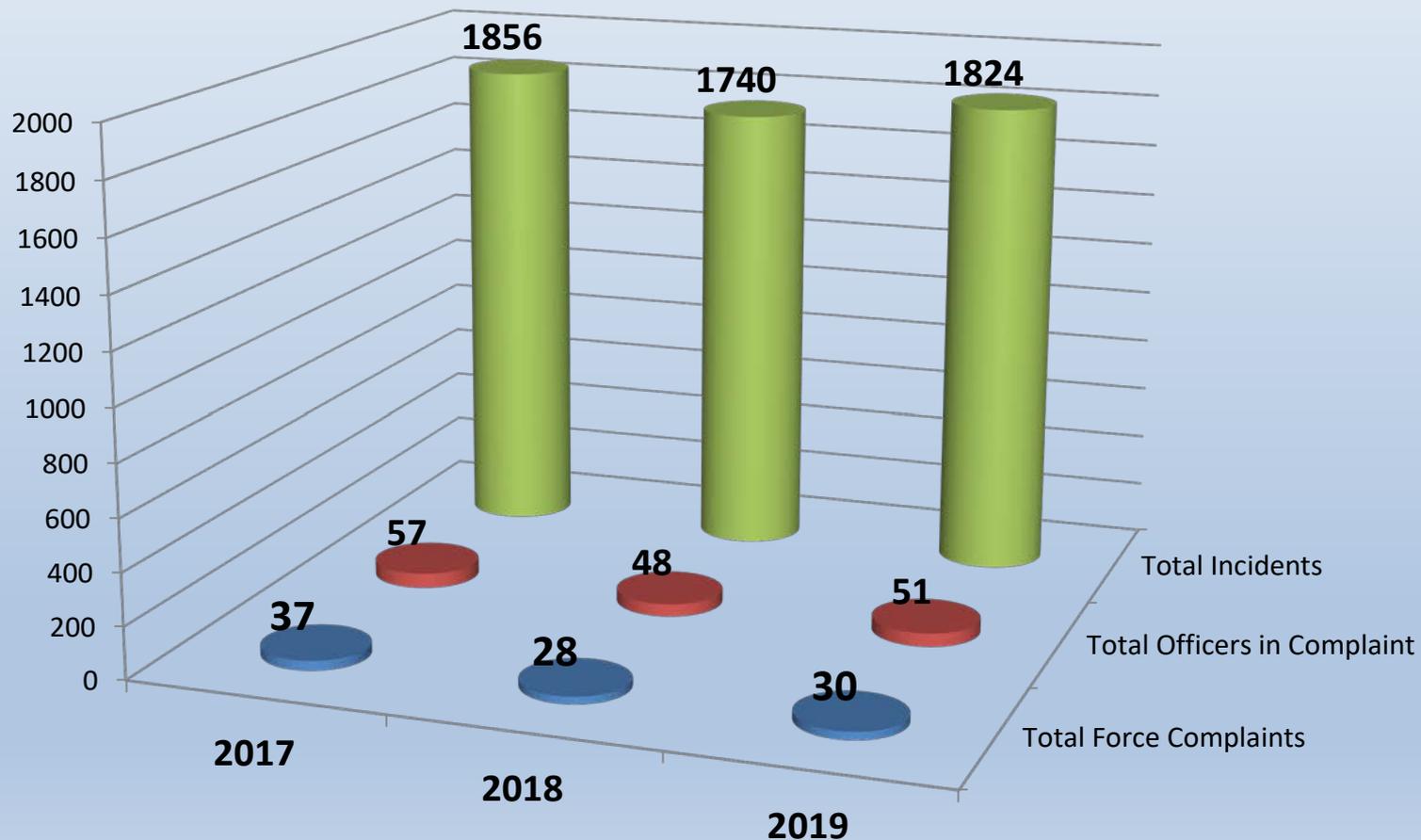
Note: A firearm discharge will not be reported in this system and requires a full investigation by Internal Affairs. All officer involved shooting (OIS) data is available at www.dallaspolice.net.

Inappropriate Force Complaints Received 2017 – 2019

YEAR	Total Force Complaints	% Change in Number of Complaints from Previous Year	Total Officers Complained On
2017	37	42.3%	57
2018	28	-24.3%	48
2019	30	7.1%	48

* Annual numbers change based on status of reports as of 04/15/20.

Total Response to Resistance Incidents vs. Complaints & Officers Involved in Inappropriate Force Allegations 3 Year Comparison *



*Annual numbers may change based on status of Response to Resistance Reports and current investigations. These numbers are reports received as of 05/16/19.

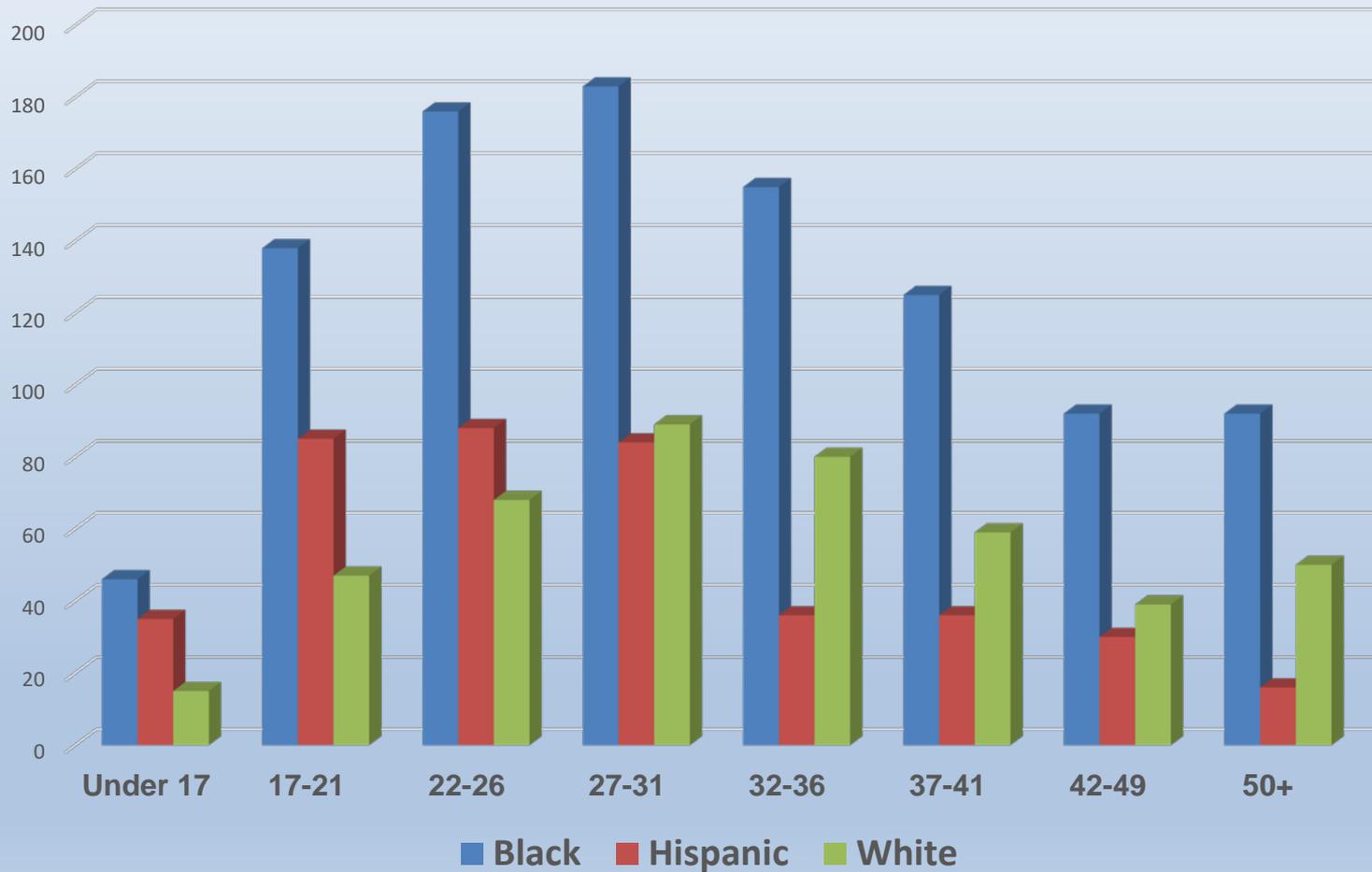
Firearm Discharge Incidents 2017 – 2019

YEAR	Total Firearm Discharge Incidents	Animal	Accidental Discharge
2017	18	6	3
2018	10	4	1
2019	25	10	4

Response to Resistance Incidents by Citizen Demographic Type 2017 - 2019

Race/Sex by	2017		2018		2019	
Reported Type	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total
American Ind	3	0.15%	6	0.32%	6	0.30%
Female	1	0.05%	1	0.05%	1	0.05%
Male	2	0.10%	5	0.27%	5	0.25%
Asian	4	0.20%	14	0.75%	16	0.79%
Female	0	0.00%	7	0.38%	1	0.05%
Male	4	0.20%	7	0.38%	15	0.74%
Black	1058	53.57%	1032	55.45%	1086	53.87%
Female	171	8.66%	194	10.42%	159	7.89%
Male	887	44.91%	838	45.03%	927	45.98%
Hispanic	467	23.65%	405	21.76%	434	21.53%
Female	58	2.94%	52	2.79%	63	3.13%
Male	409	20.71%	353	18.97%	371	18.40%
White	443	22.43%	404	21.71%	474	23.51%
Female	82	4.15%	117	6.29%	96	4.76%
Male	361	18.28%	287	15.42%	378	18.75%

Response to Resistance Incidents Involved Citizen Race & Age Range



Officer Responses to Resistance Incidents Involved Officer Race vs Citizen Race 2018 & 2019*

Officer Race	Citizen Race	2018	2019	Officer Race	Citizen Race	2018	2019
American Indian	Asian	0	0	Hispanic	Asian	5	2
	Black	7	10		Black	322	411
	Hispanic	2	5		Hispanic	151	223
	Other	0	0		Other	11	15
	White	4	5		White	144	177
Asian	Asian	2	1	Other	Asian	0	0
	Black	63	53		Black	13	20
	Hispanic	28	31		Hispanic	7	3
	Other	7	1		Other	1	3
	White	32	33		White	1	3
Black	Asian	0	4	White	Asian	16	16
	Black	222	213		Black	831	996
	Hispanic	74	92		Hispanic	286	412
	Other	5	12		Other	57	45
	White	65	68		White	348	423

*Due to reporting requirements, multiple officers could be reporting on same citizen during same incident.
(Reports available as of 05/13/20.).

Citizens and Officers Injured in Responses to Resistance Incidents

2017 - 2019

Citizen Injured	2017	2018	2019
Yes	27%	29%	25%
No	73%	71%	75%

Officer Injured	2017	2018	2019
Yes	10%	9.0%	9%
No	90%	91%	91%

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Officer Responses to Resistance

Intermediate Weapon Use and Reported Effectiveness

	2016		2017		2018		2019	
Type	Use Reported	% Effective						
Baton Strike	14	71%	6	67%	7	50%	6	80%
OC Spray	64	77%	46	80%	60	80%	54	78%
Taser Display	198	57%	238	57%	142	42%	197	55%
Taser	262	61%	280	58%	344	59%	289	59%
40mm "Stinger" Less Lethal Launcher System					23	61%	14	43%

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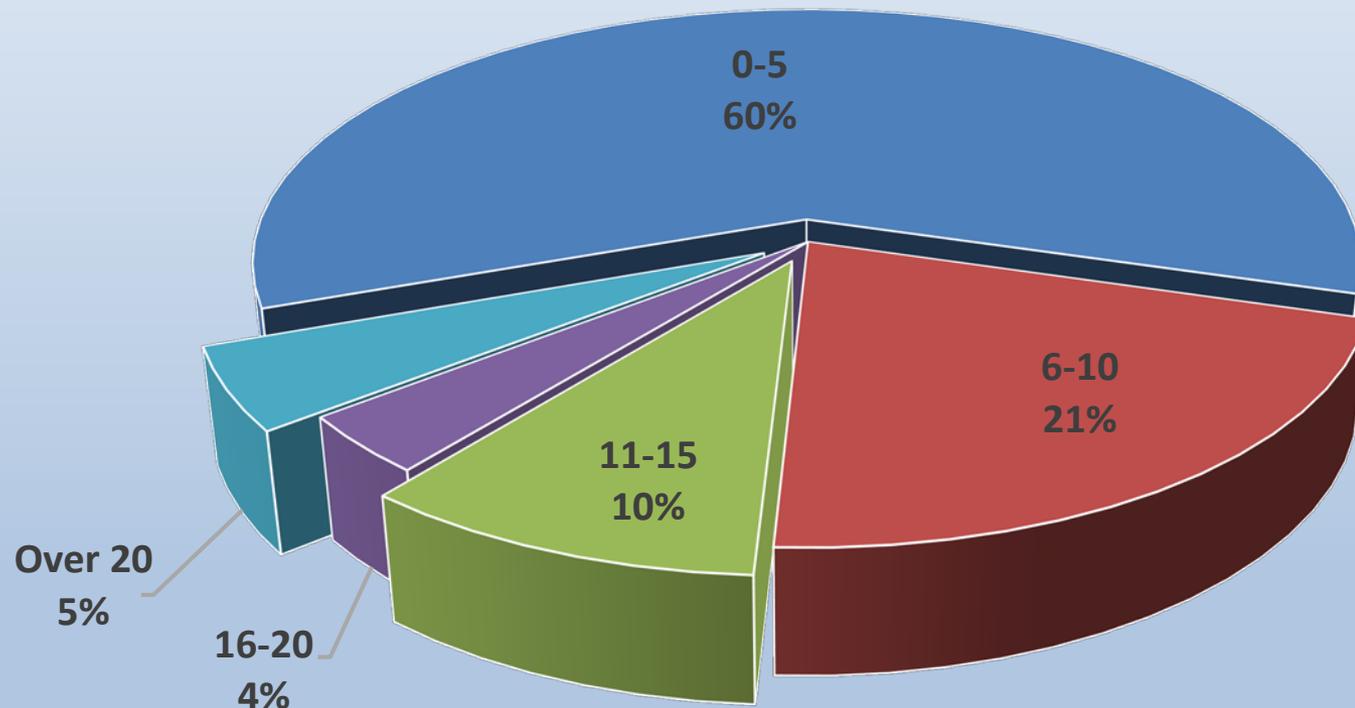
Officer Responses to Resistance Defensive Techniques Comparison Top Types: 2017 – 2019

2017		2018		2019	
Verbal Command	1184	Verbal Command	1122	Verbal Command	1439
Take Down- All Types	737	Take Down- All Types	708	Held Suspect Down	957
Balance Displacement	726	Held Suspect Down	801	Balance Displacement	876
Held Suspect Down	657	Balance Displacement	637	Take Down- All Types	784
Weapon Display	425	Weapon Display	336	Weapon Display	667
Joint Locks	322	Taser	301	Joint Locks	334

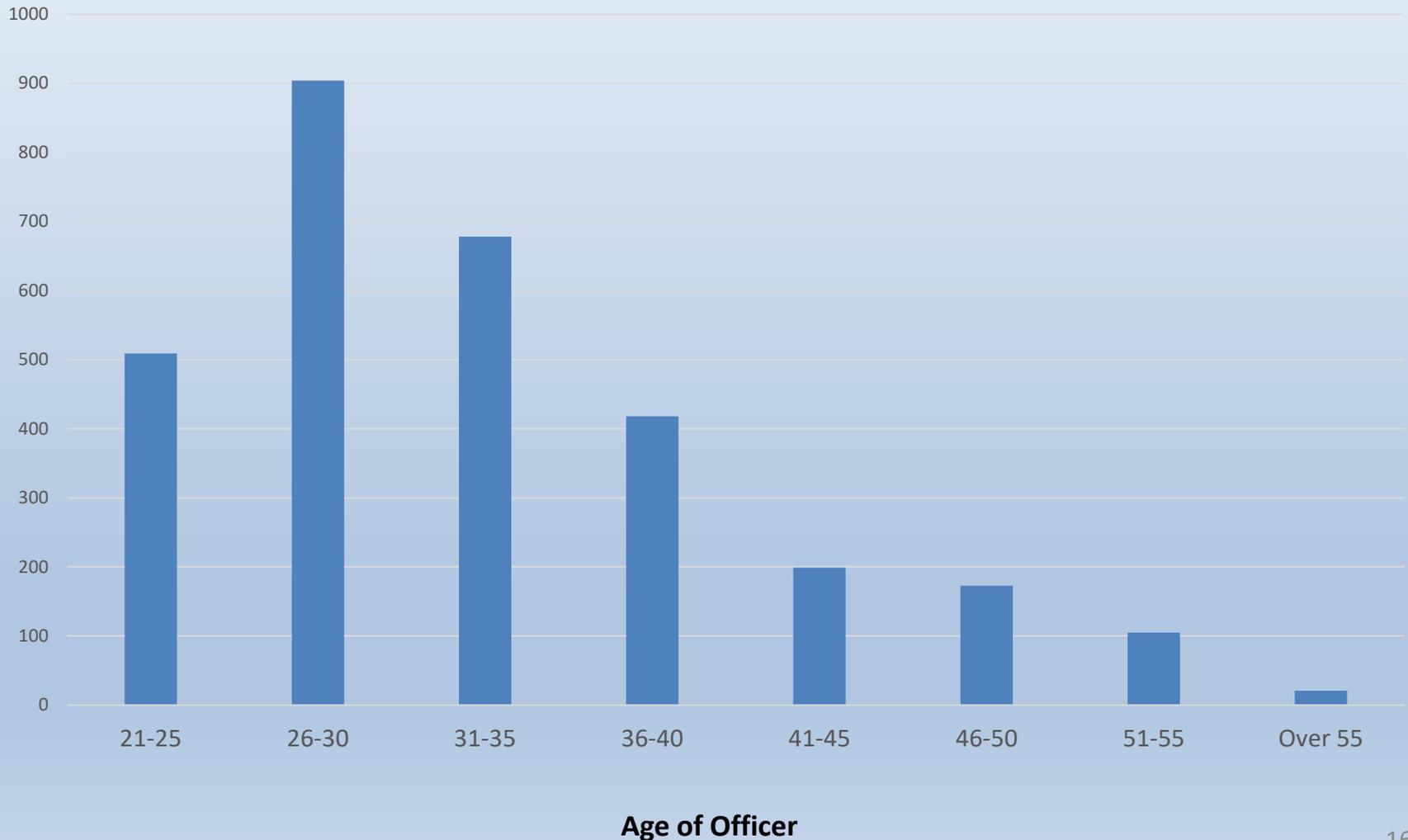
Initial Service Being Rendered Requiring Response to Resistance

	2017	2018	2019
Arrest	1579	1527	1684
Call for Cover	157	149	147
Crime in Progress	73	91	134
Crowd Control	16	9	24
Off-Duty Employment	96	72	68
Off-Duty Incident	12	20	12
Other	80	62	89
Pedestrian Stop	45	44	57
Service Call	728	671	684
Suspicious Activity	62	40	58
Traffic Stop	95	60	105
Warrant Execution	32	17	21

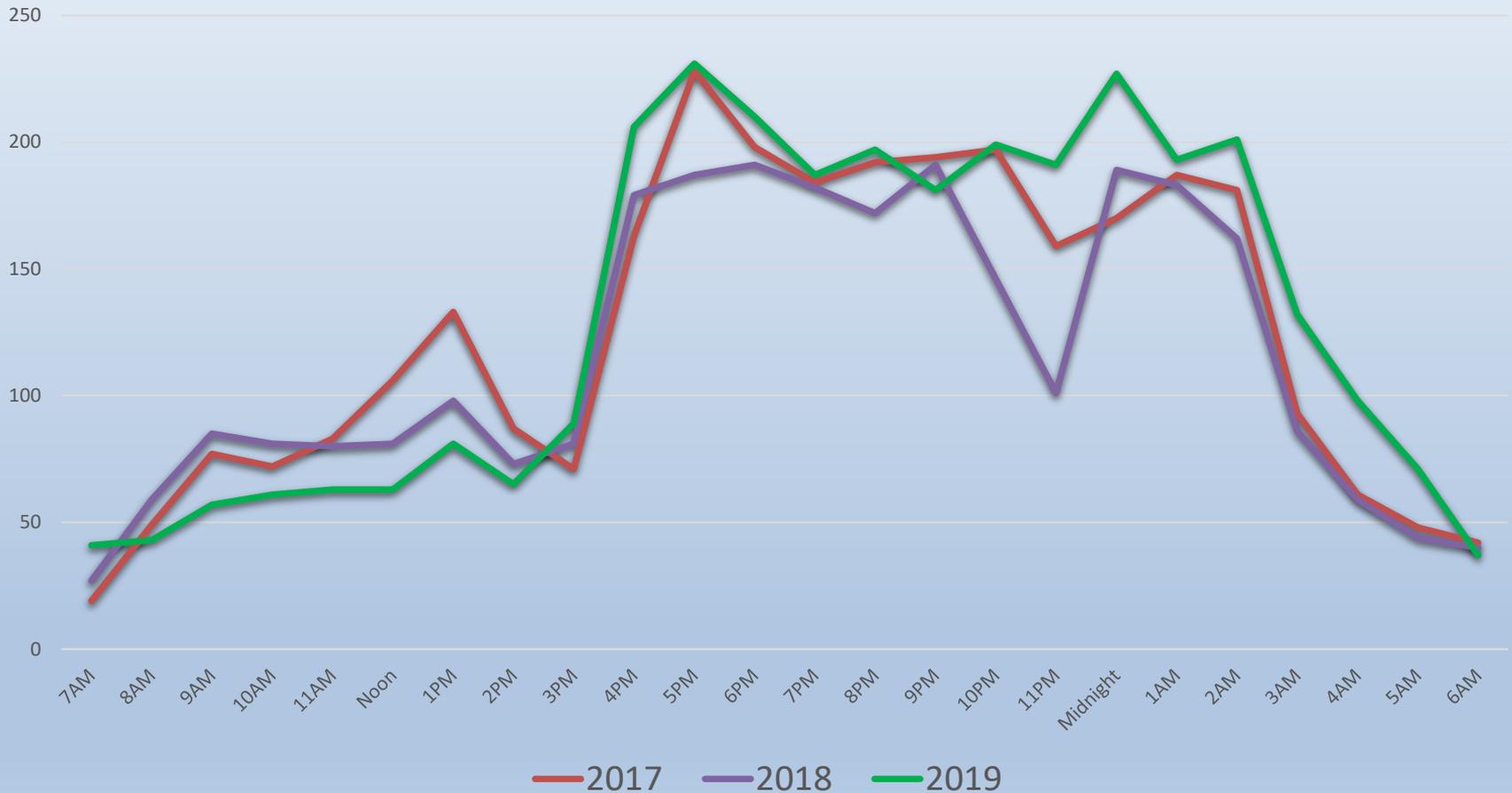
Years of Service of Officers Involved in Response to Resistance Incidents 2019



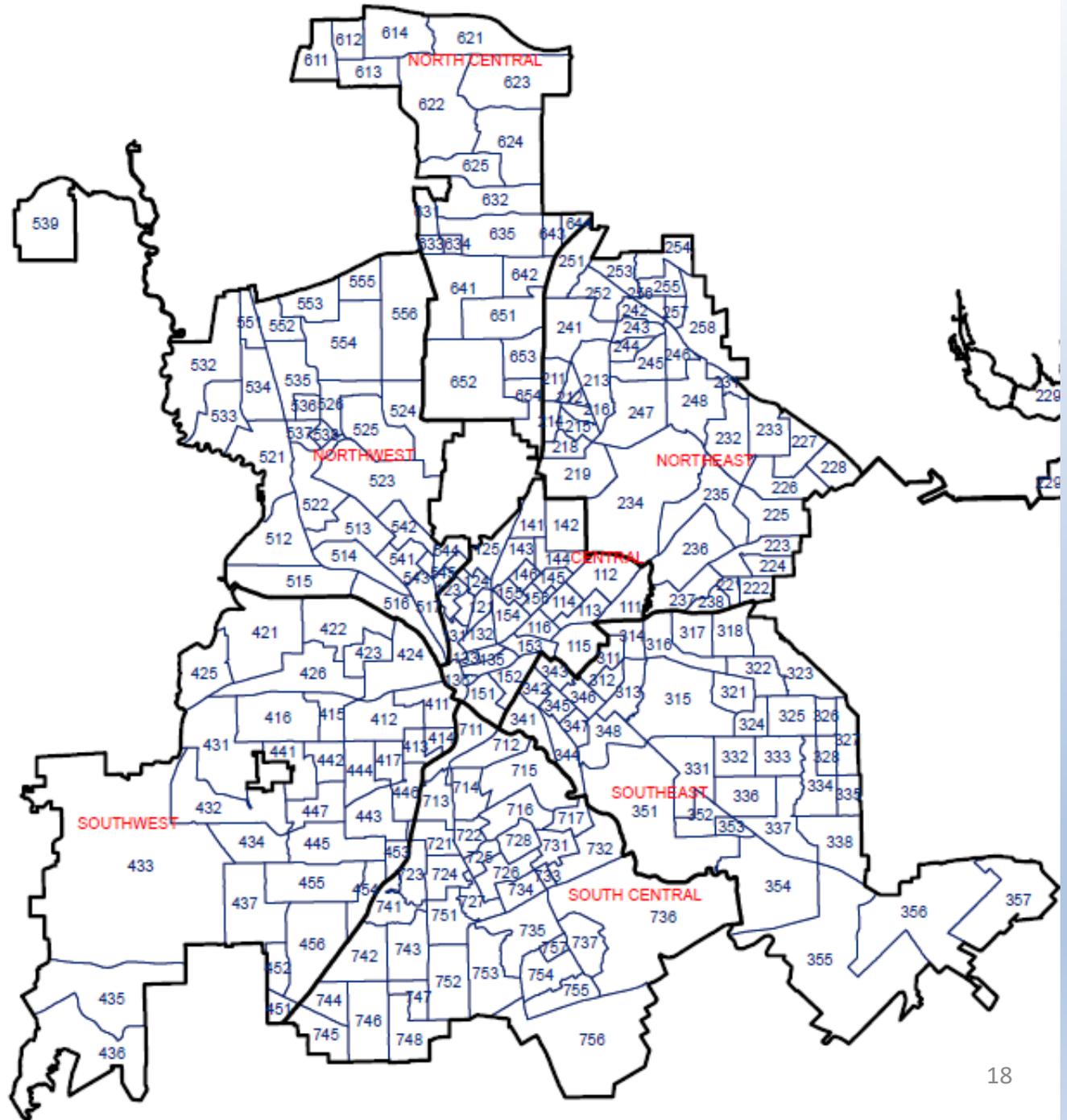
Response to Resistance Incidents by Involved Officer Age



Response to Resistance Incidents Hour of Day- 3 Year Comparison



City of Dallas Geographic Divisions and Beats



Citizen Demographics by Geographic Division

Division	CE	NE	SE	SW	NW	NC	SC	Totals
SQ_MILES	17.7	86.7	63.4	75.0	50.0	36.9	55.2	367.2
Population	104001	240999	176265	211962	140287	196461	127841	1093815
WHITE	53904	92997	17028	21745	48140	107154	4237	291301
%WHITE	51.83%	38.59%	9.66%	10.26%	34.32%	54.54%	3.31%	26.6%
BLACK	10669	51758	57484	45882	12818	25865	89683	283490
%BLACK	10.26%	21.48%	32.61%	21.65%	9.14%	13.17%	70.15%	25.9%
AM_IND	410	712	403	535	317	529	261	2757
%AM_IND	0.39%	0.30%	0.23%	0.25%	0.23%	0.27%	0.20%	0.3%
ASIAN	3327	11128	663	2159	3788	11939	605	30282
%ASIAN	3.20%	4.62%	0.38%	1.02%	2.70%	6.08%	0.47%	2.8%
NHPI*	48	61	16	46	34	82	24	263
%NHPI	0.05%	0.03%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.04%	0.02%	0.0%
OTHER_RACE	158	373	178	217	234	525	139	1666
%OTHER	0.15%	0.15%	0.10%	0.10%	0.17%	0.27%	0.11%	0.2%
MULTI_RACE	1353	3266	1051	1273	1069	3237	983	10879
%MULTI	1.30%	1.36%	0.60%	0.60%	0.76%	1.65%	0.77%	1.0%
HISPANIC	34132	80704	99442	140105	73887	47130	31909	473177
%HISPANIC	32.82%	33.49%	56.42%	66.10%	52.67%	23.99%	24.96%	43.3%

2010 Census Data, *NHPI=Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Responses to Resistance Incidents Involved Citizen Race by Geographic Division 2017 - 2019

Division	Race	2017	2018	2019
Central	Asian	2	5	2
	Black	195	204	191
	Hispanic	82	84	68
	Other	23	21	22
	White	139	143	129
Northeast	Asian	1	2	6
	Black	143	161	216
	Hispanic	50	49	59
	Other	5	9	7
	White	58	65	73
Southeast	Asian	0	3	1
	Black	194	176	209
	Hispanic	63	63	81
	Other	8	7	7
	White	34	28	57
Southwest	Asian	0	0	0
	Black	81	77	101
	Hispanic	80	78	92
	Other	7	3	9
	White	29	29	52

Division	Race	2017	2018	2019
Northwest	Asian	0	1	1
	Black	40	50	61
	Hispanic	46	42	48
	Other	2	9	2
	White	58	55	63
North Central	Asian	0	1	1
	Black	61	66	90
	Hispanic	45	23	40
	Other	3	4	4
	White	45	57	58
South Central	Asian	1	0	1
	Black	200	199	155
	Hispanic	14	17	20
	Other	3	5	6
	White	10	8	9

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Citizen Used Active Aggression Against Officer By Division 2017 -2019

Division	2017	2018	2019
CENTRAL	89	88	42
NORTH CENTRAL	26	14	10
NORTHEAST	48	45	39
NORTHWEST	41	30	28
SOUTH CENTRAL	42	41	23
SOUTHEAST	42	37	34
SOUTHWEST	47	36	42
Grand Total	335	291	218

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Top Ten Beats 2019

Beat #	# Incidents Reported
153	53
133	30
257	28
132	28
521	26
424	25
154	24
644	23
346	22
131	20
337	20
343	20

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Top Beats Citizen Used Active Aggression Against Officer 2017 – 2019

2017	
Beat	Incidents
424	17
153	17
132	9
133	8
521	7
154	7

2018	
Beat	Incidents
153	12
134	9
135	8
122	7
521	6
133	6

2019	
Beat	Incidents
153	12
424	9
521	8
541	7
122	6
133	5

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Response to Resistance Report

Executive Summary

During 2019, Dallas Police Officers made 45,212 arrests and documented 1,824 response to resistance incidents where force above compliant handcuffing was used. This represents 4% of the total number of subjects arrested by the Dallas Police Department. 84.1% of the citizens involved in the reported response to resistance incidents were male. Officers reported 75% of the incidents did not result in injury to the citizen. The largest group of officers (60%) involved in incidents requiring a Response to Resistance Report had less than six years of service on the Department. 75.4% of the reported incidents occurred between 4:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

The Dallas Police Department has experienced an 7.1% increase (30 vs 28) in excessive force complaints versus 2018. This indicates a force related complaint in 1.6% of all response to resistance incidents and in 0.07% of all arrests for 2019. Of the 276 total formal complaints from citizens against Dallas Police Officers received in 2019, approximately 10.9% of the investigations were related to unnecessary or inappropriate force.

The Dallas Police Department has intentionally increased Reality Based Training opportunities for officers. The goal is to provide officers with enough training on commonly seen incidents to help them understand how mistakes can be caused by common stressors. Mistakes may ultimately lead to higher levels of force being needed to resolve a situation. The Department believes training, using both live and virtual environments, has improved officers' chances of having successful outcomes for both citizens and officers in situations where force may be required.

On October 1, 2019, the Office of Community Police Oversight Board was given responsibility of providing an accessible process that ensures fair acceptance and processing of external administrative complaints. The Police Department works with the Oversight Monitor to make this process available to all persons who believe they have been aggrieved during an interaction with an employee of the Dallas Police Department. The monitor can review all external complaints and critical incidents and report back to the Oversight Board. The board can order the monitor to conduct an independent investigation and report their findings to the Chief of Police.