

FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2014 After Action Analysis

In accordance with Department policy and CALEA Standard 1.3.13, the Command Staff received, reviewed, discussed, and analyzed the 2014 After Action Reports.

During 2014, there were 52 total After Action Reports filed. Nineteen (19) of those reports were Motor Vehicle Pursuit After Action Reports. Ten (10) additional reports were SWAT Deployment After Action Reports. The remaining 23 reports were incidents of force. The highest level of force used is what is listed in this analysis. The following depicts the types and frequency of force used.

USE OF FORCE AFTER ACTION REPORTS:

	2012	2013	2014
Firearm	0	1	1
Taser	13	9	10
Impact Weapon	1	1	0
OC	2	3	3
Physical Control	7	6	9
K9 Apprehension	2	1	0
Handcuffs only	0	2	0
Total:	25	23	23

	Arrests	Use of Force of Arrests	Calls for Service	Use of Force of Calls for Service
2012	3,429	.73%	50,893	.049%
2013	3,244	.71%	51,742	.044%
2014	3,498	.66%	51,989	.044%

The total number of arrests for 2014 was 3,498. The twenty-three (23) use of force incidents accounted for .66% of all arrests. The total number of calls for service in 2014 was 51,989. Consequently, the use of force incidents accounted for .044% of the total number of calls officers responded to.

Use of Force by day of the week:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2012	1	3	6	2	2	9	2
2013	5	1	5	3	3	2	4
2014	2	6	2	2	3	2	6

Use of Force by time of day:

	00:00 – 01:00	01:00 – 02:00	02:00 – 03:00	03:00 – 04:00	04:00 – 05:00	05:00 – 06:00	06:00 – 07:00	07:00 – 08:00
2012	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	1
2013	3	0	3	2	0	0	0	2
2014	1	4	3	0	1	0	0	0
	08:00 – 09:00	09:00 – 10:00	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00	12:00 – 13:00	13:00 – 14:00	14:00 – 15:00	15:00 – 16:00
2012	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
2013	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	2
2014	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	1
	16:00 – 17:00	17:00 – 18:00	18:00 – 19:00	19:00 – 20:00	20:00 – 21:00	21:00 – 22:00	22:00 – 23:00	23:00 – 24:00
2012	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
2013	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0
2014	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1

Use of Force by shift:

	DA	DB	NA	NB	Traffic	Housing	CID	SRO
2012	5	5	10	3	1	1	0	0
2013	3	4	6	3	2	3	1	1
2014	4	6	8	5	0	0	0	0

Use of Force by zone:

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
2012	15	3	5	2
2013	16	4	1	2
2014	6	8	4	5

(These figures do not include the Motor Vehicle pursuits or the SWAT deployments.)

The highest number of use of force incidents shifted from zone 1 to zone 2. Saturday and Monday are tied with the highest day of the week. Night A continues to have the most occurrences of use of force situations.

There was one incident of an officer firing two shots at what appeared to be a man with a gun. The call was a subject pointing a long-gun at vehicles passing. The subject raised what appeared to be a gun, pointing it at officers. One officer fired two rounds and missed the subject with both rounds. The subject had cloth wrapped around a cane making the cane appear to be a weapon. The subject was taken into custody for mental evaluation after saying he wanted the Police to kill him. A review of the incident revealed the Officer acted appropriately and took all the precautions he could due to the situation.

It does appear that each of the use of force incidents were within policy. Three Officers triggered early warning reviews which can be found in the EWIS annual analysis contained in the Internal Affairs report.

SWAT Deployments:

There were ten (10) After Action reports resulting from SWAT deployments. These were high risk search warrants executed in conjunction with the Lauderdale County Drug Task Force, the use of snipers to observe from a distance, assisting other agencies and high risk search/arrest warrants for other divisions.

One deployment resulted in force being directly applied to an individual beyond basic handcuffing. While assisting an outside agency with an active shooter situation, one of our officers had to use deadly force. The deadly force used resulted in only one casualty, the active shooter.

	2012	2013	2014
Involuntary Commitment	1	0	0
DTF	6	11	6
CID	0	3	0
Domestic Violence	0	2	0
Animal Control	0	1	0
Patrol	0	1	1
Assist Outside Agency	0	0	3

Use of Force Conclusion:

After reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding each use of force that occurred during 2014, there is no evident pattern of neglect, or issues that need to be addressed. No issues or concerns were identified that need additional attention at this time.

Policy Review and Recommendations:

The Use of Force policy was also reviewed during the review process. Taking into consideration the facts from each report and the statistical review, the Command Staff determined the current policy and forms adequately guided personnel during and after a use of force incident. No further recommendations were made.

PURSUIT AFTER ACTION REPORTS:

In accordance with Department policy and CALEA Standard 41.2.2, the Command Staff received, reviewed, discussed, and analyzed the 2014 motor vehicle pursuits. After reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding the motor vehicle pursuits in 2014, it has been determined that there is no evident pattern of neglect or other issues that need to be addressed. It was also determined that each of the pursuits were within policy.

The nineteen (19) total pursuits are broken down by the day of the week and the time period in which they began in an effort to identify and track any possible trends. The following tables show the dispersion of the pursuits.

Pursuits by day of the week:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2012	1	2	1	4	4	1	2
2013	2	1	1	0	3	5	2
2014	5	4	0	3	3	1	3

Pursuits by time of day:

	00:00 – 01:00	01:00 – 02:00	02:00 – 03:00	03:00 – 04:00	04:00 – 05:00	05:00 – 06:00	06:00 – 07:00	07:00 – 08:00
2012	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2014	1	2	5	1	1	0	0	0
	08:00 – 09:00	09:00 – 10:00	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00	12:00 – 13:00	13:00 – 14:00	14:00 – 15:00	15:00 – 16:00
2012	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
2013	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
2014	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
	16:00 – 17:00	17:00 – 18:00	18:00 – 19:00	19:00 – 20:00	20:00 – 21:00	21:00 – 22:00	22:00 – 23:00	23:00 – 24:00
2012	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0
2013	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0
2014	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

The number of pursuits and each of the data sets analyzed in 2014 are consistent with the prior years.

Pursuit Findings:

As previously stated, the Command Staff determined that all nineteen (19) pursuits were compliant with our policy. There does not appear to be any trends of neglect, lack of supervision, or any indication that additional or remedial training is necessary. It is also determined that no additional action is required.

Policy Review and Recommendations:

The Pursuit policy was also reviewed during the review process. Taking into consideration the facts from each report and the statistical review, the Command Staff determined the current policy and forms adequately guided personnel during and after a pursuit. No further recommendations were made.