



Peterborough Lakefield  
Police Services Board

# Public Session

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**TO:** Chair and Members  
Peterborough Lakefield Police Services Board

**FROM:** Sergeant Nancy Loucks

**REPORT DATE:** March 4, 2014

**SUBJECT:** 2013 Use of Force Annual Report

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to inform the Board of the use of force incidents in 2013

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board approve the recommendation(s) outlined in this Report, as follows:

That the Board receive this report for information.

## **STRENGTH IMPACT**

N/A

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **BACKGROUND**

Reported annually

## **BUSINESS PLAN REFERENCE**

N/A

## **SUMMARY**

2013 Use of Force Report:

In 2013 there were a total of forty-nine (49) incidents that involved the use of force as reported by members of the Service. As a result of these forty-nine incidents, a total of sixty-eight (68) use of force reports were submitted. Officers are required to submit individual reports when a decision is made to use force as per the Provincial Legislation and Service policy. There is a decrease in the number of incidents from 2012 when sixty-two (62) incidents were reported.

Of the forty-nine (49) incidents, thirty-one (31) involved the use of a service issued firearm. This is a decrease of fifteen (15) from 2012 when forty-six (46) reports involved the use of the service issued firearm. In four (4) incidents the service issued firearm was used to destroy an animal for humane interests. In twenty-four (24) incidents the involved subject was either in possession or threatened the use of a weapon, such as a firearm or edged weapon, such as a knife. Four (4) incidents involved officers apprehending subject(s) who were non-compliant with commands from officers and were potentially armed.

The remaining firearms related incidents involved high risk arrest and search situations. Sixteen (16) involved the Emergency Response Team (ERT) where a use of force report is required for each ERT call out. This is a decrease of three (3) in the number of ERT calls from 2012 when the team was called out nineteen (19) times. The number

of ERT call outs is attributed to investigations done by members of the Criminal Investigations Unit concentrating on weapons, gangs, and drugs.

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) aerosol spray was not used in 2013. OC was used in four (4) incidents to restrain combative persons in 2012.

Impact Weapons (service issued "ASP" baton) was used one (1) time in 2013 to assist in prying the arms of an unco-operative subject in order for the subject to be handcuffed. The subject was keeping their arms locked up under their body to resist being handcuffed. The ASP was not used to strike any individual. Empty hand techniques were used eight (8) times in 2013 compared to eighteen (18) times in 2012.

The Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) was drawn and pointed ten (10) times in 2013 and deployed in one (1) of these incidents proving effective. Members are instructed to submit a Conducted Energy Weapon Report when drawing and pointing the CEW to determine whether the show of force was effective in gaining compliance from combative or assaultive individuals. In nine (9) reports, the CEW was pointed and the level of force was effective without the deployment of the CEW. In 2012 the CEW was drawn and pointed six (6) times and deployed in three (3) of these incidents.

There were no reported serious injuries to any subject as a result of force being used at the time members submitted their use of force report.

The use of force by members of the Service in 2013 can be characterized as involving uniform members of the Community Patrol Division, accompanied by one or more members, drawing his or her service issued firearm to protect themselves, a member of the public or to safely effect the arrest of an armed subject.

Nineteen (19) incidents occurred during the evening hours between 6pm and 6am with fifteen (15) of those incidents occurring between midnight and 6am. Thirty (30) incidents were during daylight hours between 6am and 6pm. Twenty-nine (29) incidents occurred outdoors in public areas, eighteen (18) were indoors and two (2) were in a public institution, namely the hospital.

Members of the service completed annual re-certification in all use of force options. Two (2) members currently are not qualified in use of force due to medical issues. Those members will be qualified when medically able to do so.

In conclusion, the use of force by members of the Service in 2013 was found to be appropriate in all circumstances and met the standards set by federal and provincial legislation and service policy.

**USE OF FORCE STATISTICS**

<b>Force Option</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Oleoresin Capsicum</b>	<b>4*</b>	<b>3*</b>	<b>4*</b>	<b>4*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Effective</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Not Effective</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Impact Weapon (Asp Baton)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1*</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1*</b>
<b>Firearms</b>	<b>31*</b>	<b>34*</b>	<b>36*</b>	<b>46*</b>	<b>31*</b>
<b>Human</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Animal</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Empty hand Techniques</b>	<b>1*</b>	<b>2*</b>	<b>3*</b>	<b>18*</b>	<b>8*</b>
<b>Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser)</b>	<b>11*</b>	<b>6*</b>	<b>17*</b>	<b>6*</b>	<b>10*</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>49</b>

**\*Includes Incidents Where Multiple Use of Force Options Used (i.e. "OC" and Firearm)**

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