



2015 Use of Force Statistics



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“Deeds Speak”



Presentation Overview

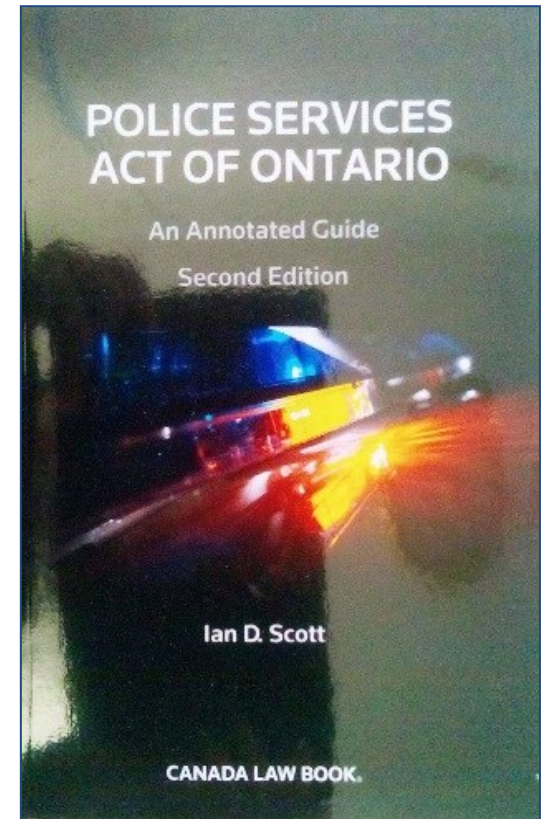
- Use of force authorities
- Ontario Use of Force Model
- 2015 trends
- Questions and answers





Police Authority

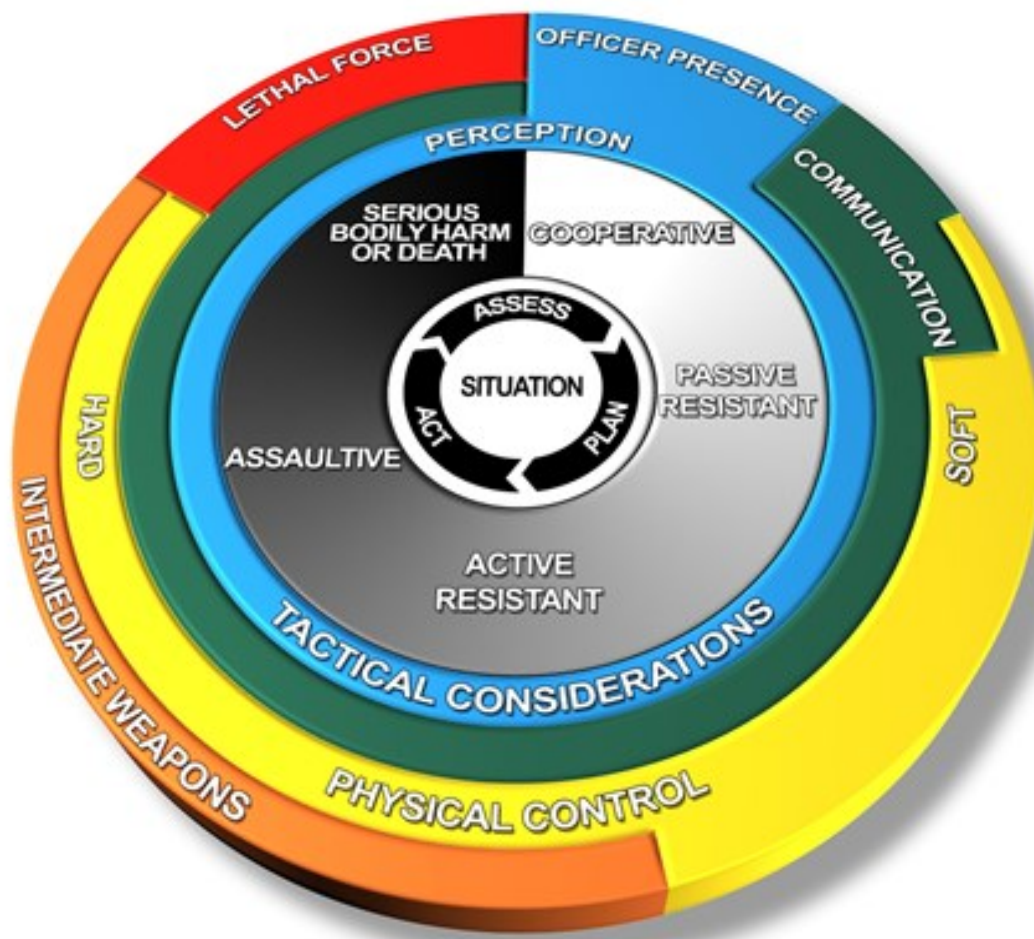
- The *Police Services Act* (O. Reg. 926s.14.5)
- Reasons to use force:
 - to protect life
 - preserve the peace
 - prevent crimes
 - maintain order
 - apprehend suspects





Ontario Use of Force Model

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





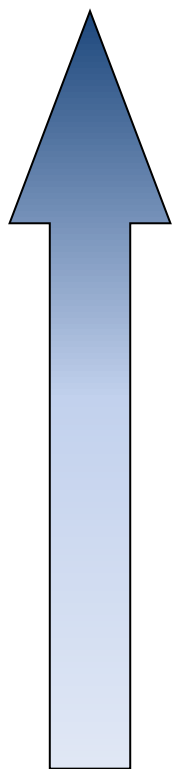
Use of Force Reported

Of the 239,017 calls for service
293 incidents or
0.12% required a report





2015 Use of Force Trends



- Incidents Requiring Report
- Number of Reports
- Discharge Firearms
- Display Firearms
- Suspects Armed with Weapon
- Conducted Energy Weapon Use
- Empty Hand – Soft
- Injuries



Firearms

Draw & Display Firearms

- weapons calls
- silent 911 calls
- robbery calls
- break and enter calls
- armed and suspicious person calls
- high risk search warrants
- high risk vehicle stops





Discharge Firearms

- 29 incidents in 2014
- 81 incidents in 2015
- Dispatch of Animals – humane & public safety

Increase can be attributed to the outbreak of canine distemper in the wildlife population and the police are the only ones responding

Raccoon distemper cases spike in GTA

Authorities warn residents to be wary of raccoons behaving oddly with cases of canine distemper spreading dramatically



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Subjects Armed with a Weapon

- 72 in 2015
- 56 in 2014

Most common weapons:

- Edged Weapons
- Firearms





Conducted Energy Weapon

Use of CEW

- 65 in 2015
- 21 in 2014

Discharge

- 33 in 2015

Display of CEW

- 32 in 2015
- not required to report in 2014

- Increased presence as a de-escalation tool
- Increased encounters with assaultive subjects
- Increased encounters with edged weapons





Injuries

Subjects:

- 64 in 2015
- 28 in 2014

Officers:

- 4 in 2015
- 2 in 2014

York Regional police officer suffers leg injury during traffic stop

Police say officer is expected to recover fully

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All injuries were minor in nature and EMS were engaged as a medical precaution.



What Are We Doing?

- Continued De-escalation Scenario Based Training
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Mindfulness Based Resiliency Training
- Continued rollout of CEW to front line members





Thank you Questions?

