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INTRODUCTION

The Firearms Discharge Report is compiled and produced annually by the Police Academy, Firearms and Tactics Section. The information contained in this report is obtained from Firearms Discharge Reports prepared by uniformed members of the service and narrative reports prepared by investigating supervisory personnel.

This report provides a statistical analysis of firearms discharges by uniformed members of the service. It also serves as a training tool. Patterns and possible hazards are identified which allow the Department to structure training courses to address current conditions. Circumstances that may occur during one or more incidents may indicate the need for new training initiatives or modification of existing programs.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Firearms Incident (Shootings)

Any incident during which a UMOS fired his/her weapon for any reason.

Defense of Self/Others

Any incident whereby the UMOS fired his/her weapon to defend him/herself or another against a perpetrator. Includes gunfights and other shootings versus perpetrators.

Gunfight

Any incident during which both the perpetrator and member(s) of the service fired their weapons at each other. An exchange of gunfire.

Other shootings Vs. Perpetrators

Any incident whereby the UMOS fired his/her weapon in defense of himself/herself or another against a perpetrator and the perpetrator did not return fire.

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U.M.O.S.

Uniformed Member(s) of the Service

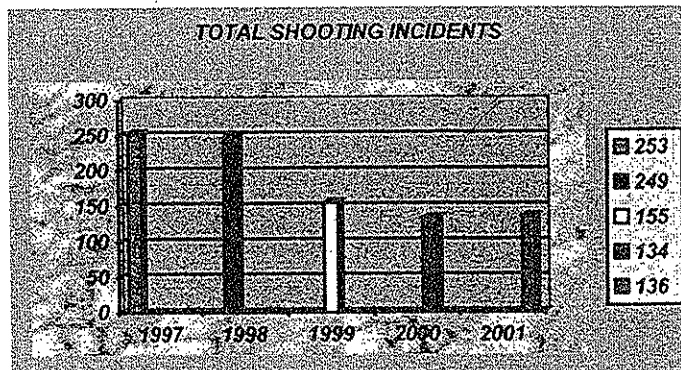
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Comparison Of Shooting Incidents: 2000 - 2001

This Firearms Discharge Report is broken down into several main categories: (1) **GUNFIGHTS** - where the officer(s) and the perpetrator(s) fire at each other; (2) **OTHER SHOOTINGS vs. Perpetrators** - where an officer(s) fires in defense of himself/herself or another against a perpetrator(s) and the perpetrator(s) does not return fire; (3) **AGAINST DOGS**; and (4) **ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES** - where an officer unintentionally discharges a firearm. These incidents are examined to identify dangerous conditions and to develop preventive measures.

During 2001, a total of 136 Firearms Discharge Reports were prepared, as compared to 134 in the year 2000.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>		
Total # incidents	136	134	1%	Increase
Total # shots fired	499	504	1 %	Decrease
Gunfights	16	11	45%	Increase
Total # shots fired	188	185	2 %	Increase
Total # hits	45	16	181%	Increase
Hit potential	24%	9%		
Other Shootings vs. Perpetrators	41	52	21%	Decrease
Total # shots fired	119	182	35%	Decrease
Total # hits	37	42	12%	Decrease
Hit potential	31%	23%		
Against Dogs	40	39	3%	Increase
Total # shots fired	130	104	25%	Increase
Total # hits	47	57	18%	Decrease
Hit potential	36%	55%		



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Statistical Summaries

TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS:

Firearms Incidents:

Accidental Discharges	27
<u>Defense of self/others</u>	
Gunfights	16
Other shootings Vs Perpetrators	41
Dogs	40
Mistaken Identity	0
OTHERS: Intoxicated, Domestic, etc.	7
Attempted Suicide	0
Homicide /Suicides	5

TOTAL: **136**

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY DAY

Sunday	09
Monday	25
Tuesday	25
Wednesday	20
Thursday	20
Friday	17
Saturday	20

TOTAL: **136**

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY TOUR

0001 - 0800	20
0801 - 1600	31
1601 - 2400	60
Off-Duty	25

TOTAL: **136**

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

BY BOROUGH:

Manhattan South	05
Manhattan North	11
Bronx	29
Brooklyn South	16
Brooklyn North	38
Queens South	11
Queens North	12
Staten Island	04
Outside City	10

TOTAL: **136**

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY MONTH

January	13
February	14
March	12
April	07
May	10
June	11
July	13
August	07
September	11
October	19
November	09
December	10

TOTAL: **136**

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NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY PRECINCT OF OCCURRENCE:

<u>MANHATTAN - SOUTH</u>	05	<u>BKLYN SOUTH</u>	16
001	02	060	02
005	01	061	01
006	00	062	02
007	01	063	00
009	00	066	00
010	00	067	03
013	00	068	00
M.T.S.	01	069	00
017	00	070	04
M.T.N.	00	071	00
019	00	072	02
		076	00
		078	02
<u>MANHATTAN NORTH</u>	11		
019	00		
020	01	<u>BKLYN NORTH</u>	38
023	01	073	04
024	01	075	12
025	01	077	05
026	00	079	04
028	02	081	03
030	01	083	03
032	02	084	02
033	01	088	02
034	01	090	01
C.P.P.	00	094	02
<u>BRONX - TOTAL</u>	29	<u>QUEENS SOUTH - TOTAL</u>	11
040	01	100	01
041	01	101	02
042	01	102	01
043	06	103	00
044	03	105	04
045	03	106	01
046	05	107	01
047	04	113	01
048	01		
049	02	<u>QUEENS NORTH - TOTAL</u>	12
050	00	104	01
052	02	108	01
		109	01
		110	02
		111	01
		112	00
<u>OUTSIDE CITY - TOTAL</u>	10	114	03
Nassau County	04	115	03
Suffolk County	02		
Westchester County	01		
Orange County	02	<u>STATEN ISLAND - TOTAL</u>	04
West Virginia	01	120	02
		122	01
		123	01

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UMOS Statistics

NUMBER OF UMOs INVOLVED: 175

Captains	1
Lieutenants	2
Sergeants	21
Detectives	39
Police Officers	106
Probationary Police Officers	4
Under Cover Officers	2

UMOS DUTY STATUS AND ATTIRE

On duty in uniform:	84	48.00 %
On duty in civilian attire:	65	37.14 %
Off duty	26	14.86 %

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OUTDOORS: 85

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INDOORS: 51

MEMBER'S ACCURACY AT DISTANCE FIRED:

(Gunfights, other shootings against perpetrators and dogs)

	<u>#U MOS</u>	<u># SHOTS</u>	<u># HITS</u>	<u>HIT POTENTIAL</u>
00 - 02 YDS.	64	173	73	42%
03 - 07 YDS.	27	99	21	21%
08 - 15 YDS.	24	98	17	17%
16 - 25 YDS.	4	19	5	26%
Over 25 YDS.	1	2	0	0%
Not Stated	16	46	13	28%
Total	136	437	129	30%

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UMOS Statistics

WEAPONS USED BY UMOS IN SHOOTING INCIDENTS

Revolvers..... 10
Semi automatic pistols 162

MP5..... 3

SHOOTING INCIDENTS

(Defense of Self/Others): 41

Total number of UMOS who fired: 50

Total number of shots fired: 119

Total number of hits: 37

Hit Potential: 31%

Shots fired per incident: 2.9

Shots fired per UMOS per incident: 2.4

SHOOTING INCIDENTS

(Gunfights): 16

Total number of UMOS who fired: 35

Total number of shots fired: 188

Total number of hits: 45

Hit Potential: 24%

Shots fired per incident: 11.8

Shots fired per UMOS per incident: 5.4

SHOOTING INCIDENTS

(Dogs): 40

Total number of UMOS who fired: 51

Total number of shots fired: 130

Total number of hits: 47

Hit Potential: 36%

Shots fired per incident: 3.3

Shots fired per UMOS per incident: 2.5

SHOOTING INCIDENTS

(Combination of all three categories): 97

Total number of UMOS who fired: 136

Total number of shots fired: 437

Total number of hits: 129

Hit Potential: 30%

Shots fired per incident: 4.5

Shots fired per UMOS per incident: 3.2

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DEFENSE OF SELF/OTHERS

Any incident whereby the uniformed member of the service fired his/her weapon to defend himself/herself or another against a perpetrator.

Gunfights

Gunfight defines any incident when the perpetrators and the uniformed members of the service fired their weapons at each other.

During 2001 there were 16 incidents where UMOS and perpetrators exchanged gunfire, compared to 11 in 2000, an increase of 45%.

UMOS Statistics:

Number of UMOS who fired: 35
 Number of shots fired: 188
 Number of hits: 45
Hit Potential: 24%
 Shots fired per incident: 11.8
 Shots per UMOS 5.4

Number of UMOS On duty: 32
 Number of UMOS Off duty: 3

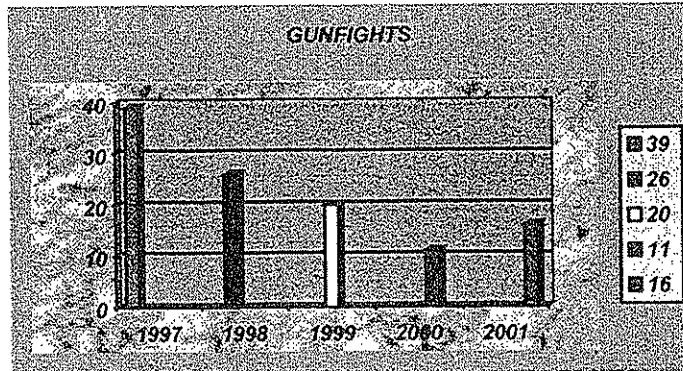
UMOS Assignment:

RMP 4
 Foot Patrol 3
 Anti-Crime 11
 Buy & Bust 8
 Investigator 3
 Tracer 3
 Off Duty 3

Perpetrator Statistics:

Number of perpetrators who fired: 14
 Number of shots fired by perpetrators: 32
 Number of UMOS shot/injured by perpetrators: 3
 Perpetrators hit potential: 9%

Number of perpetrators killed: 5
 Number of perpetrators shot/injured: 8



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Other Shooting Incidents Involving Perpetrators

Any incident where a UMOS fired their weapon in defense of himself/herself or another against a perpetrator, and the perpetrator does not return fire.

During 2001 there were 41 incidents in which a UMOS fired his/her weapon at a perpetrator as compared to 52 in 2000, a decrease of 21%. Out of the 41 incidents, there were 37 incidents when a perpetrator pointed a firearm at a UMOS and 4 incidents when the weapon was not a firearm. (1- baseball bat, 1- cinder block, 1-knife, 1- hammer)

Number of UMOS who fired: 50
 Number of shots fired: 119
 Number of hits: 37

Hit Potential: 31%

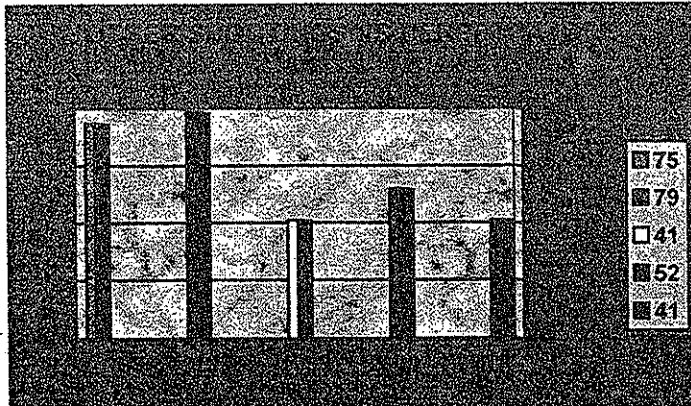
 Shots fired per incident: 2.9
 Shots fired per UMOS: 2.4

UMOS Assignments

RMP 21
 Anti-Crime 11
 Undercover 2
 Investigator 6
 Warrant 1
 Off Duty 6

Number UMOS On duty: 44
 Number UMOS Off duty: 6

Number of perpetrators killed: 6
 Number of perpetrators shot/injured: 11



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DOG RELATED INCIDENTS

During 2001 there were 40 dog-related incidents where members of the service discharged their firearms as compared to 39 in 2000, an INCREASE of 2.5%.

Breed of dogs involved:

Pit Bulls	29
Rotweillers	4
German Shepherds	1
Other/Unknown	6

Total 40

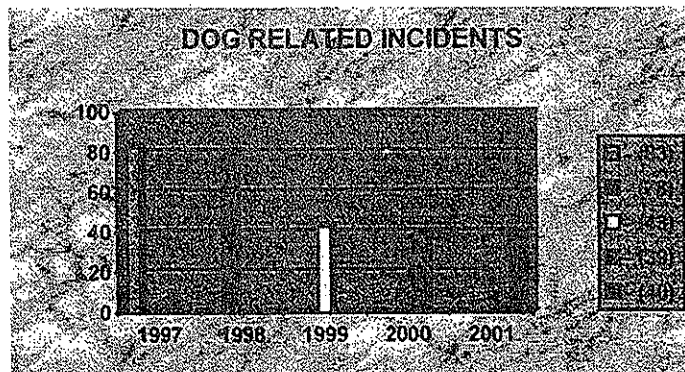
Number of UMOS who fired: 51
Number of Shots fired: 130

Total hits: 47

Hit Potential: 36%

Dogs injured: 19

Dogs killed: 14



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ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES

During 2001, there were **27** accidental discharge incidents as compared to 26 in 2000, an increase of 4%.

REASONS FOR ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES

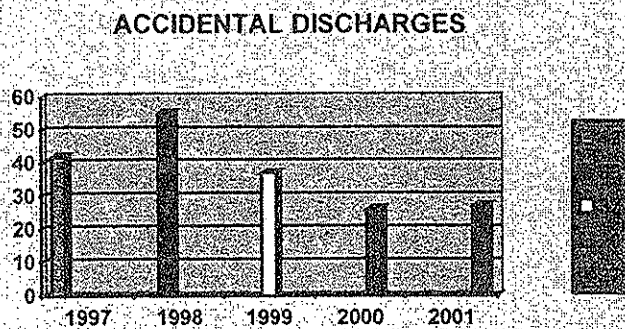
Struggling with perpetrators	10	Handling Weapon	10
Loading / Unloading weapon	3	Falling	2
Cleaning weapon	2		

NUMBER OF INJURIES SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES

MOS shot self/killed	0
MOS shot self/injured	7

Type of Weapon Involved in Accidental Discharge

Semi-automatic pistols	25
Revolvers	2



2001 FIREARMS DISCHARGE ASSAULT REPORT

Gunfight Synopsis

January 12, 2001 77 Pct. 4X12 Street

A UMOS who was assigned to Tracer/narcotics enforcement responded to shots fired. Upon arrived at location he saw two males firing automatic weapons into the air. The males upon seeing the UMOS approach, fled into the building with the officers in pursuit. One male continued to flee from the UMOS but the other male turned and pointed his weapon at the UMOS. The UMOS fired 11 times at the perpetrator striking him once in the shoulder and once in the hip. The injured perpetrator was arrested, and was not likely to die. The other male was un-apprehended at this time. There was minor property damage to an apartment door in the building. A Ruger 9mm semi automatic pistol was recovered.

APRIL 26, 2001 73 Pct. 4X12 Street

UMOS while on Anti-Crime patrol observed a male firing shots into the air. As the UMOS approached the male he ran a short distance and then he turned and fired at the officers. The officers returned fire. The perpetrator ran into a building and was later apprehended. There were no injuries and only minor property damage. The perpetrator's firearm was not recovered.

MAY 27, 2001 NASSAU 1 OFFDUTY OUTSIDE

An off duty UMOS became involved in an altercation with a male who produced a firearm and fired at the UMOS. The UMOS returned fire striking the perpetrator one time. The perpetrator fled the scene but was later apprehended at the hospital when he sought medical treatment. No firearm was recovered.

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JUNE 08, 2001

67 Pct.

4X12

STREET

A UMOS assigned to Anti-Crime heard shots being fired. Upon arrival at the scene he observed a perpetrator pointing a firearm at a male that he had just shot. The UMOS ordered the perpetrator to drop his weapon at which time the perpetrator turned around and began firing at the officers. The UMOS returned fire striking the perpetrator ten times. The perpetrator was pronounced dead at the scene. The civilian was removed to the hospital in critical condition with gunshot wounds to the arms, torso and hands. The UMOS was not injured by a firearm discharge. Only minor property damage resulted. Interarms/Firestar 9mm semi-automatic pistol was recovered.

JULY 03, 2001

77Pct.

1200 X0800

STREET

UMOS assigned to Brooklyn South Narcotics observed a male standing by a vehicle and firing a handgun into the air. The male then entered the vehicle and left the scene. The officers began to follow the auto and boxed it in at a traffic light. The officers exited their auto and approached the perpetrator's auto. The perpetrator put the vehicle into reverse in an attempt to escape. At this time the officers also heard shots being fired from the auto. The UMOS returned fire striking one of the perpetrators in the left foot. Both perpetrators were apprehended. One perpetrator received a minor injury to his foot. The perpetrator's gun was not recovered. No other injuries or property damage was reported.

July 31, 2001

43 PCT.

12x8

STREET

A UMOS assigned to the Emergency Services Unit entry team, was working with the Bronx Gang Unit to execute a search warrant. The officers entered the apartment and were immediately fired upon by the perpetrator. The UMOS returned fire, striking the perpetrator in his hand. The perpetrator was apprehended and placed under arrest. Two UMOS who did not fire their weapons were struck with rounds, fired by the perpetrator, which resulted in minor injuries. A Cobray 9mm machine pistol was recovered.

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JULY 31, 2001

79 Pct.

4X12

STREET

A UMOS assigned to Anti-Crime who responded to a dispute observed a male with a firearm at the corner of an intersection. The UMOS exited their vehicle and identified themselves. The male turned and pointed the firearm at the officers firing one round. The officers returned fire and a foot pursuit ensued. Two other officers joined in the pursuit, at which time the perpetrator and the officers exchanged gunfire again. The perpetrator was then subdued and placed under arrest. A civilian bystander received a gunshot wound to the leg, which he stated occurred in the vicinity of the incident. There were no injuries to the officers. A Harrington and Richardson .32 caliber revolver was recovered.

AUGUST 16, 2001

114 Pct.

4X12

STREET

While on foot patrol two UMOS heard shots being fired. Upon approaching the perpetrator the perpetrator stated, "They're shooting over there." After passing the two UMOS the perpetrator turned and fired two rounds. Two additional UMOS responded and fired a total of three rounds at the perpetrator. No injuries occurred to anyone as a result of these firearms discharges. The perpetrator was apprehended and a Bryco .380 caliber semi-automatic was recovered.

OCTOBER 09, 2001

110 Pct.

4X12

STREET

A UMOS assigned to Patrol Borough Queens North Task Force observed a perpetrator who was wanted for a stolen vehicle flee the scene and attempted to hide under a parked auto. The perpetrator fired one round from beneath the auto striking the UMOS in the torso. The UMOS was saved by his bullet resistant vest. The UMOS fired nine times striking the perpetrator three times causing his demise. The UMOS received contusions to his abdominal wall as a result of being shot. A Lorcin .25 caliber semi-auto pistol was recovered.

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OCTOBER 15, 2001

101 Pct.

4X12

STREET

While performing foot patrol in uniform a UMOS heard several shots. When the UMOS confronted the perpetrator he turned and fired two shots at the UMOS. The UMOS fired three times striking the perpetrator in his right forearm. There were no injuries to the UMOS or property damage. A .22 caliber Stevens rifle was recovered.

OCTOBER 15, 2001

104 Pct.

4X12

STREET

The UMOS assigned to Anti-Crime had stopped a stolen vehicle after a lengthy pursuit. The vehicle suddenly reversed pinning the officer between the stolen auto and his radio car. The UMOS heard a shot ring out and fired at the operator of the vehicle. The perpetrator was struck numerous times and was pronounced dead. One UMOS suffered a compound leg fracture, and several other UMOS received minor injuries but not as a result of a firearms discharge. No firearm was recovered.

OCTOBER 15, 2001

75 Pct.

OFFDUTY

STREET

An off duty UMOS observed a perpetrator fire a semi-automatic pistol into the air. The UMOS identified herself as a police officer at which time the perpetrator fired one round at the off duty UMOS. She fired three rounds at the perpetrator. The perpetrator then fired one round into a crowd and fled on a bicycle. There were no injuries to the UMOS or any civilians. The perpetrator was not apprehended and it is not known if perpetrator was hit by any of the rounds that were fired by the UMOS. No firearm was recovered.

DECEMBER 13, 2001

81 Pct.

4X12

INSIDE

Three members of Emergency Services Unit were attempting to enter an apartment to arrest a perpetrator wanted for shooting an off-duty UMOS. As they entered the rear of the apartment they were confronted by an armed perpetrator who discharged his weapon at the officers. One UMOS fired two rounds and lost his footing and fell. The second officer's Glock jammed after firing two rounds (failure to eject). The third officer continued forward and while doing so felt an impact to his ballistic helmet. He then fired five times at the perpetrator with a Heckler and Koch MP-5 from a distance of 10-15 feet. The perpetrator was struck four times and suffered non-fatal injuries. A Sig Sauer 9mm pistol was recovered on the floor near the perpetrator.

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DECEMBER 22, 2001

028 Pct.

4X12

OUTSIDE

Members of Central Harlem Narcotics Initiative were conducting a "buy and bust" operation. While attempting to arrest four perpetrators, two of the perpetrators fired shots at the officers. The officers returned fire killing one perpetrator and injuring the other. A Jennings 9mm semi-automatic pistol was recovered.

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There were no Uniformed Members of the Service Shot and Killed in the Line of Duty in 2001.

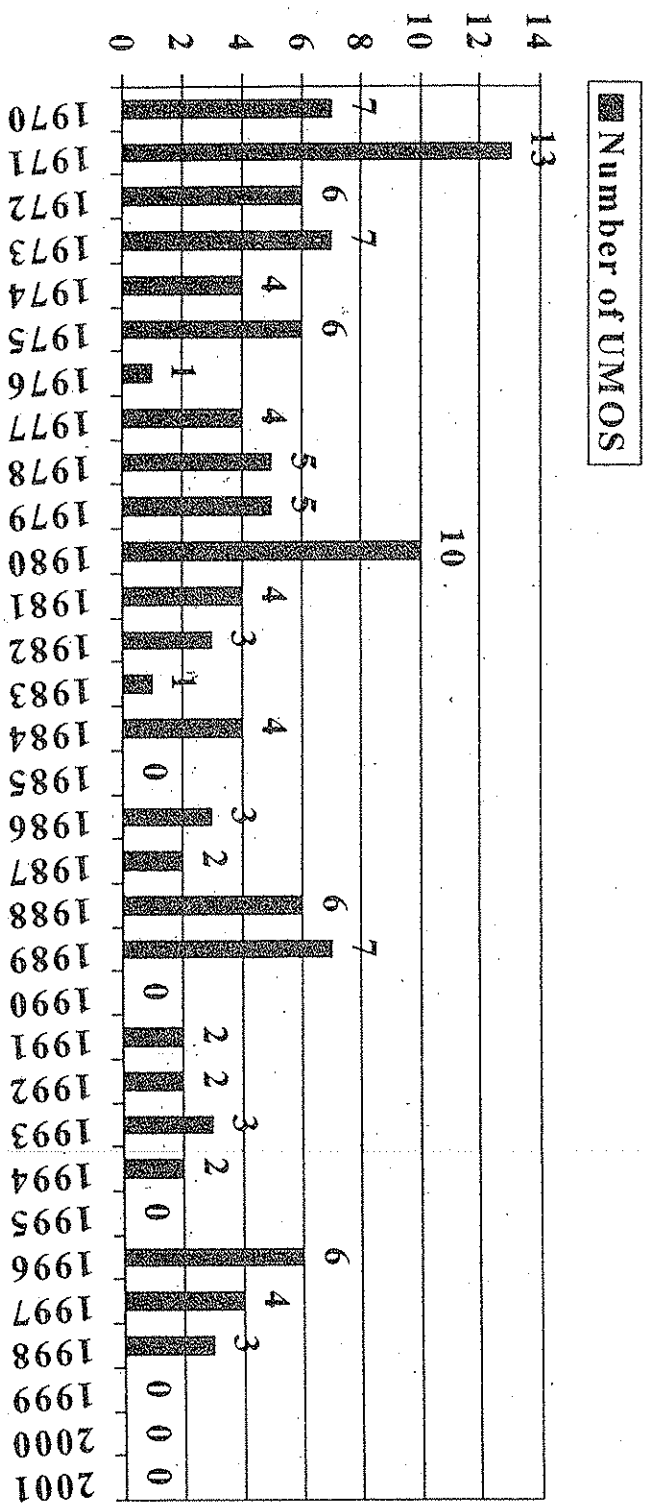
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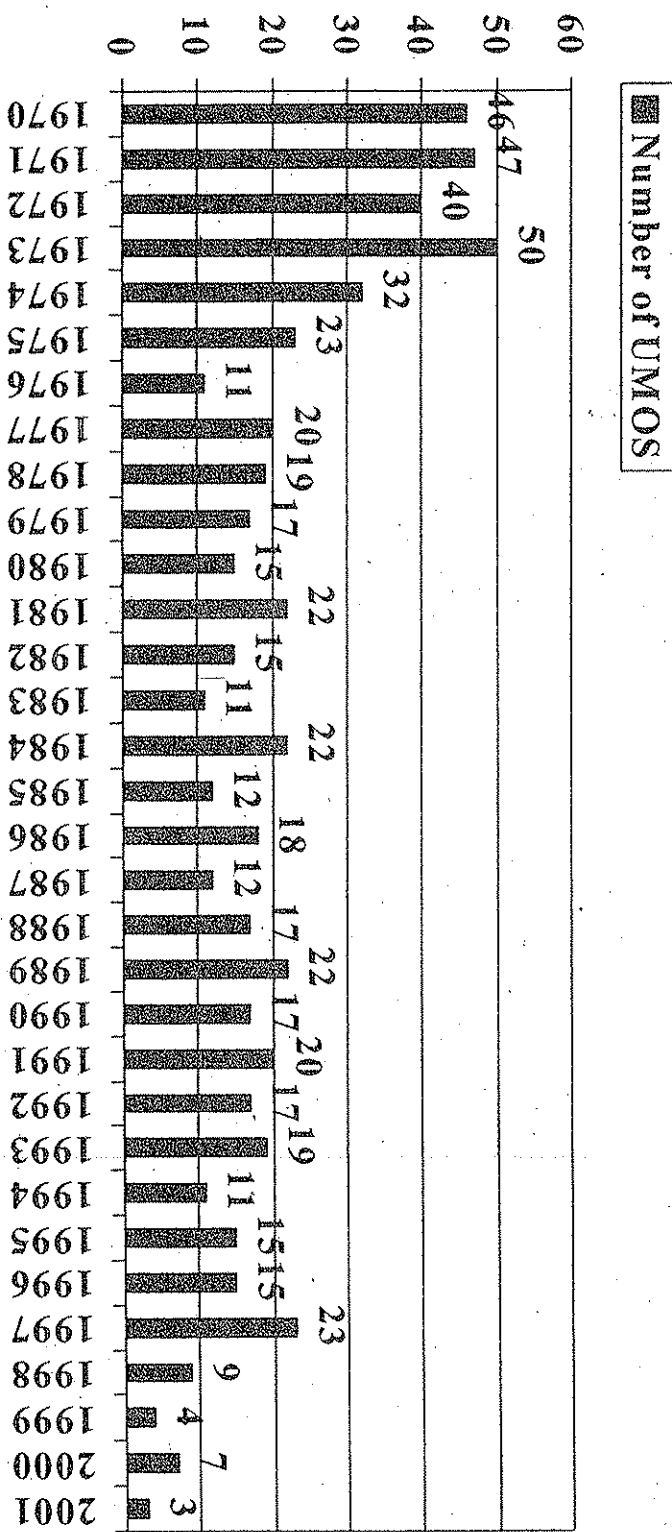
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Other Shootings Vs. Perpetrators	41	50	119	37	31%	2.9	2.4
Against Dogs	40	51	130	47	36%	3.3	2.5
Mistaken I.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total:	97	136	437	129	29.5%	4.5	3.2
Others*	7	7	20	6			
Attempted Suicide	0	0	0	0			
Suicide/Homicide	5	5	15	15			
Accidental Discharges	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	27	6			
Total:	136	175					

***Others: includes domestic incidents, intoxicated, etc., and shots at a glass wall at the WTC on 9/11/01**

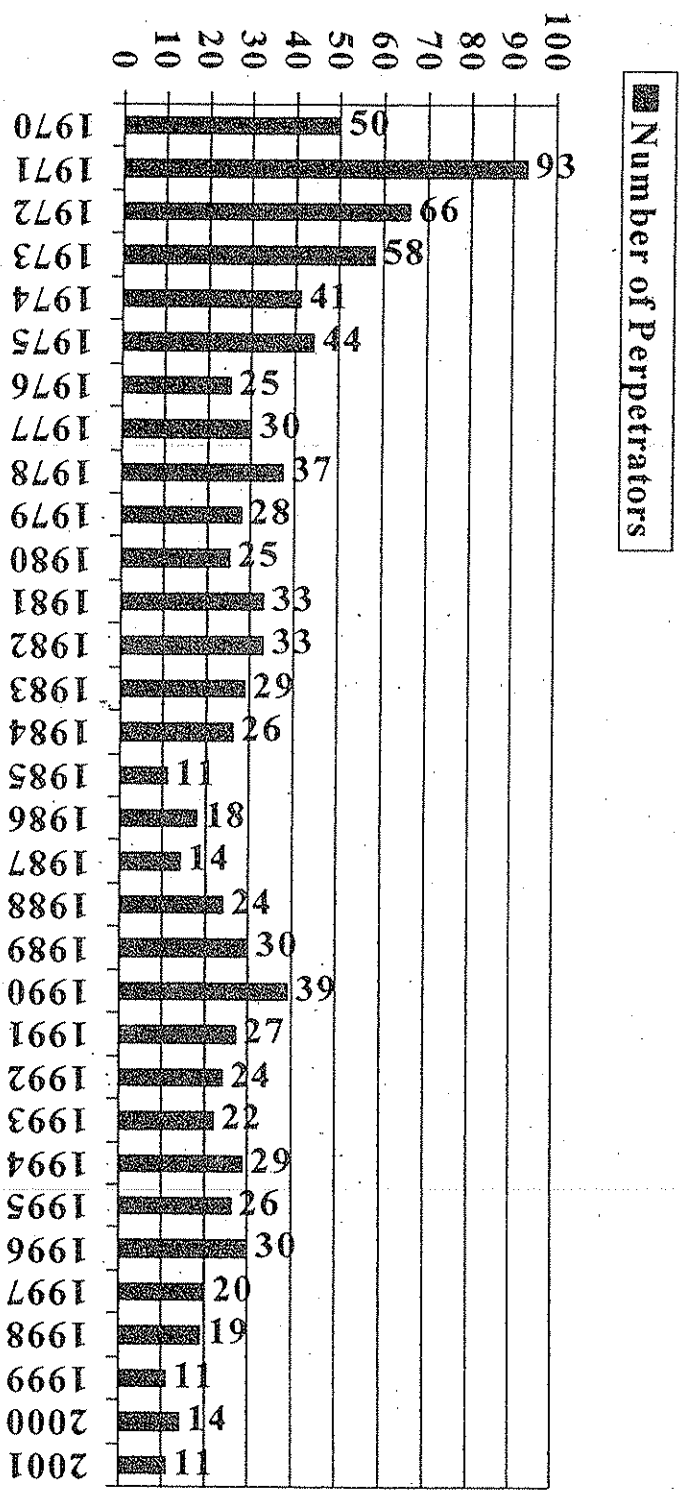
Uniformed Members of the Service Killed By Perpetrators 1970 - 2001



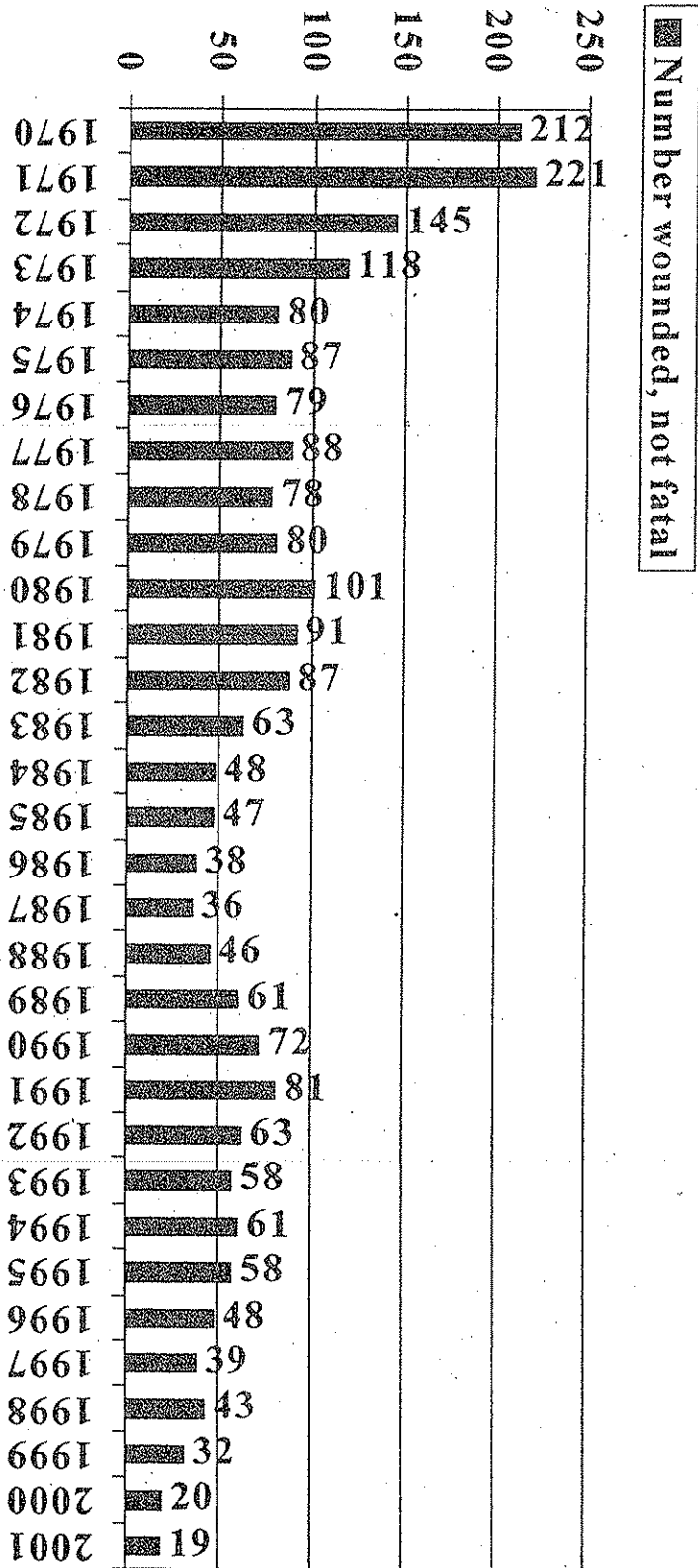
Uniformed Members of the Service Shot and Injured By Perpetrators 1970 - 2001



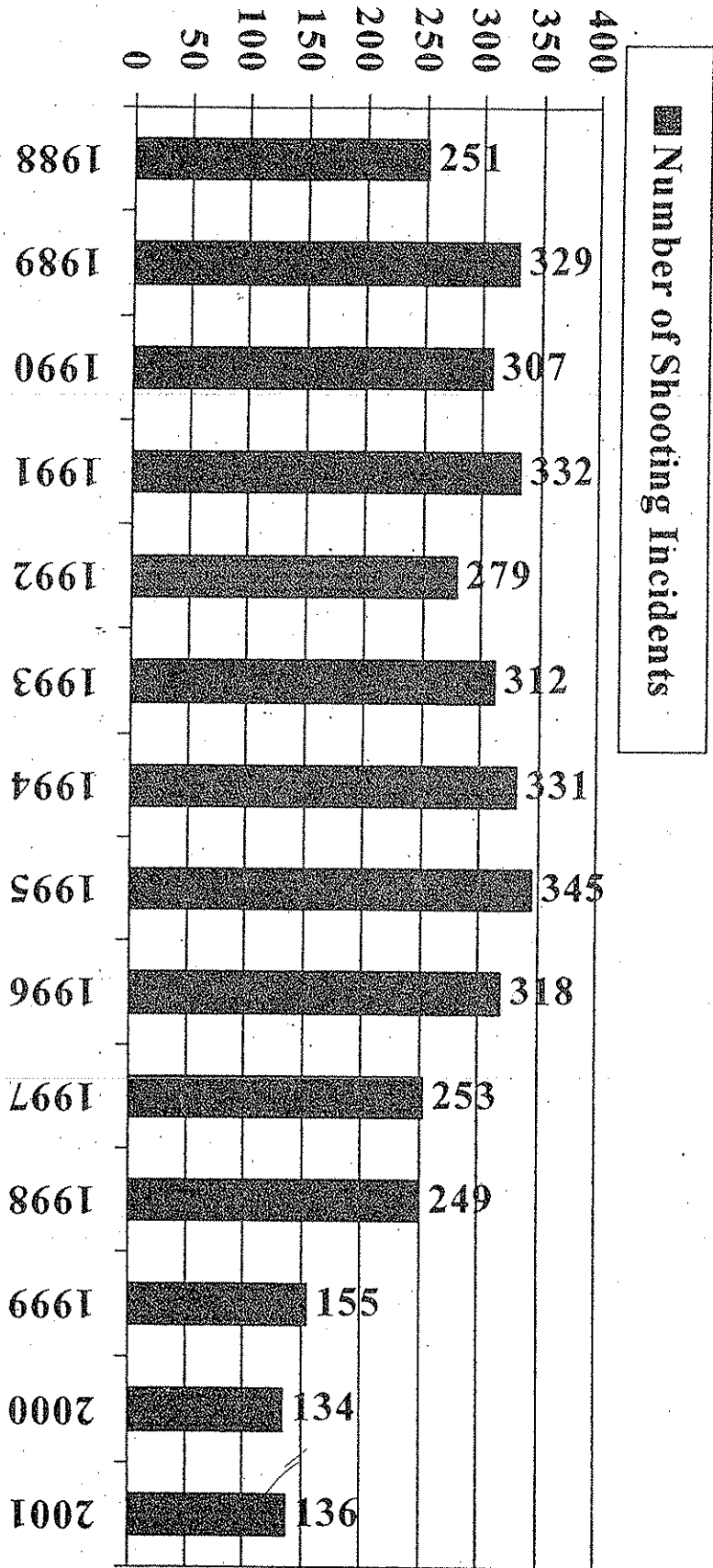
Perpetrators Shot and Killed by Uniformed Members of the Service 1970 - 2001



Perpetrators Shot and Wounded by Uniformed Members of the Service 1970 - 2001



Shooting Incidents 1988 - 2001



Number of Shots Fired by Uniformed Members of the Service 1988 - 2001

