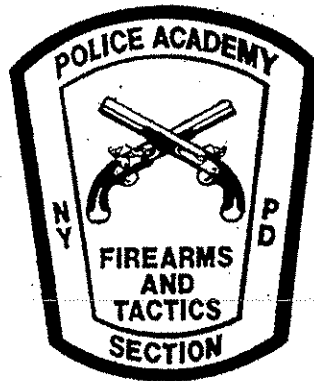


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Firearms Discharges



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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/Assault 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. Tendencies, circumstances or conditions which 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 (shooting)	Defines any incident during which a member of the service fired his/her weapon for any reason.
Defense of Self/Others	Defines any incident whereby the MOS fired his/her weapon to defend him/herself or another against a perpetrator. Includes gunfights and other shootings versus perpetrators.
Gunfight	Defines 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. Perpetrator	Defines any incident whereby the MOS fired his/her weapon in defense of himself/herself or another against a perpetrator and the perpetrator does not return fire.
FDR	Firearms Discharge Report. Source document used to compile statistical information for inclusion in this report.
M.O.S.	Member(s) of the Service

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

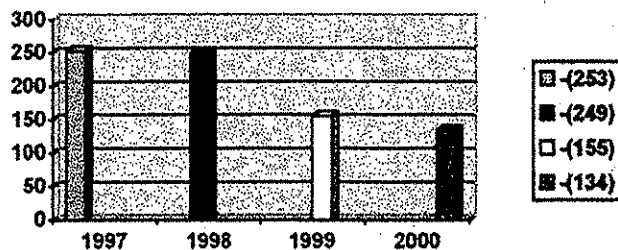
Comparison Of Major Shooting Incidents: 2000-1999

This Firearms Discharge Report is broken down into several main categories: (1) **GUNFIGHTS** - where the officer and the perpetrator fire at each other; (2) **OTHER SHOOTINGS vs. PERPS** - where an officer fires in defense of himself/herself or another against a perpetrator and the perpetrator 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 counter tactics.

During 2000, a total of 134 Firearms Discharge Reports were reviewed for this report. There was a decrease in the number of incidents reported for most of the major categories in 2000 as compared to 1999.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>		
Total # incidents	134	155	-14%	decrease
Total # shots fired	504	621	-19%	decrease
Gunfights	11	20	-45%	decrease
Total # shots fired	185	212	-13%	decrease
Total # hits	16	28	-43%	decrease
Hit potential	9%	13%		
Other Shootings vs. perps	52	41	27%	increase
Total # shots fired	182	177	3%	increase
Total # hits	42	59	-29%	decrease
Hit potential	23%	33%		
Against Dogs	39	43	- 9%	decrease
Total # shots fired	104	102	2%	increase
Total # hits	57	54	6%	increase
Hit potential	55%	53%		

TOTAL SHOOTING INCIDENTS



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Statistical Summaries

TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS:

Total 134

Firearms Incidents: 134

26	Accidental Discharges
63	Defense of self/others
	11 gunfights
	52 other shootings vs perps
39	Dog
0	Mistaken Identity
1	OTHERS: Intoxicated, Domestic, etc.
1	Attempted Suicide
4	Suicides

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY DAY

Sunday	16
Monday	13
Tuesday	13
Wednesday	24
Thursday	15
Friday	26
Saturday	27

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY TOUR

0001 - 0800	23
0801 - 1600	26
1601 - 2400	54
Off-Duty	31

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

BY BOROUGH: 134

Manhattan South	8
Manhattan North	10
Bronx	28
Brooklyn South	15
Brooklyn North	32
Queens South	14
Queens North	10
Staten Island	10
Outside City	7

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY MONTH

January	18
February	5
March	14
April	16
May	8
June	9
July	14
August	13
September	5
October	9
November	10
December	13

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS BY PRECINCT OF OCCURRENCE:

<u>MANHATTAN SOUTH -</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>BROOKLYN SOUTH -</u>	<u>15</u>
001	1	060	1
005	1	061	2
006	0	062	0
007	0	063	2
009	1	066	1
010	1	067	5
013	2	068	0
M.T.S.	2	069	2
017	0	070	0
M.T.N.	0	071	1
<u>MANHATTAN NORTH -</u>	<u>10</u>	072	0
019	0	076	1
020	0	078	0
023	0	<u>BROOKLYN NORTH -</u>	<u>32</u>
024	0	073	3
025	1	075	7
026	0	077	4
028	1	079	3
030	4	081	1
032	1	083	8
033	2	084	1
034	1	088	2
C.P.P.	0	090	2
		094	1
<u>BRONX -</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>QUEENS SOUTH -</u>	<u>14</u>
040	1	100	3
041	0	101	0
042	3	102	2
043	2	103	3
044	7	105	2
045	2	106	1
046	3	107	1
047	3	113	2
048	2	<u>QUEENS NORTH -</u>	<u>10</u>
049	1	104	3
050	0	108	1
052	4	109	1
<u>STATEN ISLAND -</u>	<u>10</u>	110	0
120	5	111	1
122	3	112	0
123	2	114	4
<u>OUTSIDE CITY -</u>	<u>7</u>	115	0
Nassau	2		
Suffolk	3		
Westchester	2		

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

MOS Statistics

NUMBER OF MOS INVOLVED: **175**

Captain	2
Lieutenant	2
Sergeant	19
Detective	34
Police Officer	118

MOS DUTY STATUS AND ATTIRE

On duty in uniform:	79	45.1%
On duty civilian attire:	64	36.5%
Off duty	32	18.2%

NUMBER OF OUTDOOR INCIDENTS: **84**

NUMBER OF INDOOR INCIDENTS: **50**

MEMBERS' ACCURACY AT DISTANCE FIRED:
(Gunfights, other shootings vs. perpetrator and against dogs)

	<u># MOS</u>	<u># SHOTS</u>	<u># HITS</u>	<u>HIT POTENTIAL</u>
00 - 02 YDS.	81	226	90	37%
03 - 07 YDS.	26	89	12	14%
08 - 15 YDS.	3	20	0	0%
16 - 25 YDS.	0	0	0	0%
Over 25 YDS.	1	1	0	0%
Not Stated	<u>31</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10%</u>
Total	142	471	115	24%

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

MOS Statistics

MOS REPORTING SIGHTS USED:

Of 175 Members of the Service who discharged their firearm, 9 or 5% only reported using sights. The other 166 Members of the Service did not indicate the use of sights.

WEAPONS USED BY MOS IN SHOOTING INCIDENTS

Revolvers.....	10	MP5.....	5
Semi automatic pistols	157	Mini-14.....	3

SHOOTING INCIDENTS (Defense of Self/Others): **52**

Total number of MOS who fired:	69
Total number of shots fired:	182
Total number of hits:	42

Hit Potential: 23%

Shots fired per incident:	3.5
Shots fired per MOS per incident:	2.6

SHOOTING INCIDENTS (Dogs): **39**

Total number of MOS who fired:	46
Total number of shots fired:	104
Total number of hits:	57

Hit Potential: 55%

Shots fired per incident:	2.6
Shots fired per MOS per incident:	2.3

SHOOTING INCIDENTS (Gunfights): **11**

Total number of MOS who fired:	27
Total number of shots fired:	185
Total number of hits:	16

Hit Potential: 9%

Shots fired per incident:	16.8
Shots fired per MOS per incident:	6.9

SHOOTING INCIDENTS (Combination of all 3 categories): **102**

Total number of MOS who fired:	142
Total number of shots fired:	471
Total number of hits:	115

Hit Potential: 24%

Shots fired per incident:	4.6
Shots fired per MOS per incident:	3.3

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

DEFENSE OF SELF/OTHERS

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

Gunfights

Gunfight defines any incident during which both the perpetrator and the member of the service fired their weapons at each other.

During 2000 there were 11 incidents where MOS and perpetrators exchanged gunfire, compared to 20 in 1999, a decrease of 45%.

MOS Statistics:

Number MOS who fired:	27
Number of shots fired:	185
Number of hits:	16
Hit Potential:	9%
Shots fired per incident:	16.8
Shots per MOS	6.9
Number MOS On duty:	25
Number MOS Off duty:	2

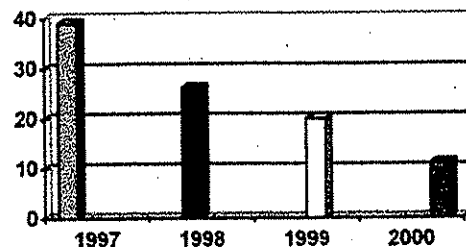
MOS Assignment:

RMP	15
Foot Patrol	0
Anti-Crime	5
Buy & Bust	0
Executing Search Warrant	0
Street Crime	0
Off Duty	2
Conditions	2
Investigator	1
Tracer	2

Perpetrator Statistics:

Number of perps who fired:	11	Number of perps killed:	2
Number of shots fired by perp:	42	Number of perps shot/injured:	4
Number of MOS shot/injured by perp:	7		
Perp hit potential:	17%		

GUNFIGHTS



2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

Other Shooting Incidents Involving Perpetrators

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

During 2000 there were 52 other incidents in which officer fired his/her weapon against a perpetrator as compared to 41 in 1999, an increase of 27%. Out of the 52 incidents, there were 29 incidents where a perpetrator pointed a firearm at a MOS and 7 incidents where the weapon was a knife.

Number of MOS who fired: 69
 Number of shots fired: 182
 Number of hits: 42

Hit Potential: 23%

Shots fired per incident: 3.5
 Shots fired per MOS: 2.6

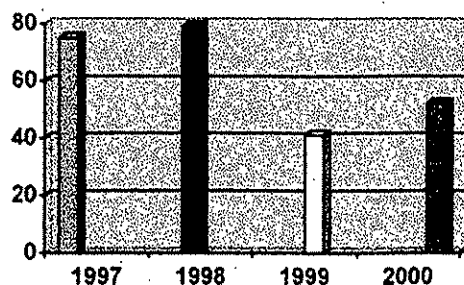
MOS Assignments

RMP	21
Anti-Crime	9
Off duty	13
Undercover	7
Foot Patrol	2
Conditions	2
Ghosting	4
Guarding Prisoner	1
Investigator	7
Tracer	3

Number MOS On duty: 56
 Number MOS Off duty: 13

Number of Perps killed: 11
 Number of Perps shot/injured: 16

OTHER SHOOTINGS VS PERPS



2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

DOG RELATED INCIDENTS

During 2000 there were 39 dog related incidents where members of the service discharged their firearm as compared to 43 in 1999, a decrease of 9%. Of the 39 dog related incidents: 31 involved dogs attacking an officer or civilian and 8 involved dogs biting an officer or civilian.

Breed of Dogs involved:

28	Pitbulls
4	Rotweillers
0	German Shepherds
<u>9</u>	Other/Unknown
41	Total

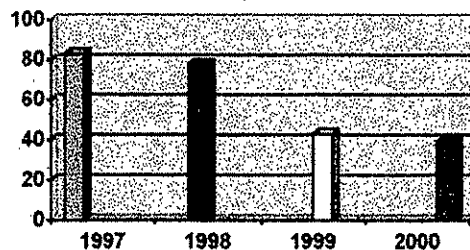
Number of MOS who fired:	46
Number of Shots fired:	104

Total hits:	57
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Hit Potential:	55%
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Dogs injured:	15
Dogs killed:	16

DOG RELATED INCIDENTS



2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES

During 2000, there were **26** accidental discharge incidents as compared to 37 in 1999, a **decrease** of 30%.

REASONS FOR ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES

Struggling with perp	6	Handling Weapon	3
Loading / Unloading weapon	3	Car Stop	3
Cleaning weapon	8	Climbing over fence	1
Falling	2		

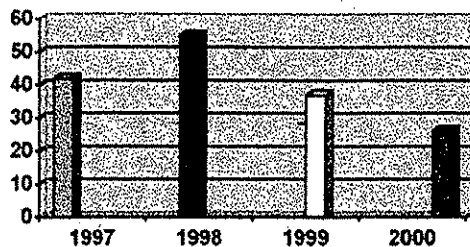
NUMBER OF INJURIES SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES

1 MOS shot self/killed	1 Perpetrator was killed
5 MOS shot self/injured	

Type of Weapon Used by Members of the Service

22	Semi automatic weapon
3	Revolver
1	MP 5

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES



2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE ASSAULT REPORT

Gunfight Synopses

January 01, 2000

77 Pct.

12x8

Street

Four anti-crime officers on patrol observed a male firing a black revolver in the air in front of a location. The male suspect was standing on the sidewalk in front of a gate leading into the courtyard of the location. The MOS stopped their unmarked vehicle and exited. As they approached the suspect one officer ID self and yelled "Police Don't Move." The suspect responded by turning and running toward the courtyard. When the suspect entered the courtyard he turned and fired two rounds at the officers. Two of the officers returned fire. At this point, another suspect stood up from behind some bushes and began firing at the officers. At this point, three of the officers returned fire. After the shooting stopped, the officers believed that the perps fled inside the building at the location. One suspect however, was still in the courtyard and was placed under arrest. The other suspect was apprehended inside the location with the help of ESU personnel.

January 01, 2000

47 Pct.

12x8

Street

MOS on routine patrol came upon a large group. There appeared to be lingering smoke around the group indicating recent gunfire. The MOS decided to circle the block and observe the group. As the RMP traveled toward the group two males were observed acting strangely. At that point two shots were heard, then the racking of a gun. One of the MOS shouted something at the male with the gun, who then fired three shots in the direction of the officers. One of the MOS returned fire, firing one round at the perp who fled. Perp was not apprehended at this time.

March 26, 20000

48 Pct.

12x8

Hostage/shooting

ESU responded to the scene of a shooting where a male had shot two people and retreated back inside his apartment with another person who was his apparent hostage. The Hostage Negotiating Team had engaged the perp in a conversation for several hours while a tactical plan by ESU was set up. When it became apparent that the perp was becoming less responsive to questioning and less coherent it was decided that the ESU tactical plan be put into effect. As ESU entered the apartment, the perp fired upon the MOS who returned fire, striking the perp in the upper right arm. The perp retreated into the back bedroom where he was apprehended. The other male in the apartment was rescued without injury or incident. The perp and the two civilians were treated for gunshot wounds.

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

April 12, 2000

84 Pct.

Off Duty

Commercial Robbery

MOS while working off-duty as a security guard in a clothing store, stopped two males who were exiting the store when the security monitoring system went off. The males, apparently shoplifting, were asked to reenter the store and again triggered the alarm system. As one of the males was being questioned by the MOS, the second male came up from behind the officer and punched him in the face. At this time, both the males began to hit the MOS. As a civilian witness ran to get help he heard numerous shots and felt a pain in his thigh from a gunshot. The MOS exchanged gunfire with at least one of the males who was struck by gunfire and dropped to the floor. The second male picked up the gun from the first perp who was shot and was observed limping out of the store. He was picked up by a third male who dragged him into a vehicle and fled in an unknown direction. The first perp was pronounced DOA, the second perp was arrested at a hospital and the third perp not identified or apprehended at this time. MOS was not injured by gunfire.

April 16, 2000

75 Pct.

4x12

Street

During a private party at a soccer club a dispute began between invited and uninvited guests. During the dispute a person displayed a gun and began firing. MOS on patrol, approaching the location observed a male in the doorway of the club with a gun in his hand, exiting to the sidewalk. The MOS stopped their van, exited and confronted the male. The male pointed his gun at the officers and fired one round. The officers returned fire at the perp who retreated back into the club. The perp was apprehended at scene. Gun recovered near where perp was arrested.

April 30, 2000

52 Pct.

8x4

Robbery

MOS while on patrol, came upon a perp who had attempted to rob a male at gunpoint. The perp saw the officers fired at them striking the driver's side door of their RMP. The officers exited their RMP and returned fire. The perp then fled, hopping on a bus and demanding the driver move the bus. The driver was able to escape unharmed and the perp fled from the bus and ran toward the Metro North station where he was spotted by an on-duty detective who was monitoring his radio and the direction of the perp. Seeing the detective, the perp fired one round at him and the detective returned fire. The perp ran onto the tracks where he was apprehended.

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

June 10, 2000 79 Pct. 4x12 Street/Drug Robbery

While on patrol, MOS observed a male firing a gun into a crowd of people. The officers pursued the male into an occupied vehicle, where he turned upon the officers and fired several rounds in their direction from a 9MM Uzi pistol. One MOS utilized the dashboard as cover and discharged 3 rounds through the windshield while the other officer exited the RMP and using the door for cover, discharged 10 rounds. Perps continued to flee in vehicle but were intercepted by other responding MOS. Driver was arrested while other perp fled on foot. Loaded Uzi recovered.

June 25, 2000 67 Pct. Off Duty Robbery

Off Duty detective opening his family owned business within the confines of the 67 pct. Present at the location, was an employee and several customers. A male entered one entrance while another male entered a rear entrance. One of the males displayed a black semiauto handgun, racked the slide and announced a robbery. The perp pointed the weapon at one of the customers and threatened to shoot him in the head if he was not given access to a rear office and given money. Detective complied and the unarmed perp removed money from a cash register. Detective told the perp to "take what you want and do not hurt anyone." Other perp with the weapon pointed it at detective who then drew his service pistol and an exchange of gunfire erupted. MOS fired 8 round, perp fired 1 round. Detective shot and injured in right side chest area and left wrist. Non life threatening. Two perps fled and were later apprehended with gunshot wounds also non-life threatening.

July 10, 2000 75 Pct. 4x12 Robbery

Anti-crime officers performing a vehicle check within the confines of the 75 pct., heard a shot fired east of their direction. Proceeding to the location they were flagged down by a complainant who informed the officers that he had been the victim of a robbery and that the perp fired at him. The complainant pointed towards a group of males on bikes. The anti-crime officers pursued the suspects. As the officers exited their vehicle, they were fired upon. MOS fired in return. Perps fled scene.

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT			
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<i>August 12, 2000</i>	61 Pct.	8x4	Barricade
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On 8/12/2000 at 1245 hours, family members entered the 61 station house and reported that a relative who was formerly a correction officer had purchased weapons and intended to shoot officers. Parents reported that the perp was exhibiting dangerous and violent tendencies and was in possession of a large cache of firearms and other weapons. MOS responded to location with ESU personnel. ESU began to secure the front and rear doorways of the private 3-story residence. Perp fired 3 shots in direction of MOS. A short time later, he fired again from a second floor window at ESU officers in rear yard. One MOS was struck in left arm. P.O. fired one time. Perp fled over backyard fence and was observed with a long gun. MOS, not aware that perp fled, entered the residence and discovered that the perp was no longer in the residence. At 2003 hours, MOS located an open basement apartment door and three MOS acting as an entry team utilizing ballistic bunker entered the location and were fired upon. Two MOS backed out however, realizing that one MOS did not exit, they re-entered and again were met with gunfire and observed fellow officer lying wounded on floor. Pulling the officer out to safety, another MOS sustained a graze wound. Perp fled through window and was confronted by other MOS who were searching the rear yards. Perp fired at them, MOS returned fire striking perp numerous times with various ESU authorized weapons. Perp DOA, 15 firearms and a large quantity of ammo recovered as well as various other weapons. This incident occurred over 7 hours. A total of 87 shots were fired by MOS. 5 MOS shot by perp, one MOS saved by vest.

<i>November 01, 2000</i>	75 Pct.	8x4	Abduction
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MOS responding to 911 call of a woman stating that she was abducted by her boyfriend, arrived on scene to find male fitting description sitting in an auto. While removing suspect from auto in an effort to frisk him, perp drew firearm and fired one round at MOS causing a wound to MOS', elbow. MOS returned fire, firing one round, missing perp and hitting car. Struggle ensued and another shot was heard and perp fell to ground bleeding from a head wound. Second shot was found to have been fired by perp. Injury to MOS non-life threatening, perp likely.

2000 FIREARMS DISCHARGE REPORT

**There were no Members of the Service
Shot and Killed in the Line of Duty in
2000.**

**The following Members of the Service were Killed in
the Line of Duty in 2000 due to Vehicle Accidents.**

*Police Officer David Regan
May 28, 2000
62 Precinct*

*Police Officer John Kelly
July 17, 2000
Staten Island Task Force*

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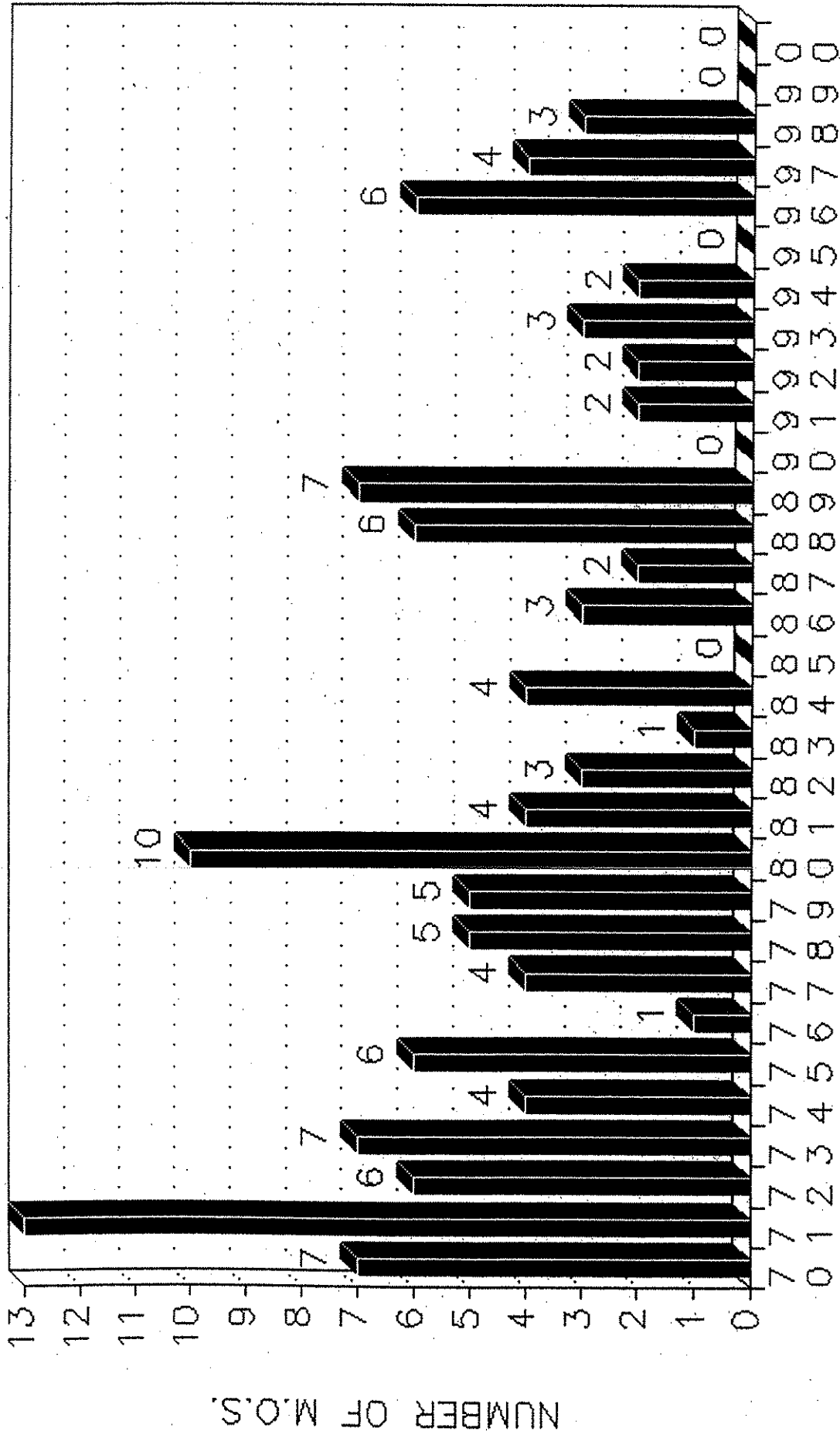
Analysis of Shots Fired by M.O.S.
2000

Incident	Total # Incidents	Total # MOS Who fired	Total # Shots Fired	Total # Hits	Potential	# Shots Per Incident	# Shots Per MOS
Gunfights	11	27	185	16	9%	16.8	6.9
Other Shootings Vs. Perps	52	69	182	42	23%	3.5	2.6
Against Dogs	39	46	104	57	55%	2.6	2.3
Others*	1	2	2	1	50%	2.0	1.0
Mistaken I.D.	0	0	0	0			
Attempted Suicide	1	1	1	1			
Suicide	4	4	4	4			
Accident Discharge	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>9</u>	—	—	—
Total	134	175	504	130	26%	3.8	2.9

**Others = Includes domestic, intox, etc., also shooting of bull which escaped from Rodeo*

Uniform Members of the Service

KILLED BY PERPETRATOR
1970 - 2000



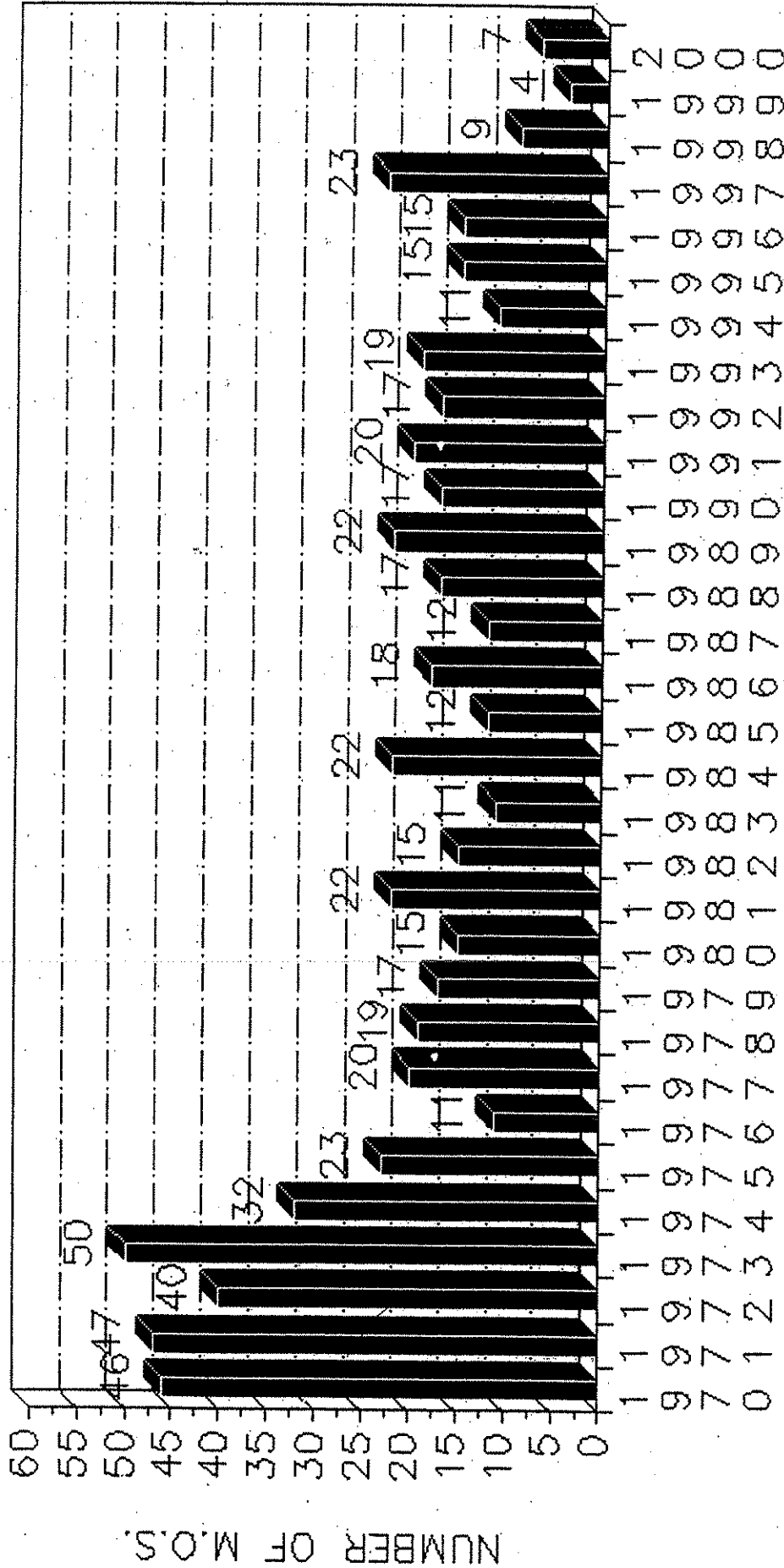
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Uniform Members of the Service

SHOT AND INJURED BY PERPETRATOR

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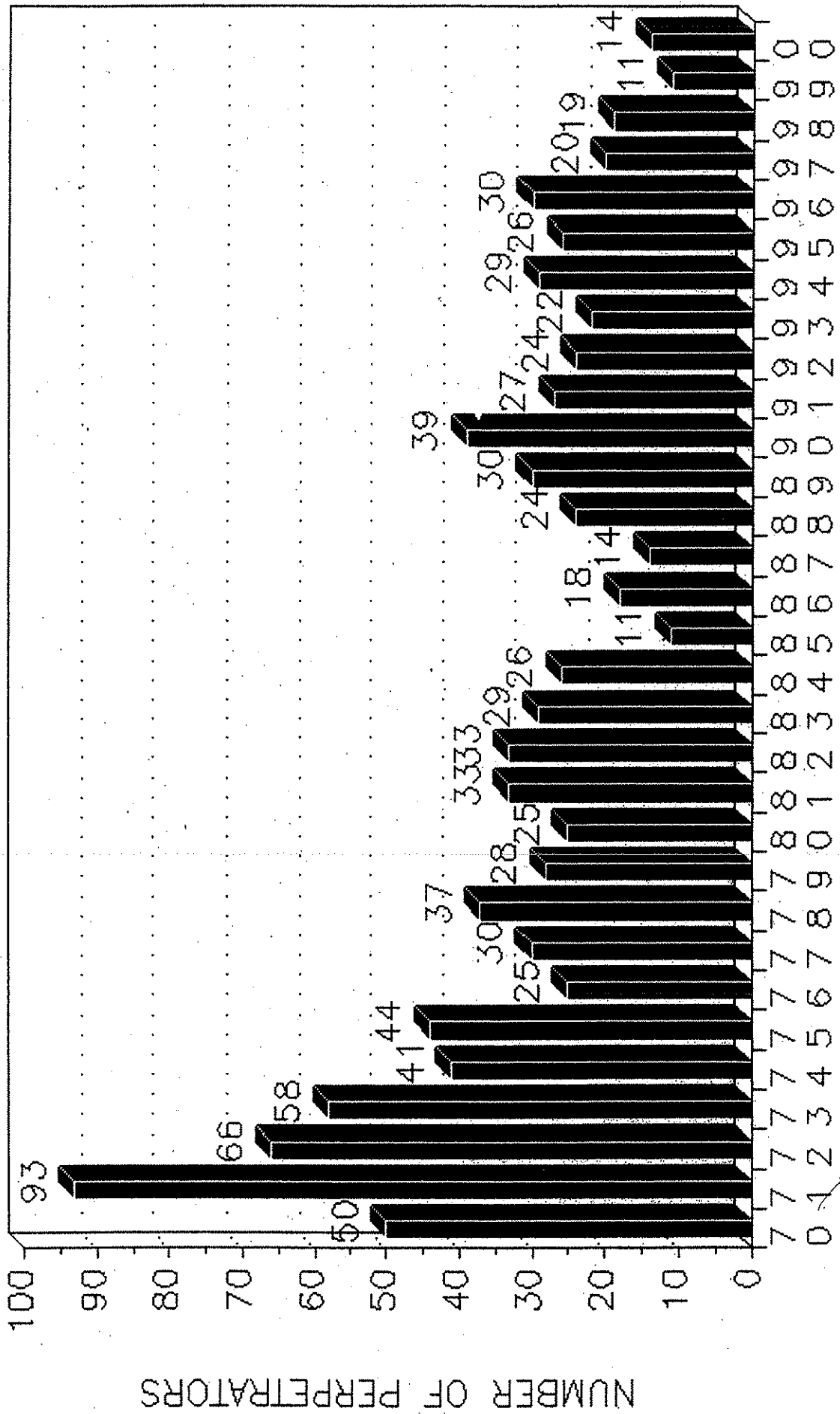


YEAR OF OCCURRENCE

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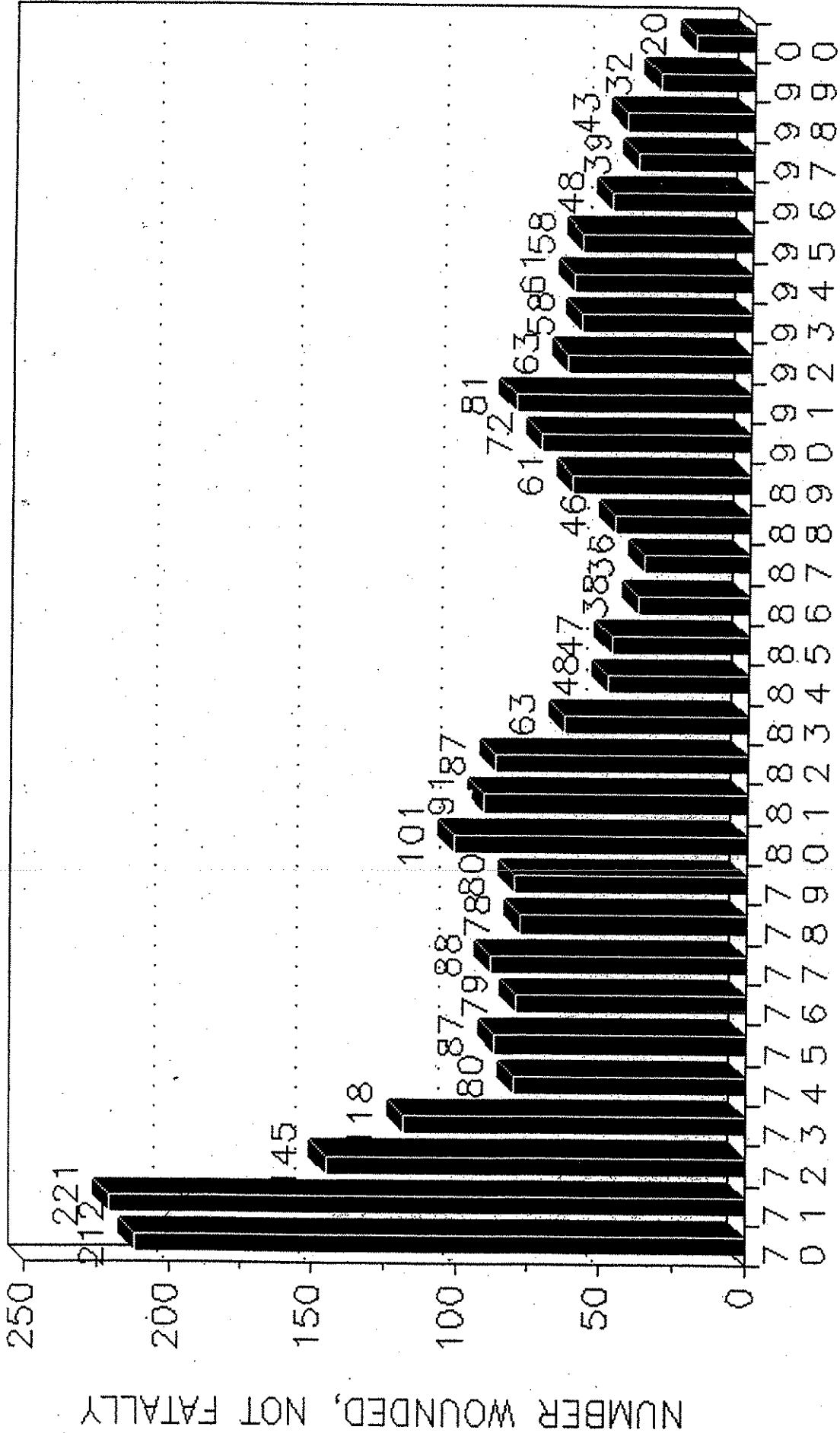


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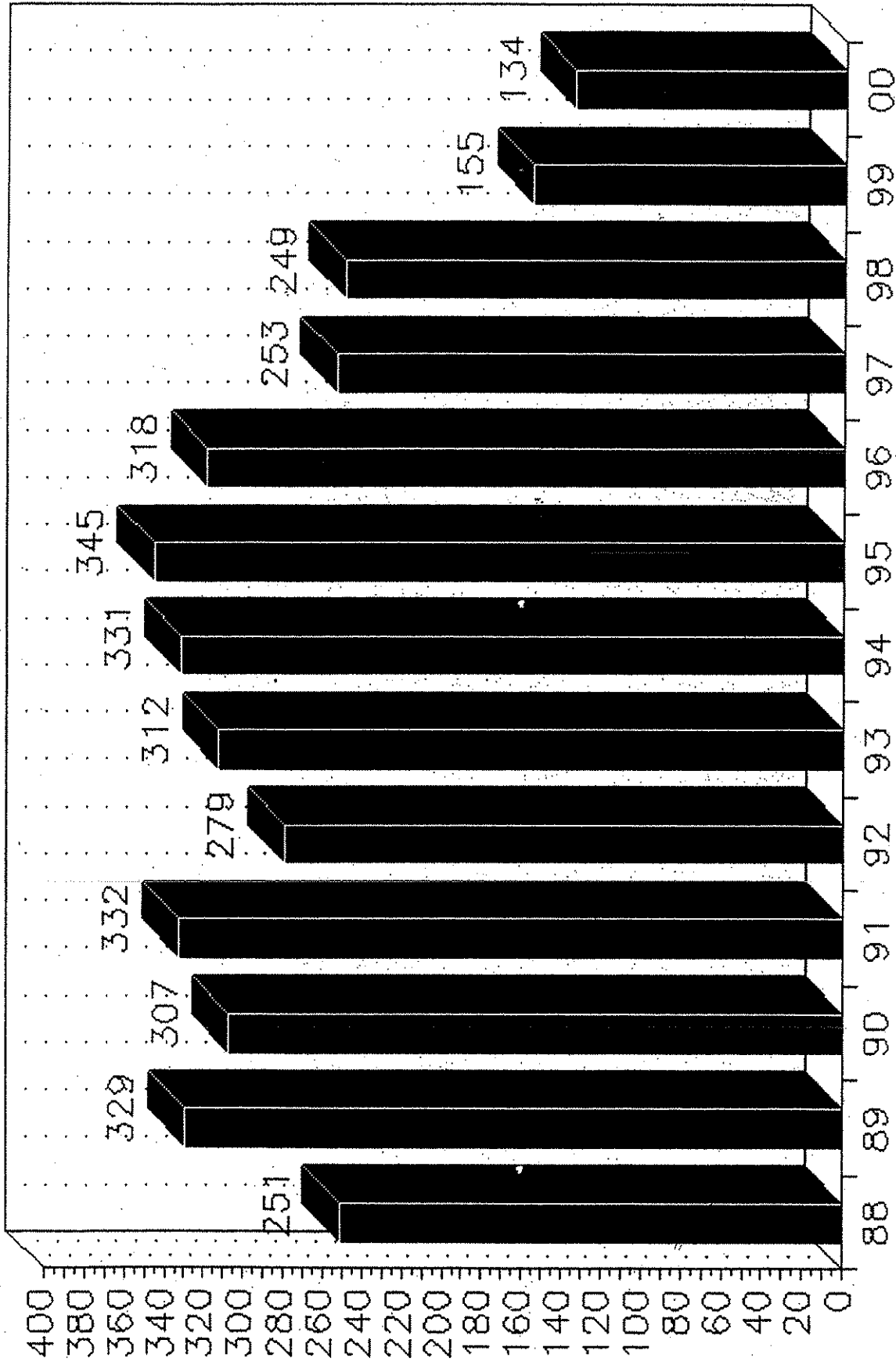
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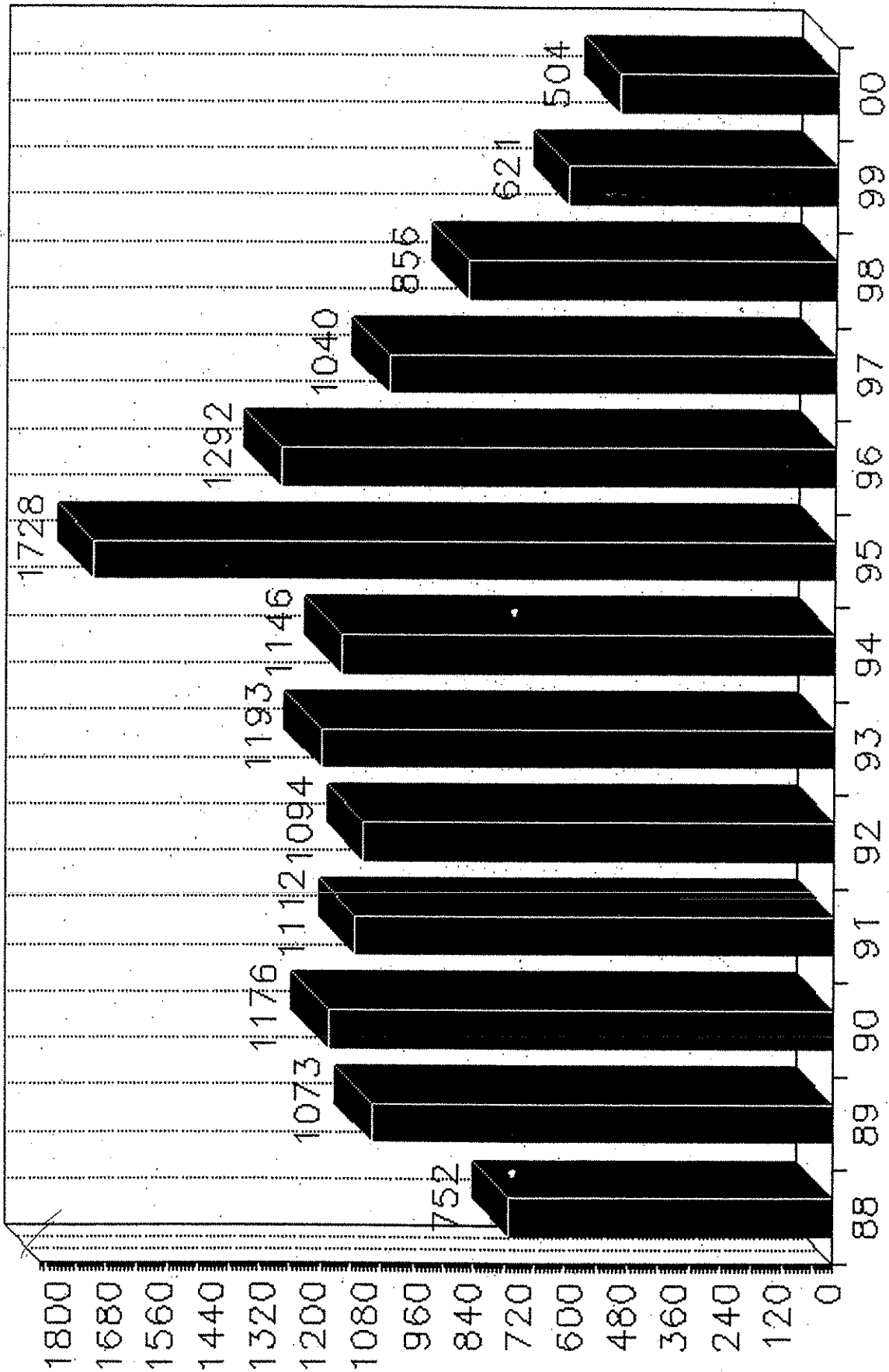


YEAR OF INCIDENT (1988 - 2000)

NUMBER OF SHOOTING INCIDENTS

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NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY M.O.S.



YEAR OF INCIDENT (1988 - 2000)

NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED

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