



Key Points Summary

- 24 instances of use of force by Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) officers were recorded during the period from 1 October to 31 December 2017.
- The most common reason for use of force was to **Protect the Public** - 17 out of 24 instances.
- The most commonly recorded impact factor was **Alcohol** - 5 instances.
- The perceived ethnicity of the majority of individuals subject to use of force was **White**.
- The most common outcome was **Released/NFA** – 8 out of 14 instances.

Locations

In most cases use of force by MDP Officers took place on Defence Establishments.

Table 1: Reasons for use of force

Use of force reason ¹	Count
Protect Subject	13
Protect Public	17
Protect Self	5
Prevent Offence	16
Protect Other Officer	7
Secure Evidence	0
Effect Arrest	8
Prevent Escape	2
Effect Search	3
Prevent Harm	1
Method of Entry	0
Remove Handcuffs	0
Other	0

¹ Use of force can be used for a number of reasons in any given incident; there is a staged escalation process in the Police Service and therefore multiple reasons may be recorded for a single incident.

Table 2: Impact factors

Impact factors ²	Count
Alcohol	5
Drugs	3
Possession of a Weapon	0
Mental Health	2
Prior Knowledge	2
Size/Gender/Build	0
Crowd	0
Acute Behavioural Disorder	0
Other	0

Table 3: Primary conduct/behaviour of subjects

Primary conduct/behaviour of subjects	Count
Compliant	6
Active resistance	3
Aggressive resistance	2
Verbal Resistance / Gestures	1
Passive Resistance	11
Serious or Aggravated Resistance	1
No Data Available	0
Total	24

Tactics deployed

- **Tactical Communication**; this was used in 15 out of 24 instances.
- Where a second tactic was applied the tactic most used was **Unarmed Skills** - 12 out of 24 instances.
- There was no third tactic considered in the 24 recorded instances.
- Two of the instances involved the **Use of a Taser** being aimed but not **fired**.
- None of the instances involved the subject being **red-dotted**.
- Firearms were **aimed** in one instance but were not fired.

² Impact factors are not always relevant to instances of use of force and fewer impact factors than incidents may therefore be recorded. Likewise, it is possible to have multiple impact factors for one incident.

Officer Injuries

- **Zero** officers were **assaulted** by the subject.
- **Zero** officers were **spat at** by the subject.
- **Zero** officers were **threatened with a weapon**.
- In **one** instance an officer was **injured** but, none of these injuries were as a direct result of the subject intentionally assaulting the officer.
- **One** officer incurred **minor injuries** but, opted for **no medical attention**.
- **Zero** officers incurred **severe** injuries.

Subject Details³

Table 4: Gender

Perceived gender of subject	Count
Female	11
Male	13
Total	24

Table 5: Age

Perceived age of subject	Count
Under 11 years	0
11-17 years	0
18 - 34 years	9
35 - 49 years	2
50 - 64 years	0
65 years or over	11
No Data Available	2
Total	24

Table 6: Ethnicity

Perceived ethnicity of subject	Count
Chinese	0
Mixed	0
Asian (or Asian British)	2
White	20
Black (or Black British)	2
Other	0
Don't Know or No Data Available	0
Total	24

³ Figures provided relate to the number of instances of use of force and do not correspond to the specific number of individuals involved. For example, more than one instance of use of force could be attributed to the same person.

Disabilities

- The subjects were perceived to have no **physical disabilities**.
- In 2 out of 24 incidents, the subjects were perceived to have **mental disabilities**.

Injuries & medical assistance

The subjects **received no injuries** and **no medical assistance** was offered or provided during the instances where use of force was recorded.

Table 7: Outcomes

Outcomes	Count
Detained (Mental Health Act)	0
Arrested	9
Hospitalised	0
Released/NFA	13
Made Off/ Escaped	2
Fatality	0
Total	24