Injuries associated with police use of force

Two years, three police agencies
Study by Dr. William Bozeman et al.

1.04 million police calls
Less than 1 in 1,100 calls

114,000 criminal arrests
Less than 1 in 120 arrests

914 suspects force used against

898 mild or no injuries

16 significant injuries

1 death
Rate of significant injuries by type of force used

- 0% taser (0 of 504 uses)
- 0.9% unarmed physical force (6 of 692 uses)
- 0% pepper spray (0 of 88 uses)
- 11% canines (5 of 47 uses)
- 0% baton (0 of 9 uses)
- 67% firearms (4 of 6 uses)

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