

Overview of Firearms Transactions & Gun Violence in Virginia



State Police Role in the Regulation of Firearms in Virginia

Including the process for purchasing a firearm and issuance of a concealed handgun permit

- Instant Background Checks for firearms purchase transactions
- Issuance of firearms seller identifications and registration of firearms dealers
- Referral of illegal attempts to purchase for investigation by Troopers
- Issuance of Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permits
- Entry of Resident Concealed Handgun Permits into VCIN
 - These permits are issued by the Circuit Court Clerks
- Registration of machine guns within 24 hours of acquisition

Firearms Purchase Background Checks

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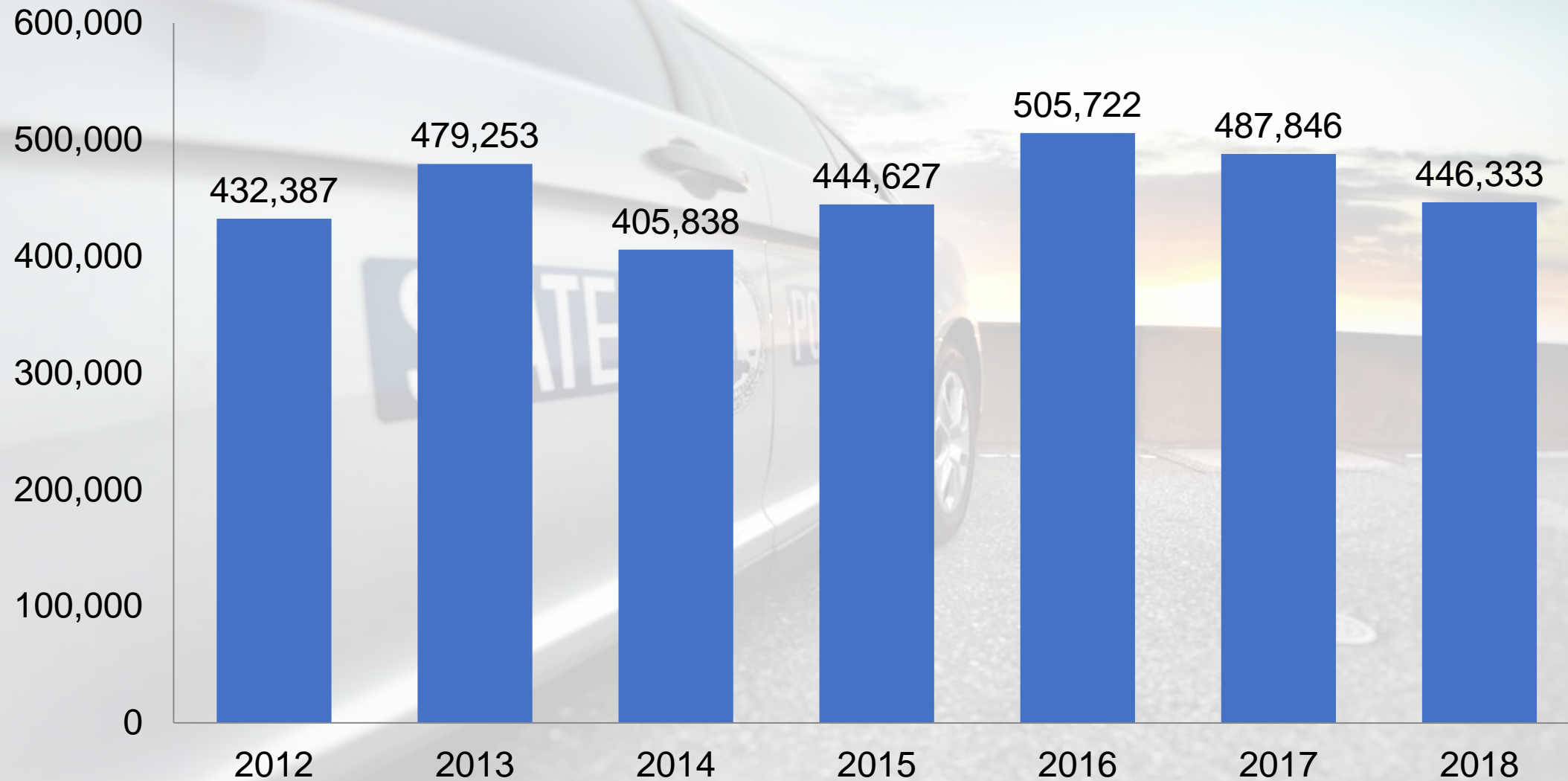
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- The Firearms Transaction Center provides for a timely, point-of-sale decision regarding the sale or transfer of firearms based upon the results of a criminal history record information (CHRI) check concerning the prospective purchaser.
- **Established in 1989, this program was the first of its type in the nation.**
- Accessible to Virginia's firearms dealers via the internet and a 1-800 line.
 - available between 8am and 10pm, seven days a week, except December 25.
 - Currently 95% of all transactions are handled through our web portal ("Vcheck").

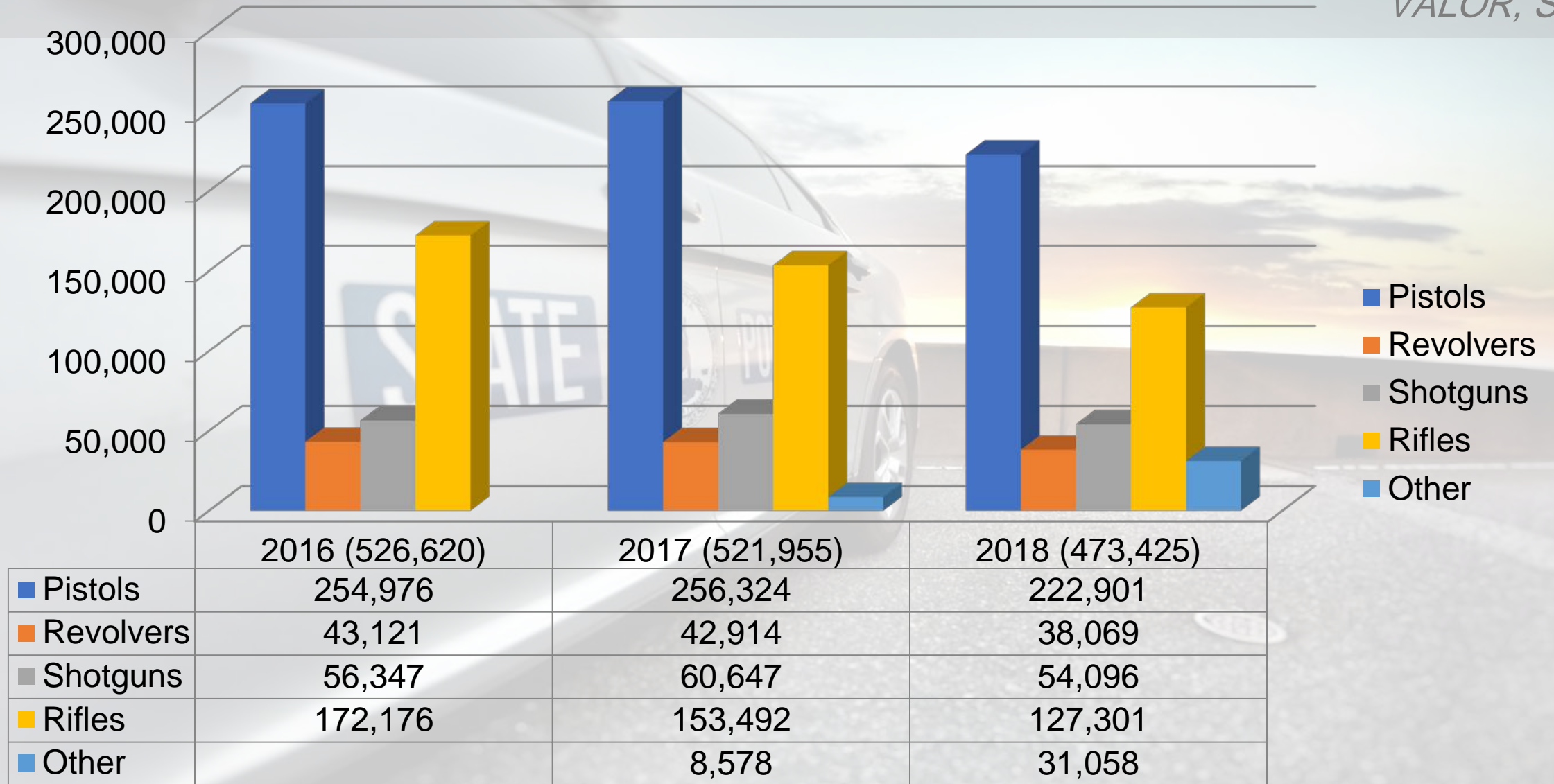
Firearm Purchases

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Types Of Firearms Purchased



- Virginia dealers must first obtain a Federal Firearms License (FFL) from ATF.
- A fingerprint background check is completed by ATF and they are issued an FFL number.
- Once registered with ATF they may then register with the Virginia State Police Firearms Transaction Center.
- Upon completion of billing and VCheck user agreements, the dealers are then eligible to sell firearms.

- There are currently 2,438 registered firearms dealers with active accounts in Virginia.
- Out of the 2,438 dealers, it is estimated that only 1,500 are actively selling firearms on a regular basis.
- Each store selling firearms is considered an active dealer.
 - Example: Wal-Mart is treated as 91 separate dealers

- As of August 1, 2000, all persons (e.g. employees) wishing to sell firearms from a licensed dealer must submit fingerprints for a national criminal records check.
 - These sellers are enrolled in Virginia Rap Back, so that if they get arrested for a disqualifying offense, their seller's license is suspended pending case disposition.
 - Any individual named on the FFL is exempt from submitting fingerprints since they have already had a fingerprint background check conducted by ATF.
- There are currently 19,569 active seller IDs in Virginia.

- Present a valid government issued photo identification to a registered dealer and complete a state and federal background check consent form.
- The information will be submitted to the FTC, either by phone or through VCheck.
- A transaction may be instantly approved within 2 minutes if there are no criminal record hits or possible hits on the specific identifiers submitted: Name, Sex, Race, Date of Birth and Social Security number (if included).
- Any possible hits are delayed so that an employee can review the record response.

State or National Databases accessed at time of transaction

Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN)

- ❖ Wanted, Missing Person Files or Protective Orders
- ❖ Virginia Criminal History
- ❖ Adjudications of legal incompetence, incapacity and involuntary commitments to mental health institutions

National Crime Information Center (NCIC)

- ❖ Wanted Persons and Protective orders

Interstate Identification Index (III)

- ❖ Federal Criminal History Records

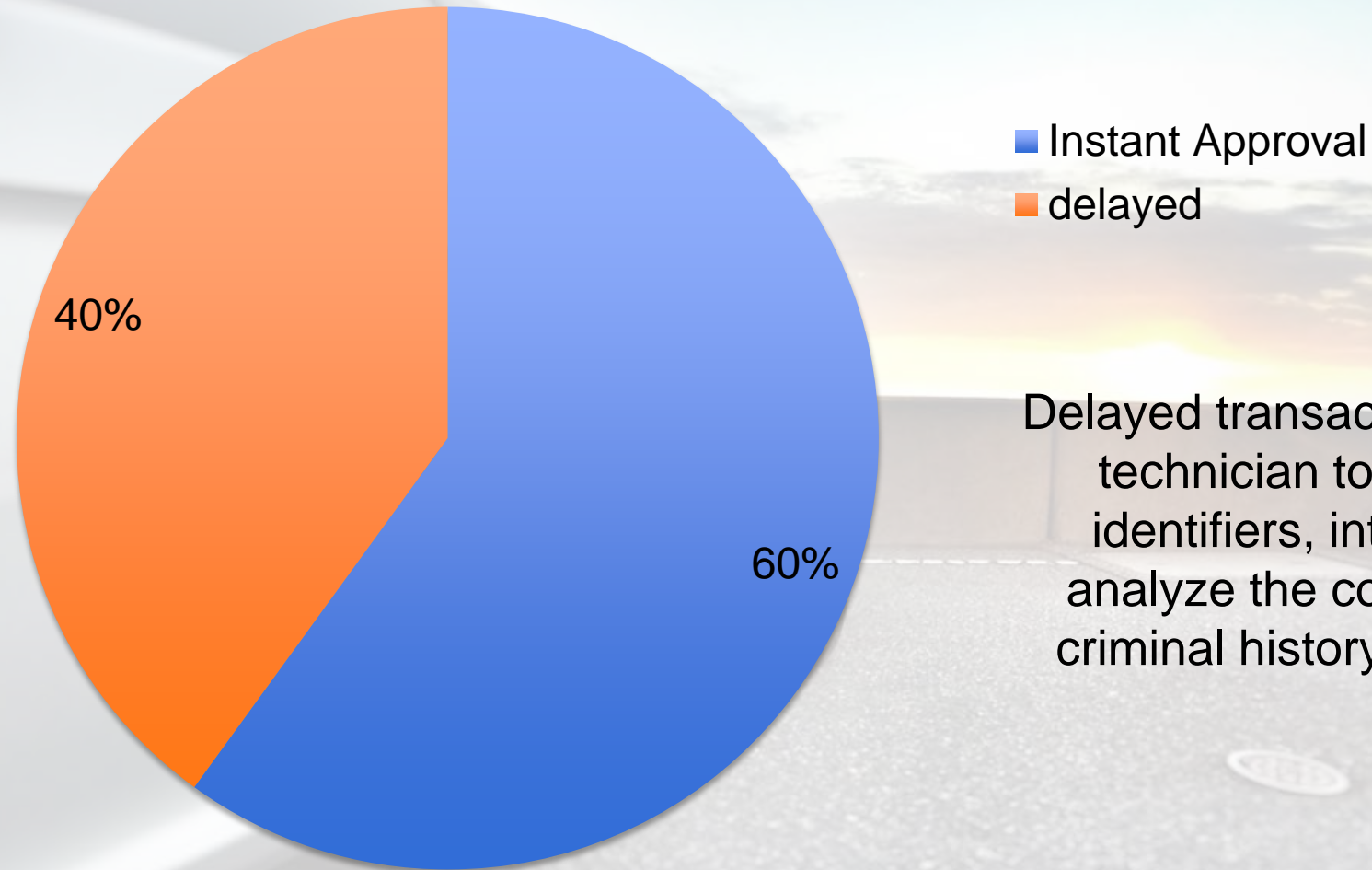
National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

- ❖ All federal prohibitors that are not supported by fingerprints or posted on a criminal history

All systems must be in full service or transactions are placed in abeyance until full service is returned

- **Felony Conviction**
- **Acquitted by Reason of Insanity**
- **Adjudicated legally Incompetent**
- **Involuntarily Admitted**
- **Alien Illegally in the United States**
- **Respondent on a Protection Order**
- **Felony Indictment**
- **Fugitive from Justice**
- **Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence**
- **Dishonorable Discharge**
- **Renounced Citizenship in the United States**
- **Misdemeanor Punishable by more than 2 years**
- **Unlawful user of Controlled Substances**
- **Recent Misdemeanor Controlled Substance Convictions (handguns)**
- **Juvenile Felony Conviction**

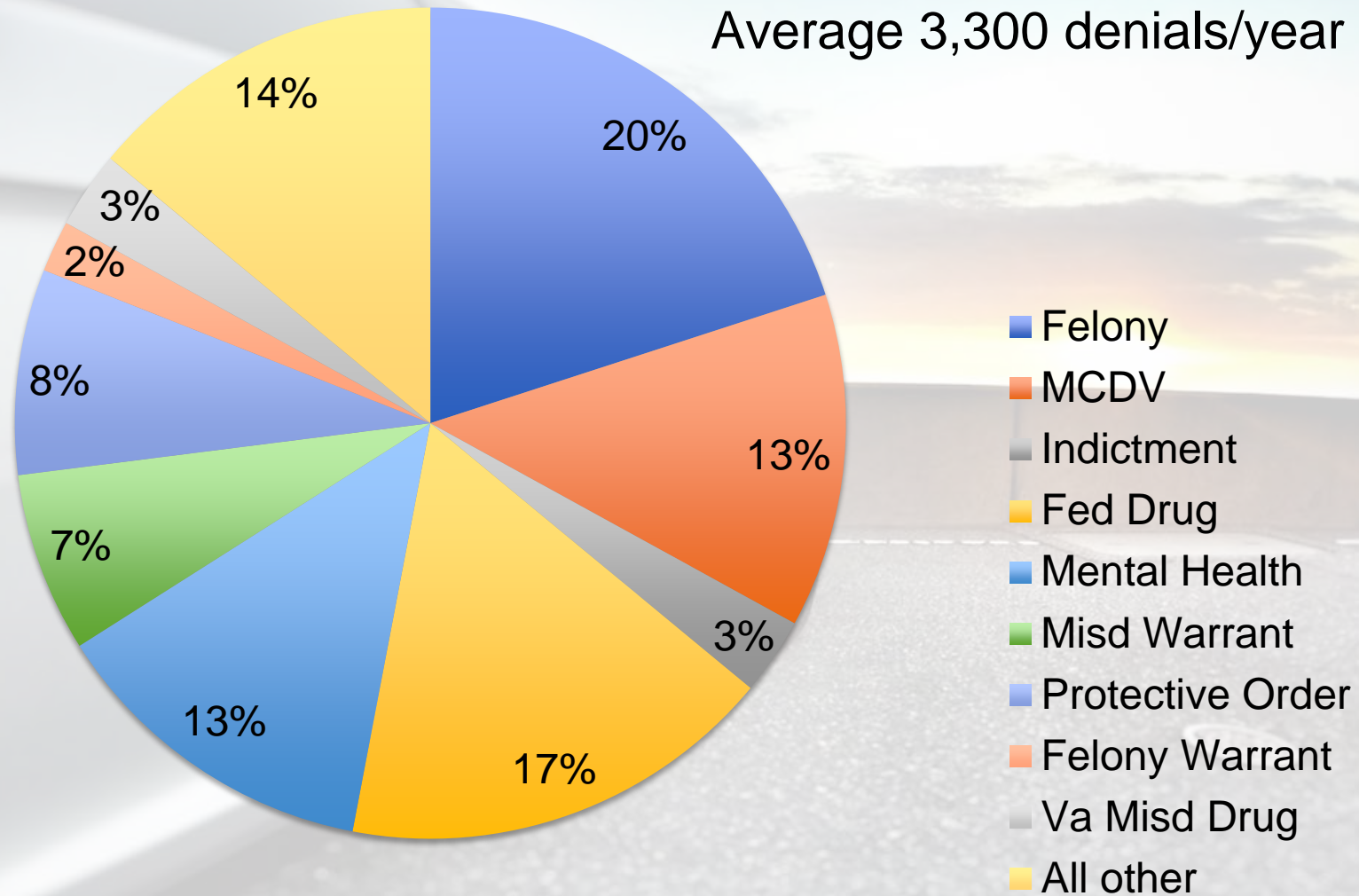
Delayed transactions



Delayed transactions require a technician to review the identifiers, interpret, and analyze the corresponding criminal history information.

Denied transactions 2012-2018

Average 3,300 denials/year



There were 7,064 closed arrests by State Police related to the sale or attempt to purchase as a result of FTC denied transactions.

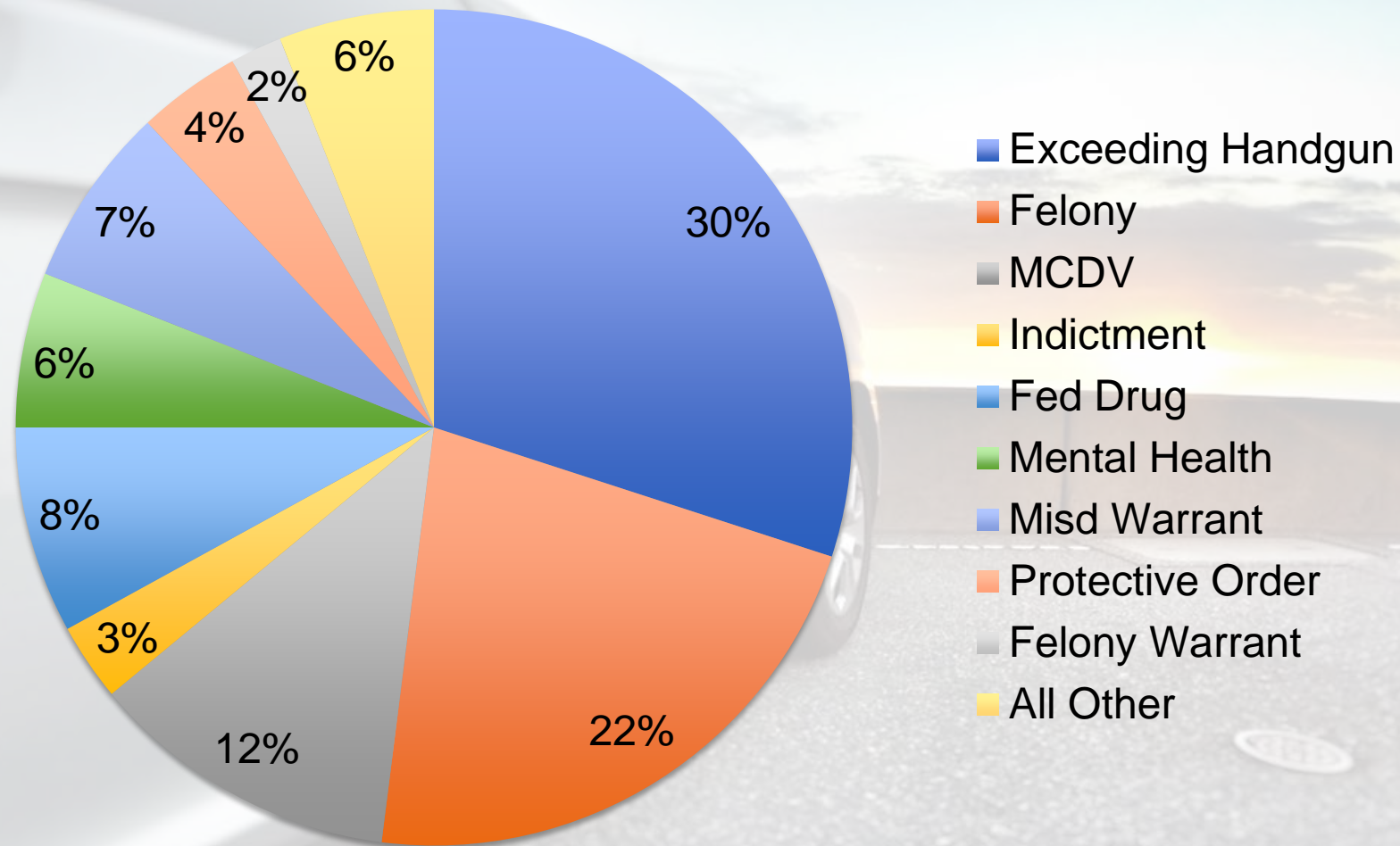
Virginia's One-Handgun-A-Month Law

- From 1993-2012, purchasers were limited to the purchase of one handgun within 30 days.
 - There were 12,506 denials for violating this law.
- Beginning in 1996, purchasers could apply for a multiple handgun purchase certificate.
 - In total, 3,508 were issued and 373 were denied.
- Concealed Handgun Permit allowed as exemption 4/15/2004.
 - From this time forward, multiple purchase certificates dropped to near zero.

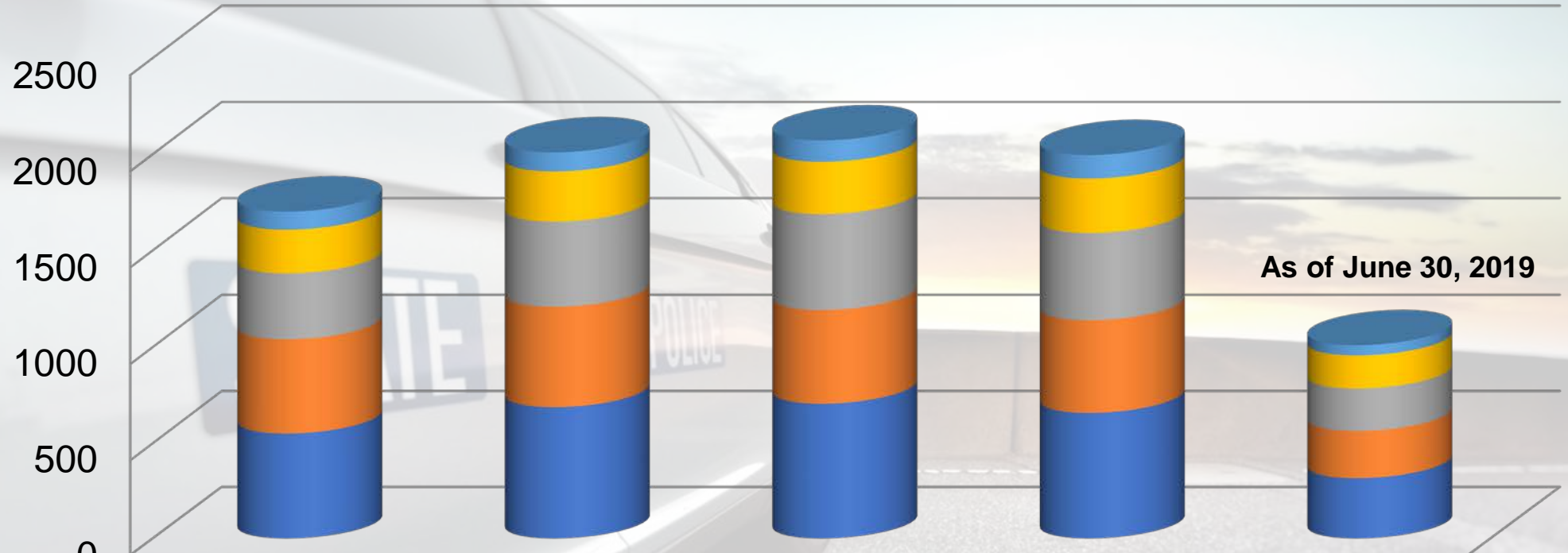
Average Monthly Multiple Handgun Transactions

2017	1,463	Multiple Handgun Transactions are determined only at the time of purchase. These numbers are not Indicative of multiple purchases with-in 30 days
2018	1,211	
2019 YTD	1,292	

Denied Transactions 2002-2011



Denials Requiring Investigation



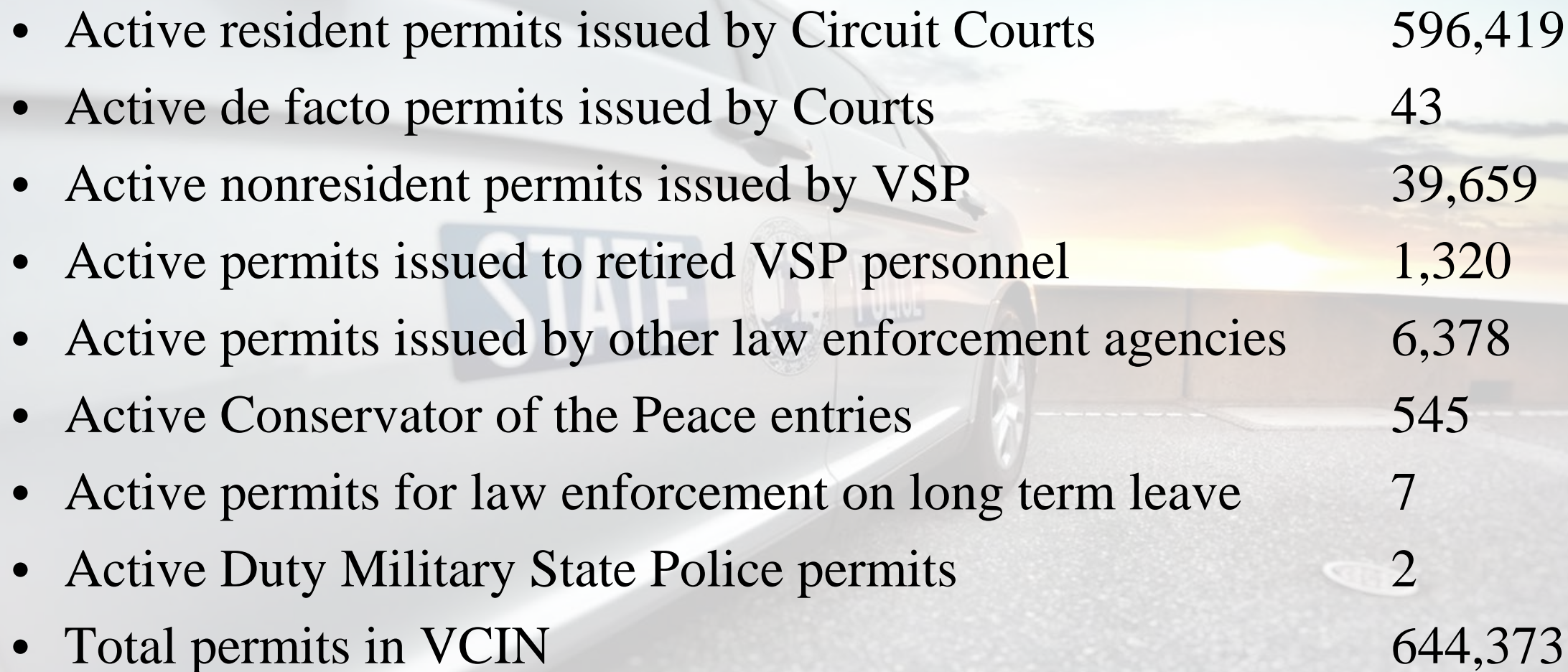
	2015 (1,702)	2016 (2,010)	2017 (2,072)	2018 (1,996)	2019 (1,010)
■ Indictment	94	99	111	122	53
■ Protective Order	227	261	272	283	172
■ Mental Health	340	440	496	451	221
■ Domestic Violence	490	522	487	482	246
■ Felony	551	688	706	658	318

Machine Gun Registrations



❖ Active Machine Gun Registrations	11,345
❖ Transferred Machine Gun Registrations	2,885
❖ Terminated Machine Gun Registrations	4,147

Active Concealed Handgun Permits

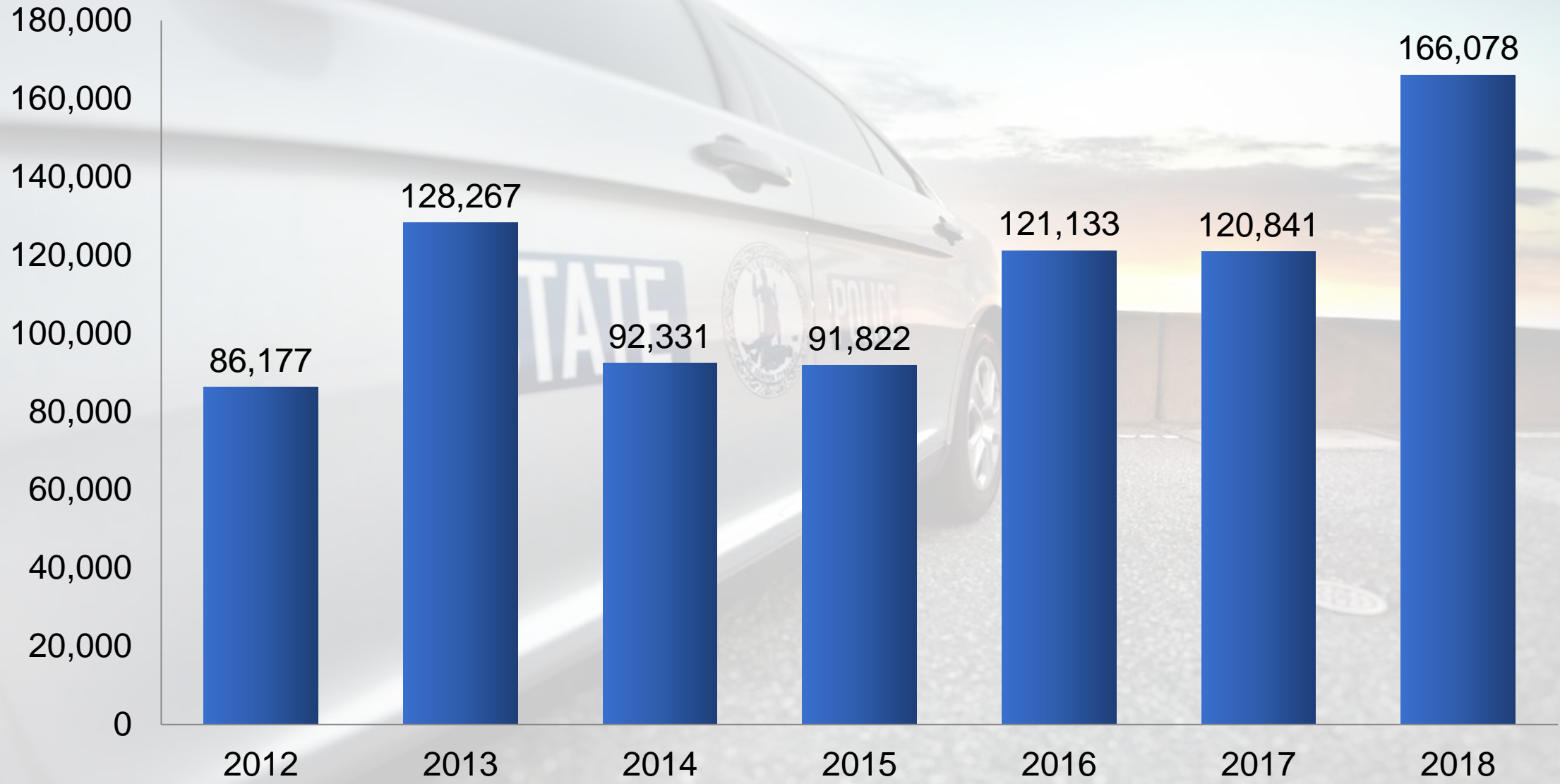


- **Additional permit prohibitors**
 - **Open Felony Charge**
 - **Two or more misdemeanor convictions in a five-year period**
 - **DUI conviction or public drunkenness in past three years**
 - **Convicted of Assault, Battery, Sexual Assault in past three years**
 - **Convicted of Stalking**
 - **Open charge of Assault, Battery, or Sexual Battery**
 - **Open charge or conviction of Possession of Controlled Substance in past three years**
- **Firearm possession prohibitors that do not prohibit issuance of a permit**
 - **Conviction of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence (beyond three years)**

Resident Concealed Handgun Permits

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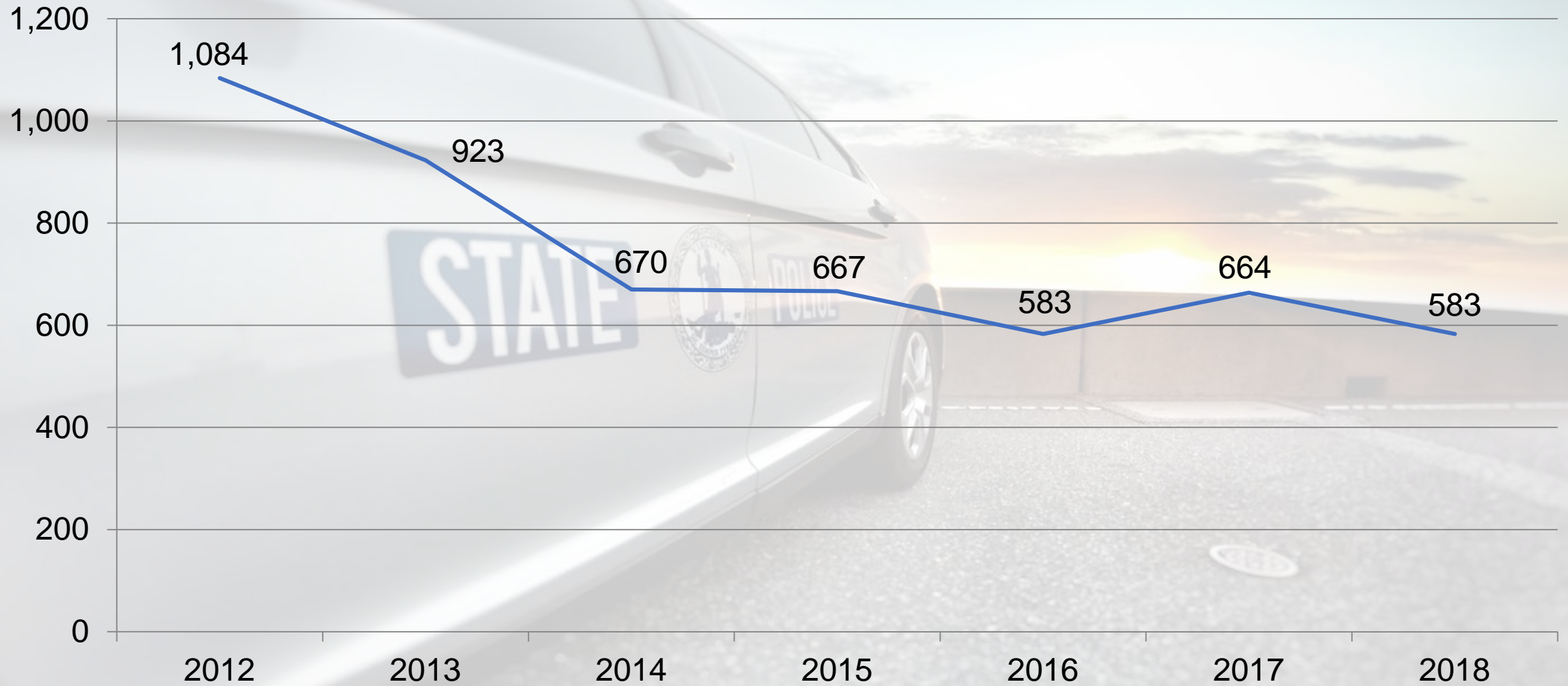
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Revoked Resident Permits

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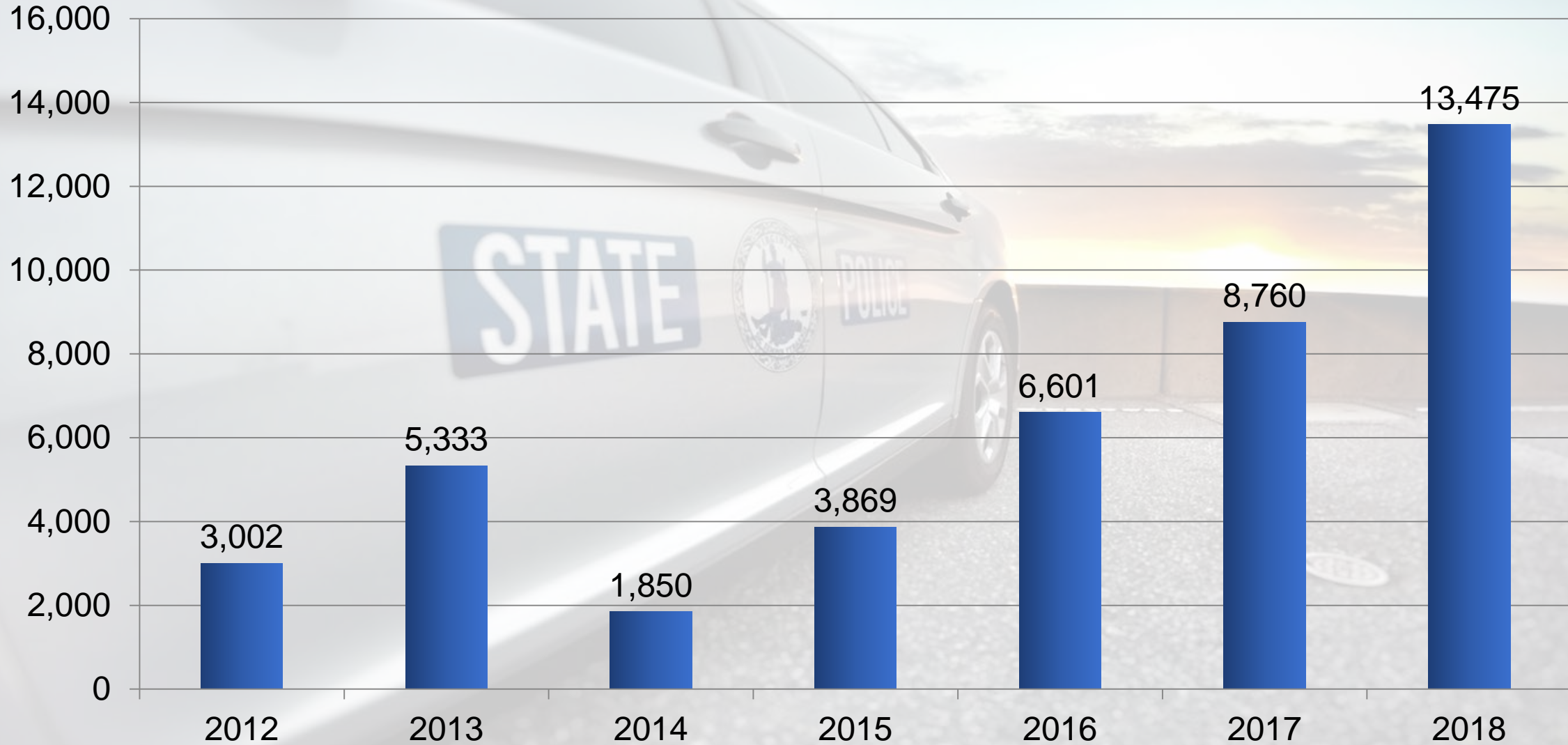
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Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permits

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Gun Crime in Virginia

Data compiled from the State Police Central Criminal Records Exchange and the Incident Based Reporting Program

Purchase, possession, or transportation by individuals with mental health prohibitors

§ 18.2-308.1:1

§ 18.2-308.1:2

§ 18.2-308.1:3

Purchase or transportation of firearm by persons subject to protective orders.

§ 18.2-308.1:4

Purchase or transportation of firearm by persons convicted of two misdemeanor drug offenses within 36 months.

§ 18.2-308.1:5

Possession or transportation of firearms by convicted felons.

§ 18.2-308.2

Sale of firearms to prohibited persons

§ 18.2-308.2:1

Use or display of firearm in committing felony

§ 18.2-53.1

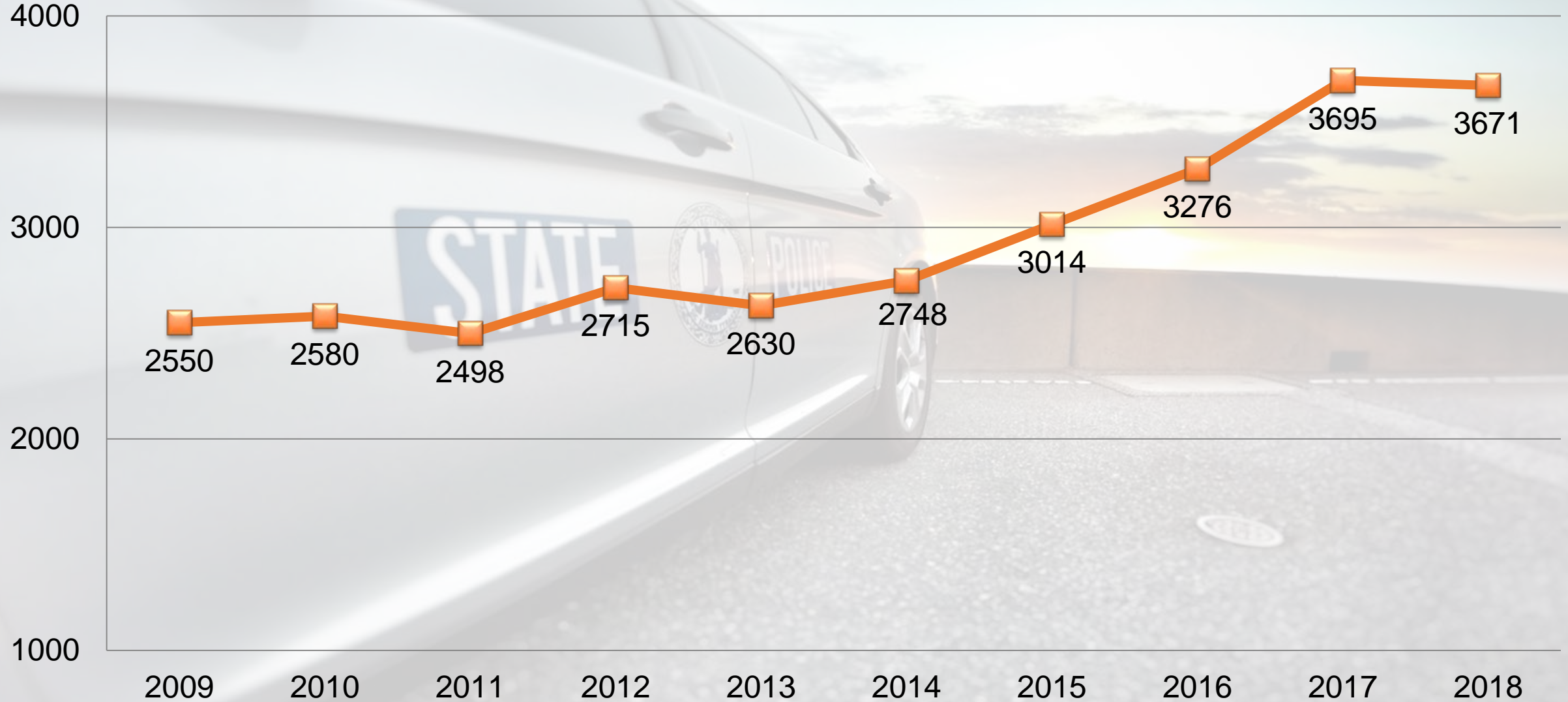
Straw purchases

§ 18.2-308.2:2(M)

Arrests: Felon in Possession

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18.2-308.2 Possession or transportation of firearms by convicted felon *VALOR, SERVICE*

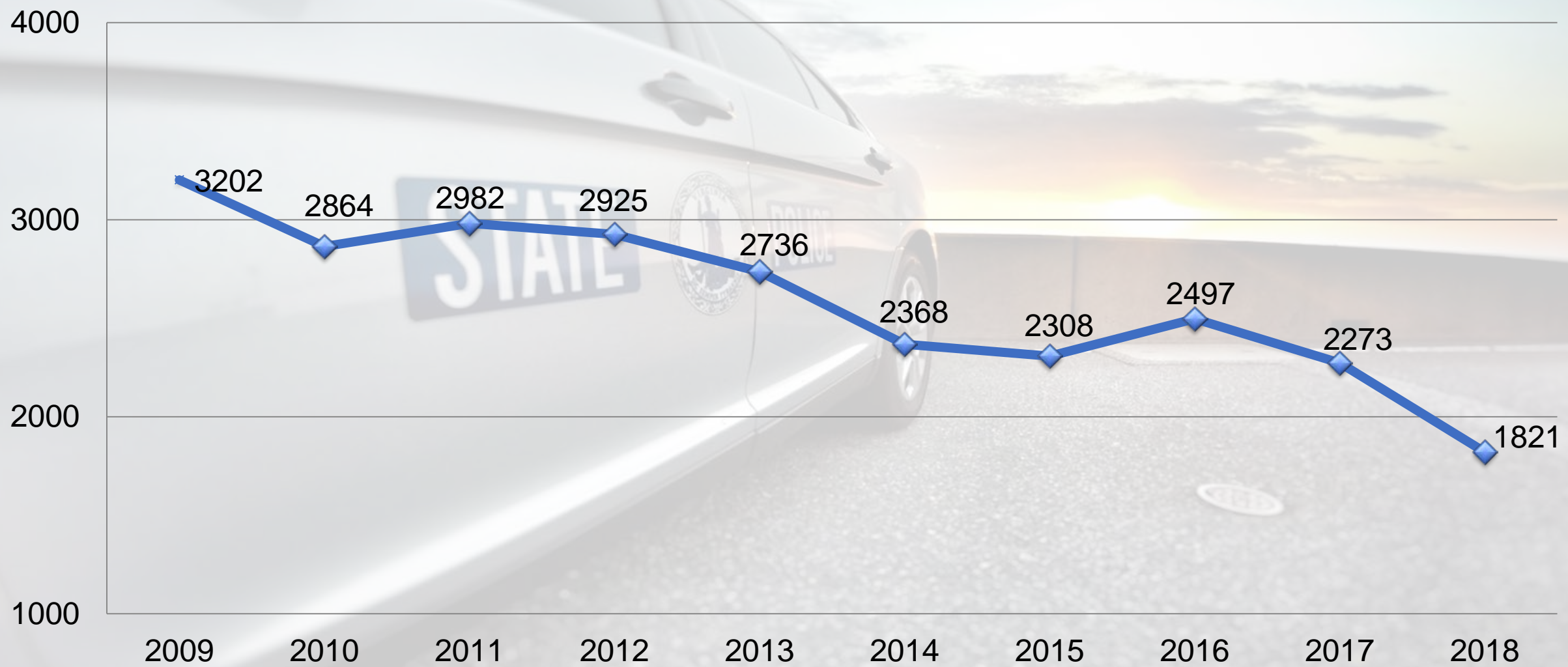


Arrests: Use in Commission of Felony

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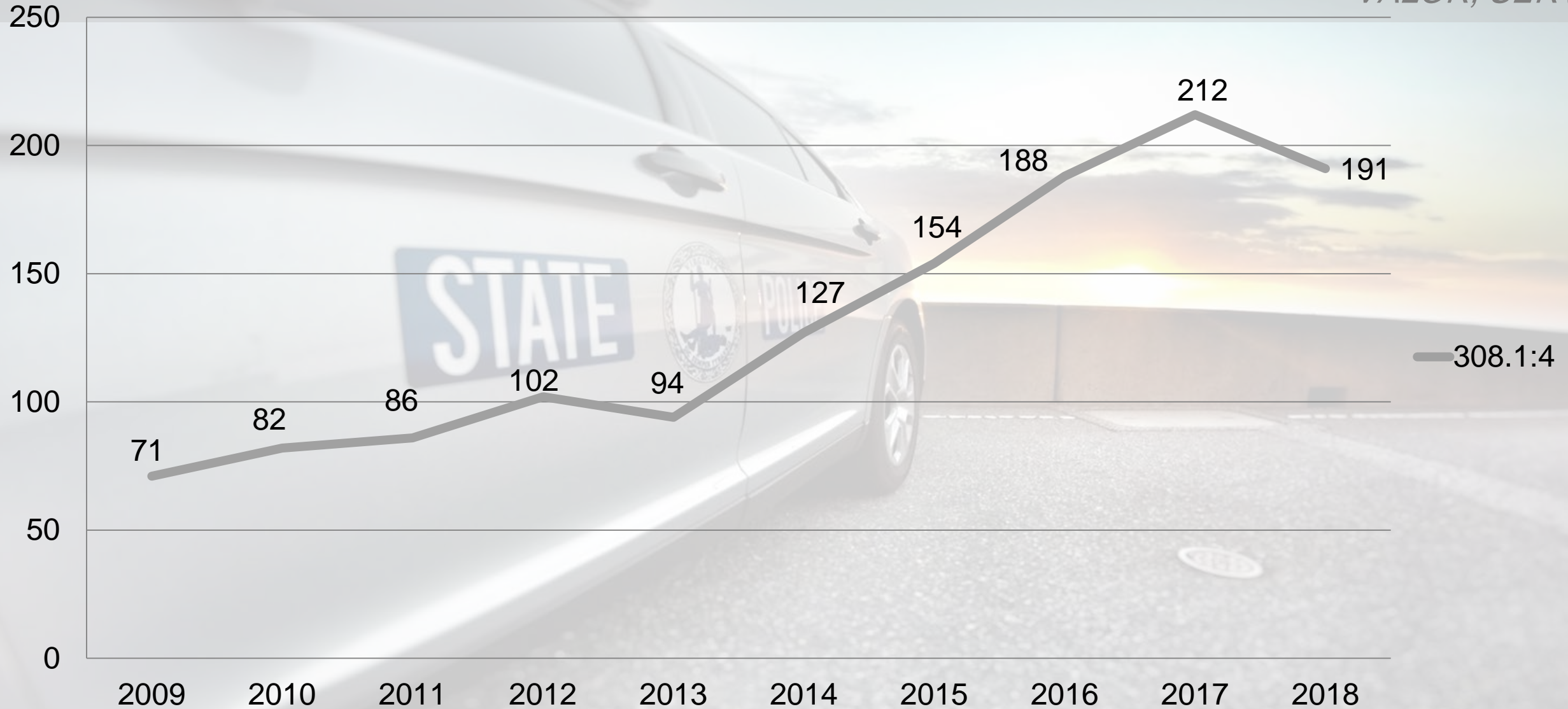
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Arrests: Protective Order Prohibitor

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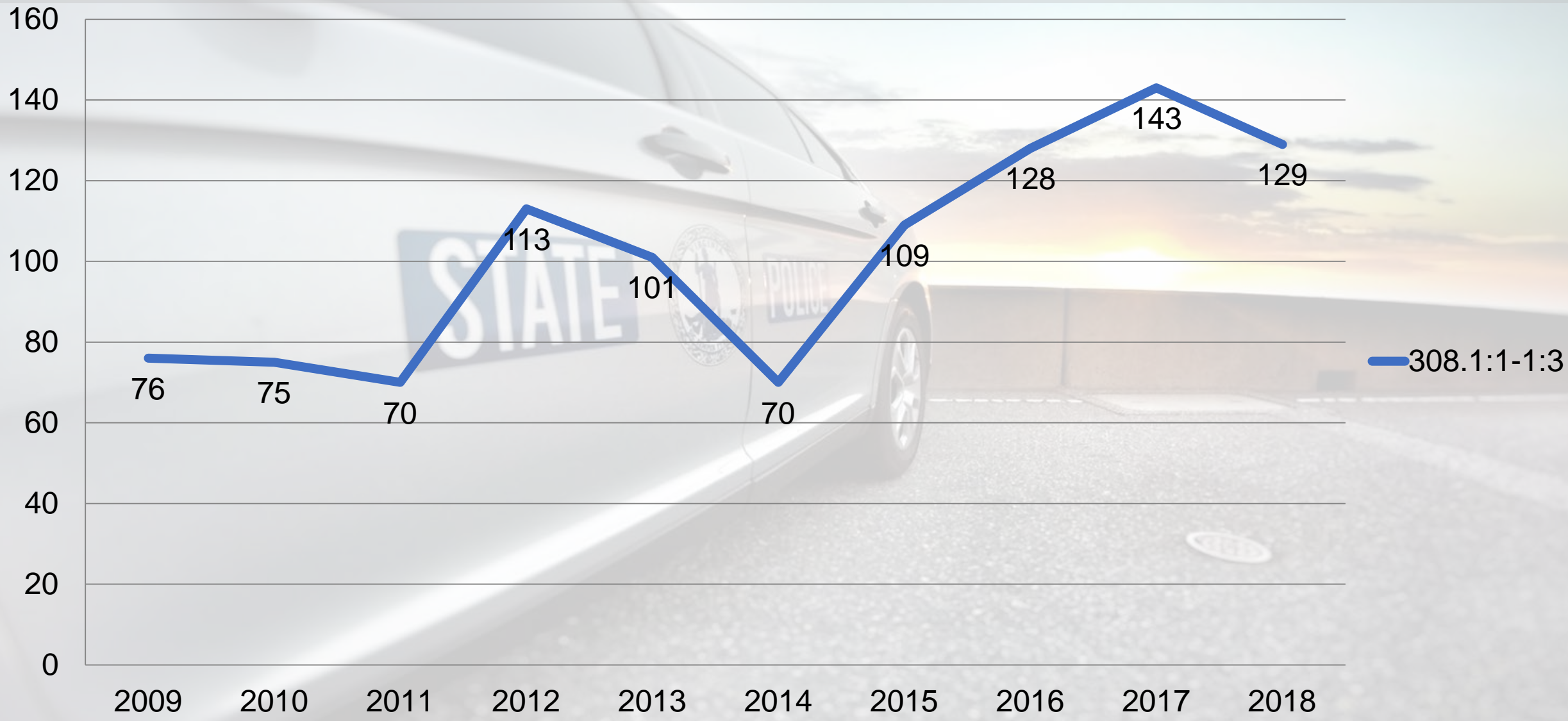
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Arrests: Mental Health Prohibitors

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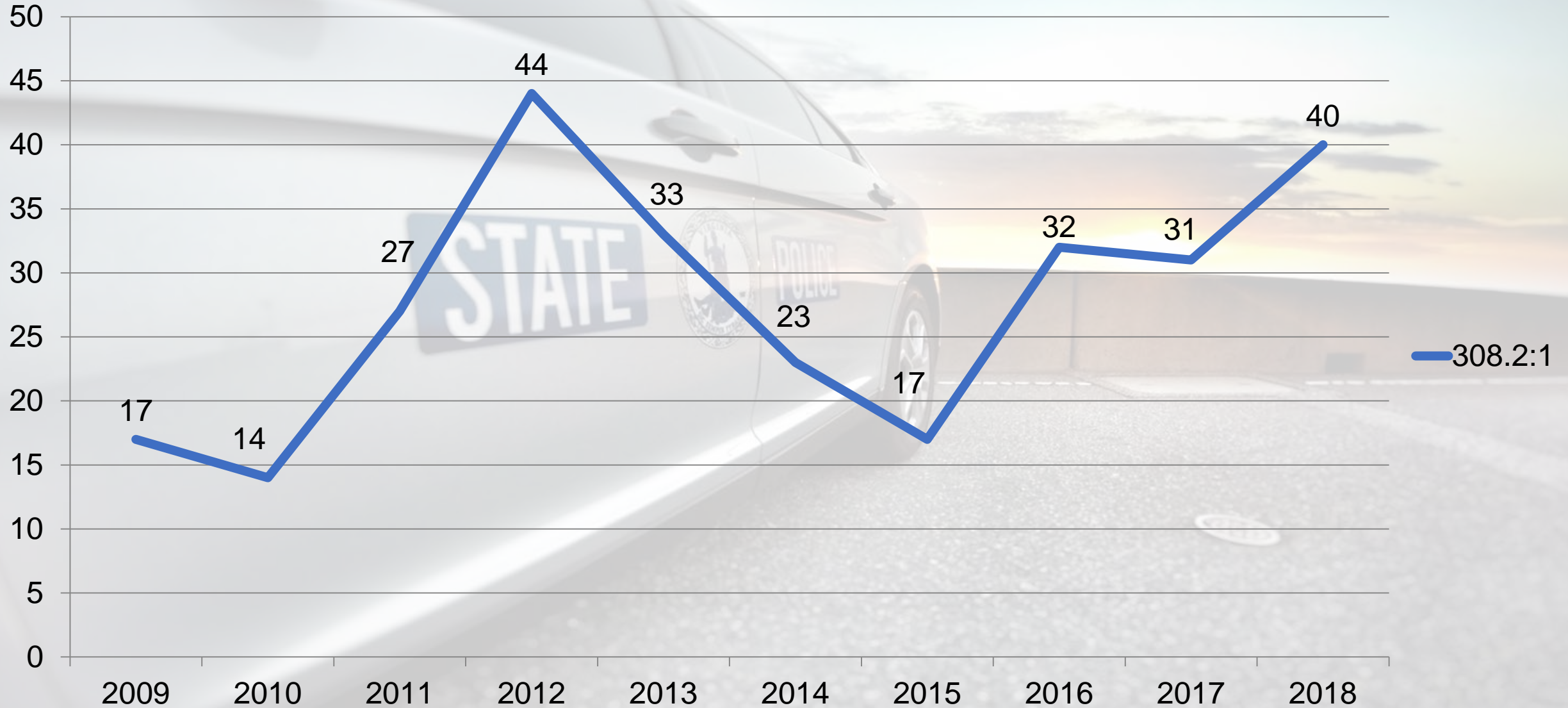
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Arrests: Dealer Violations

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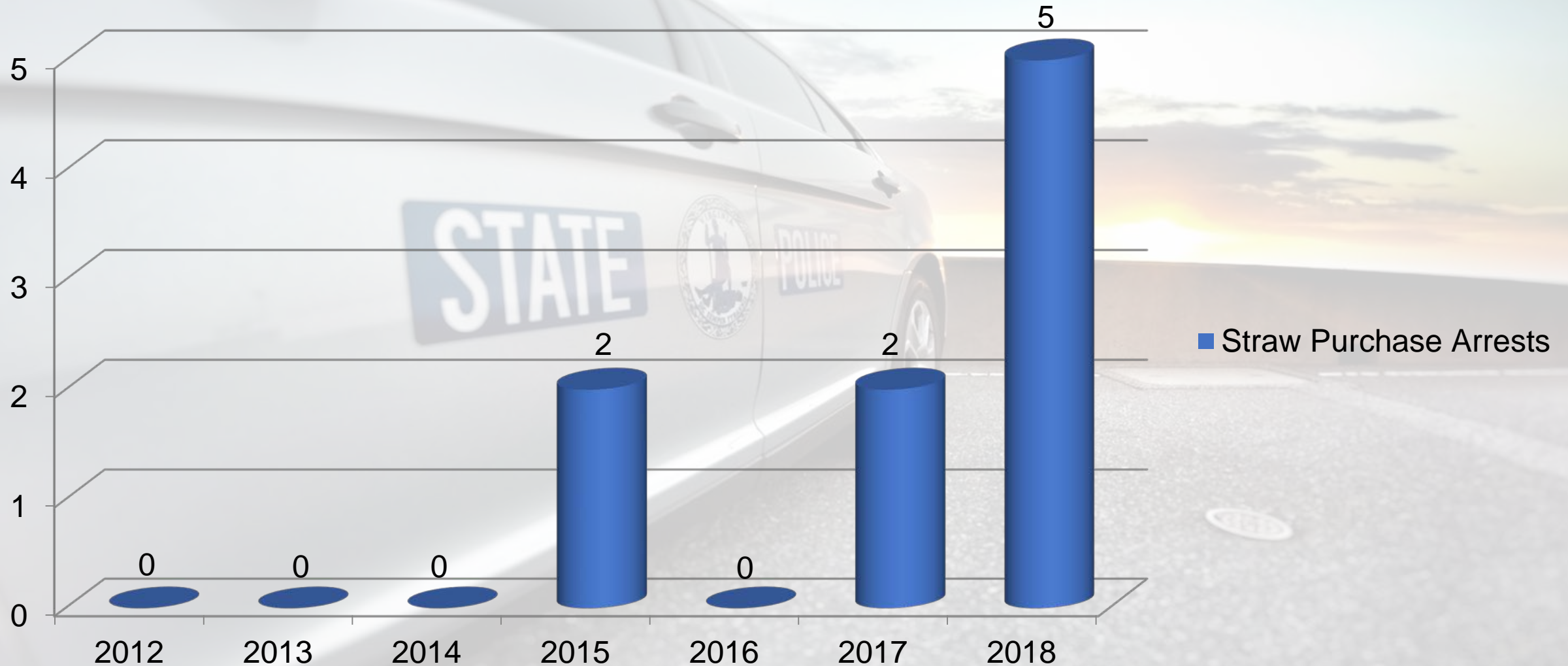


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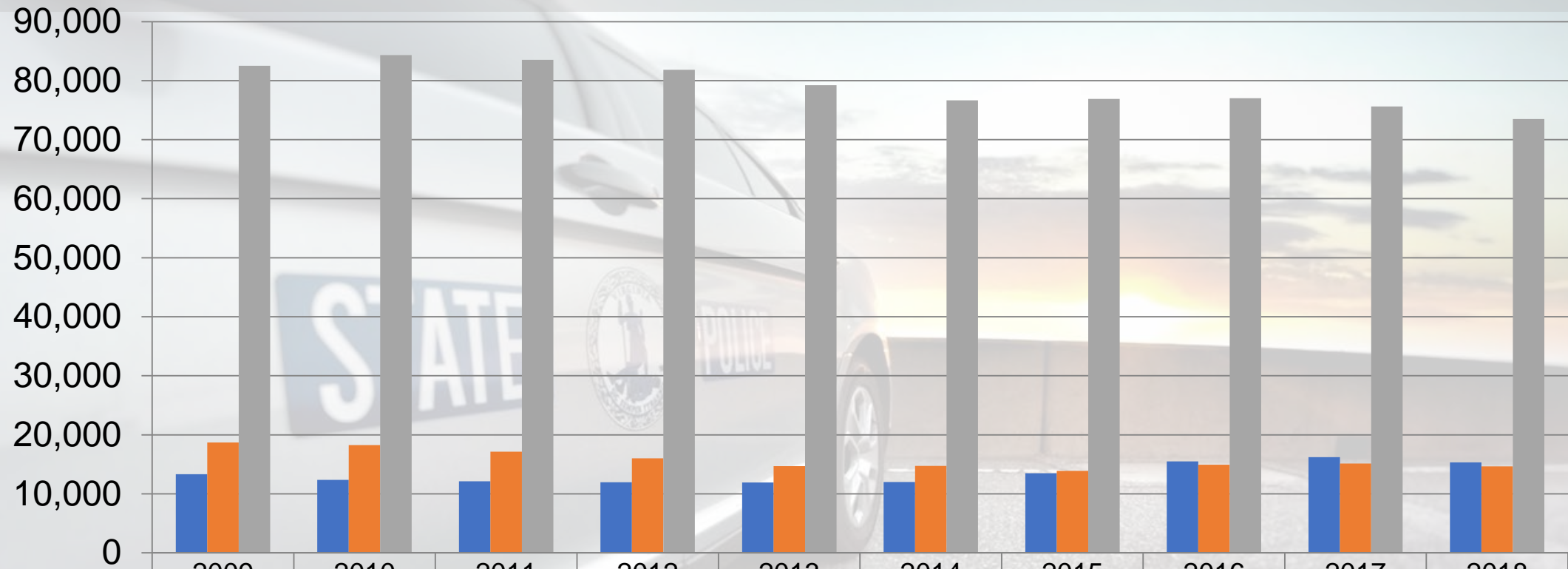
Straw Purchase Arrests



Weapons Used in All Crime

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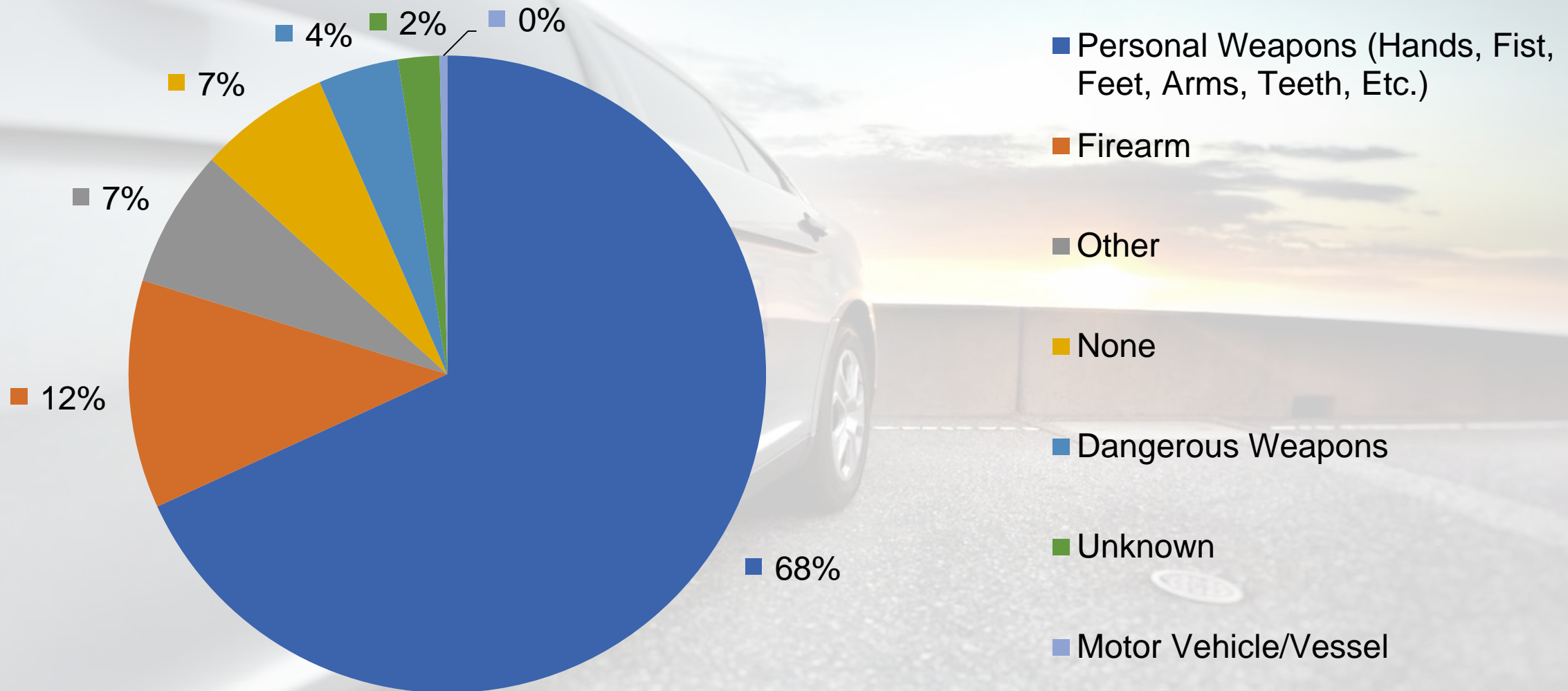
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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Firearm	13,333	12,370	12,101	11,973	11,918	12,015	13,466	15,490	16,211	15,350
Other	18,713	18,271	17,118	16,010	14,677	14,739	13,894	14,942	15,116	14,654
Hands, Fist, Feet, Etc	82,515	84,347	83,533	81,853	79,216	76,659	76,907	77,014	75,624	73,518

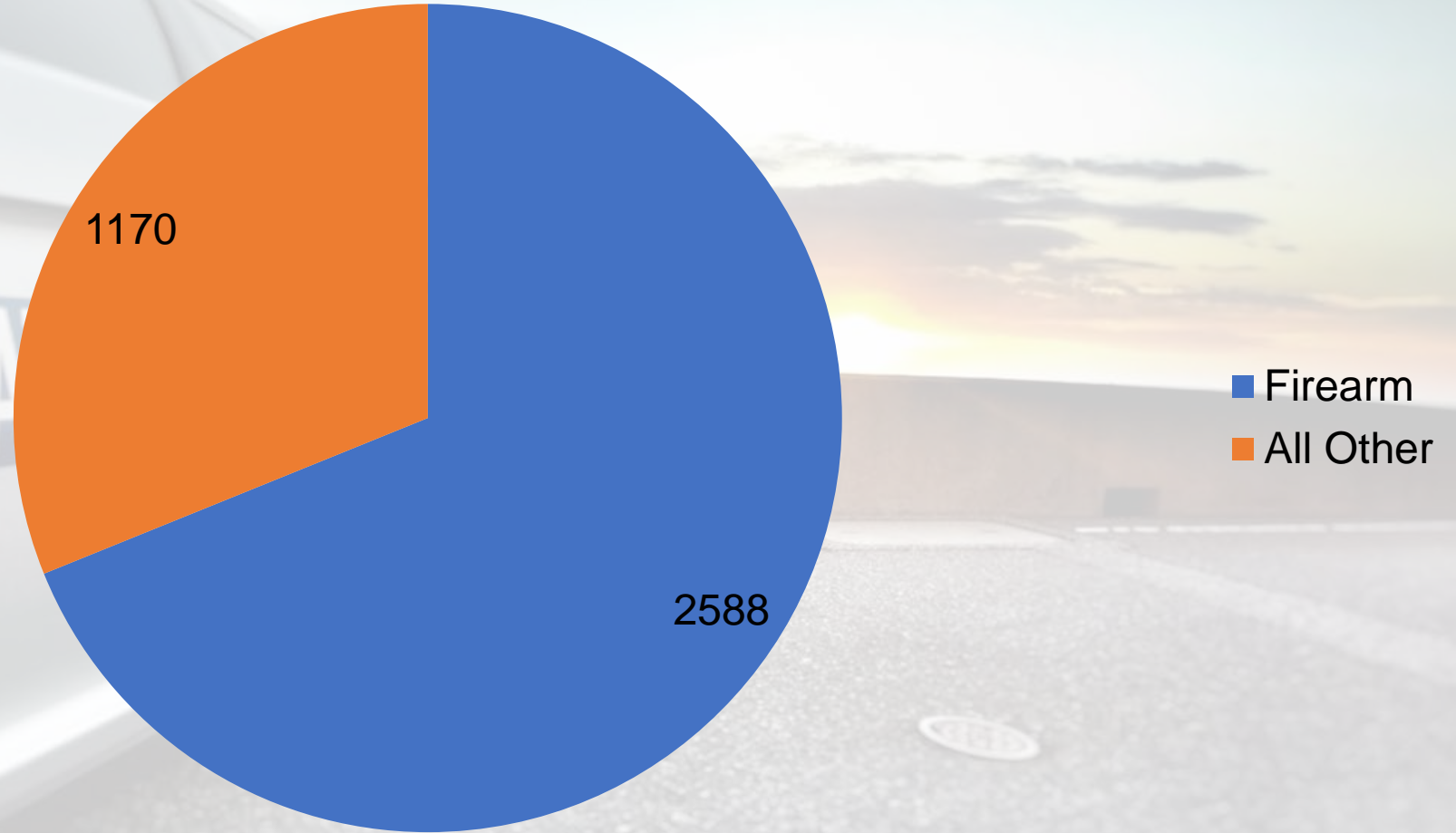
Other Includes: Knives, Blunt Objects, Motor Vehicle/Vessel, Poison/Drugs, Fire/Explosives

Weapons Used in Crime 2009-2018



Weapons Used in Murder 2009-2018

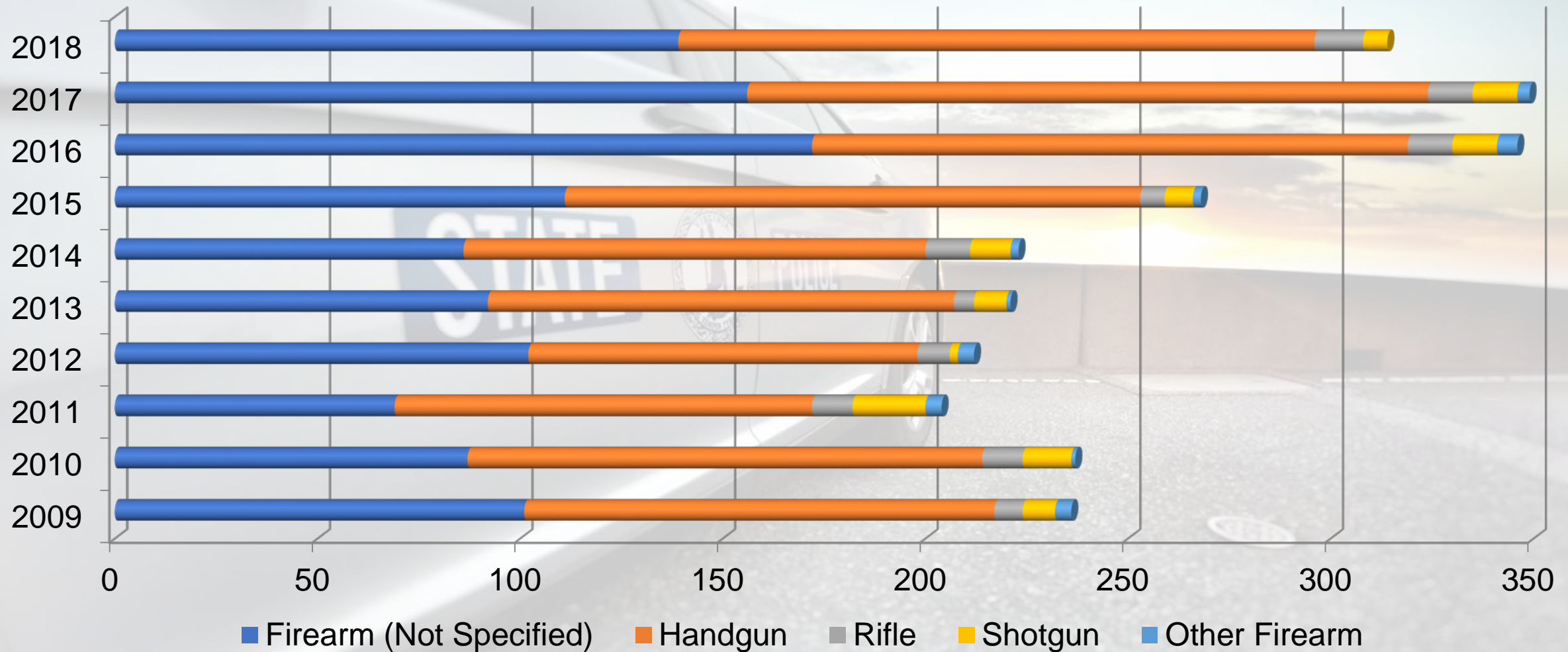
Year	Firearms	All Other
2009	234	125
2010	235	130
2011	204	96
2012	212	103
2013	217	99
2014	222	116
2015	266	120
2016	343	141
2017	346	134
2018	309	106



Type of Firearm Used in Murder

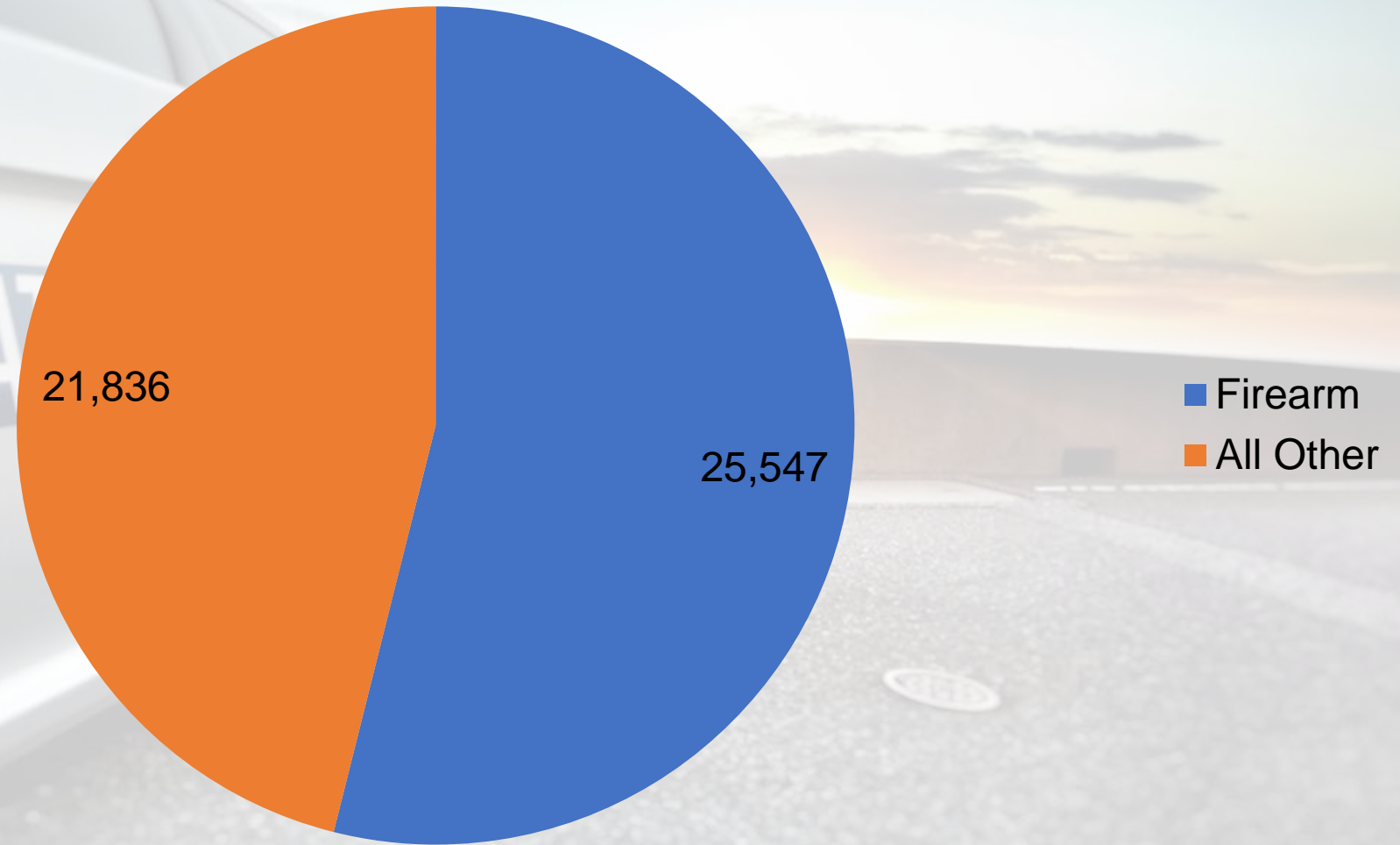
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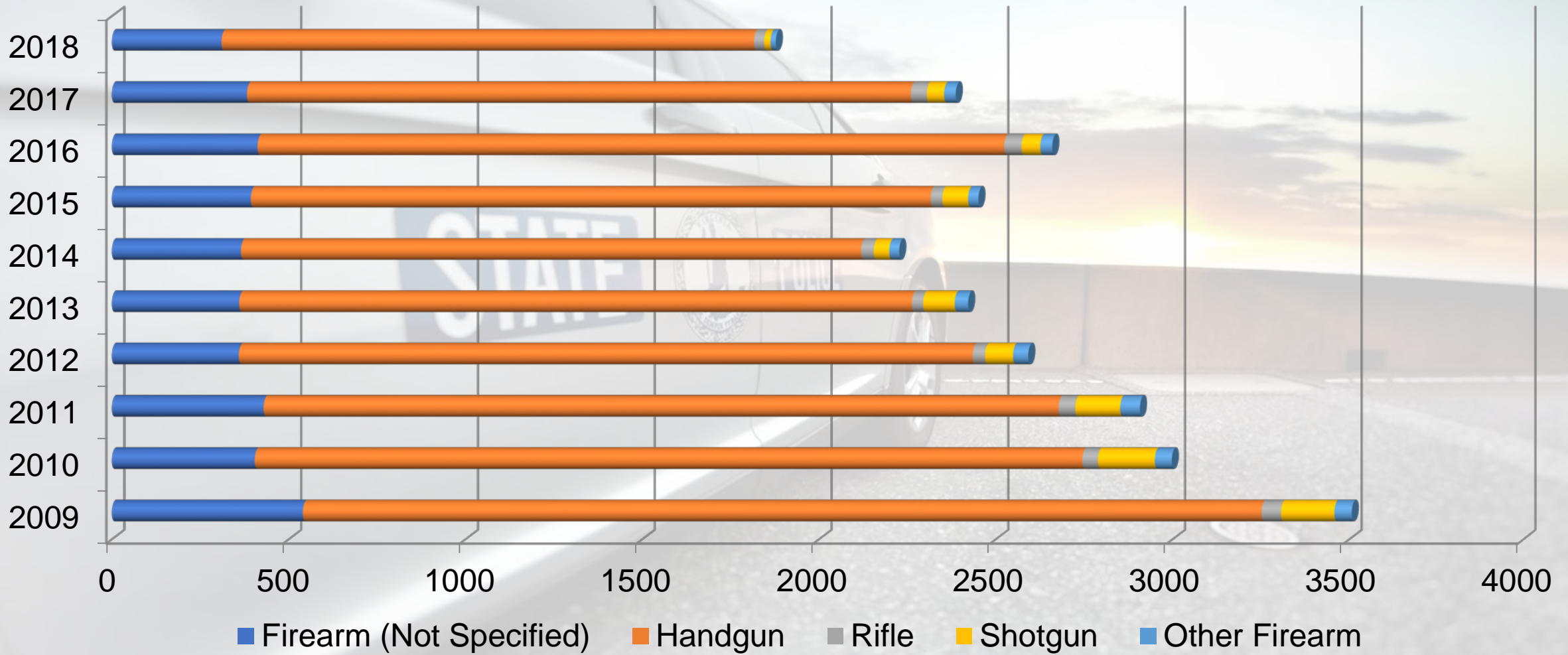


Weapons Used in Robbery 2009-2018

Year	Firearms	All Other
2009	3,428	2,738
2010	2,938	2,524
2011	2,850	2,448
2012	2,553	2,075
2013	2,375	2,082
2014	2,191	2,004
2015	2,405	1,965
2016	2,612	2,083
2017	2,348	1,836
2018	1,847	1,631

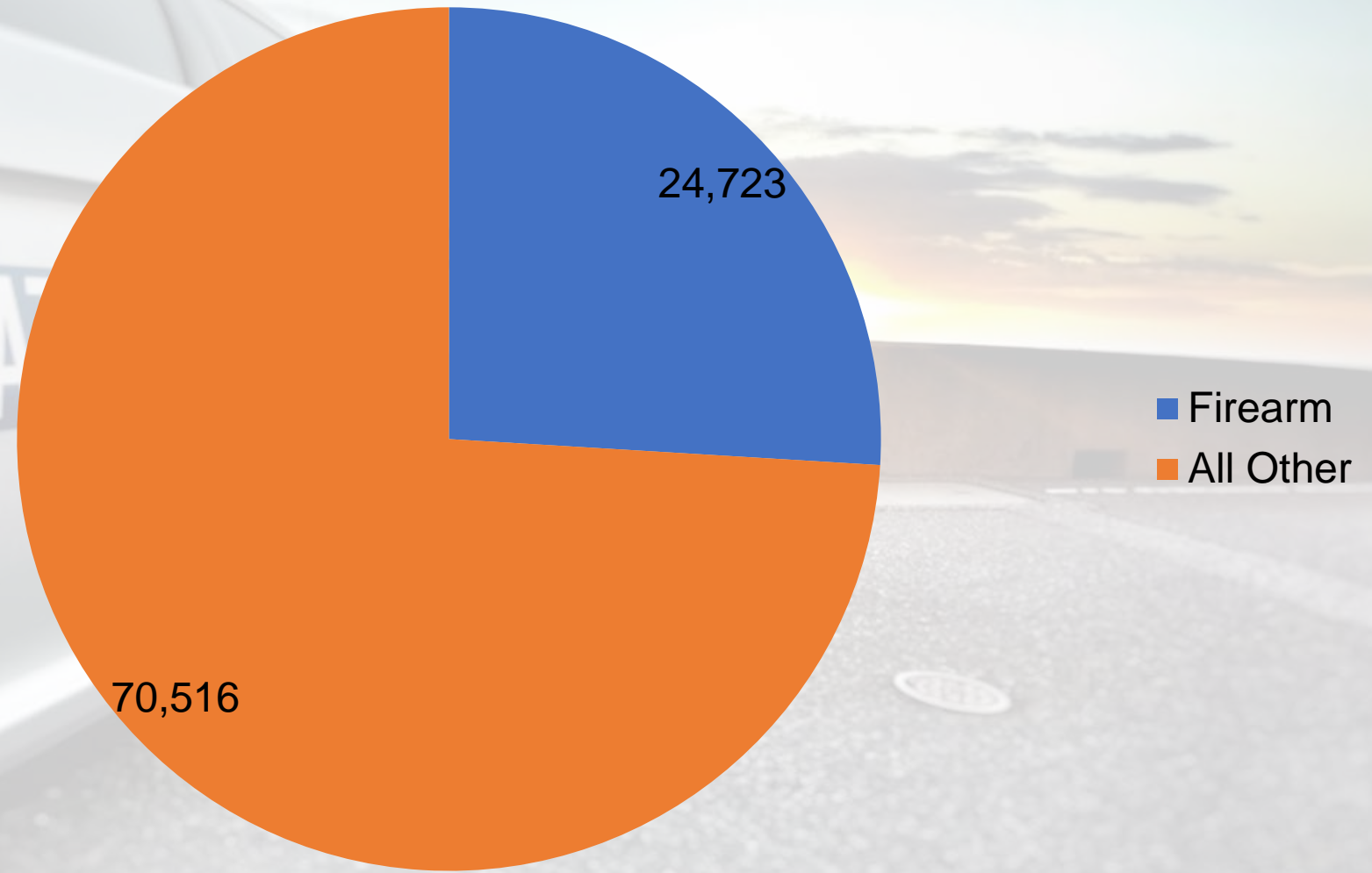


Type of Firearm Used in Robbery



Weapons Used in Aggravated Assault 2009-2018

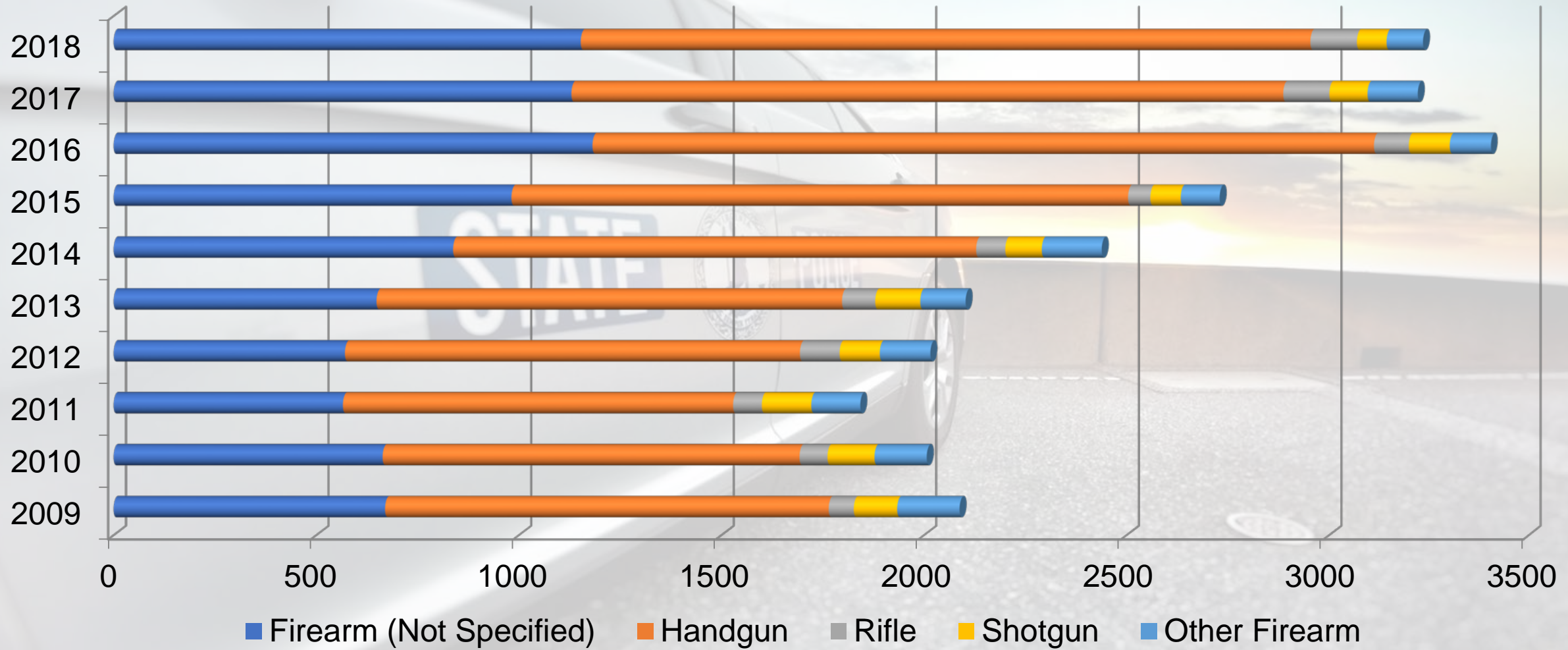
Year	Firearms	All Other
2009	2,066	7,859
2010	1,967	7,578
2011	1,822	6,911
2012	1,983	7,010
2013	2,078	6,984
2014	2,412	6,965
2015	2,682	6,638
2016	3,355	6,984
2017	3,181	6,762
2018	3,177	6,915



Type of Firearm Used in Aggravated Assault

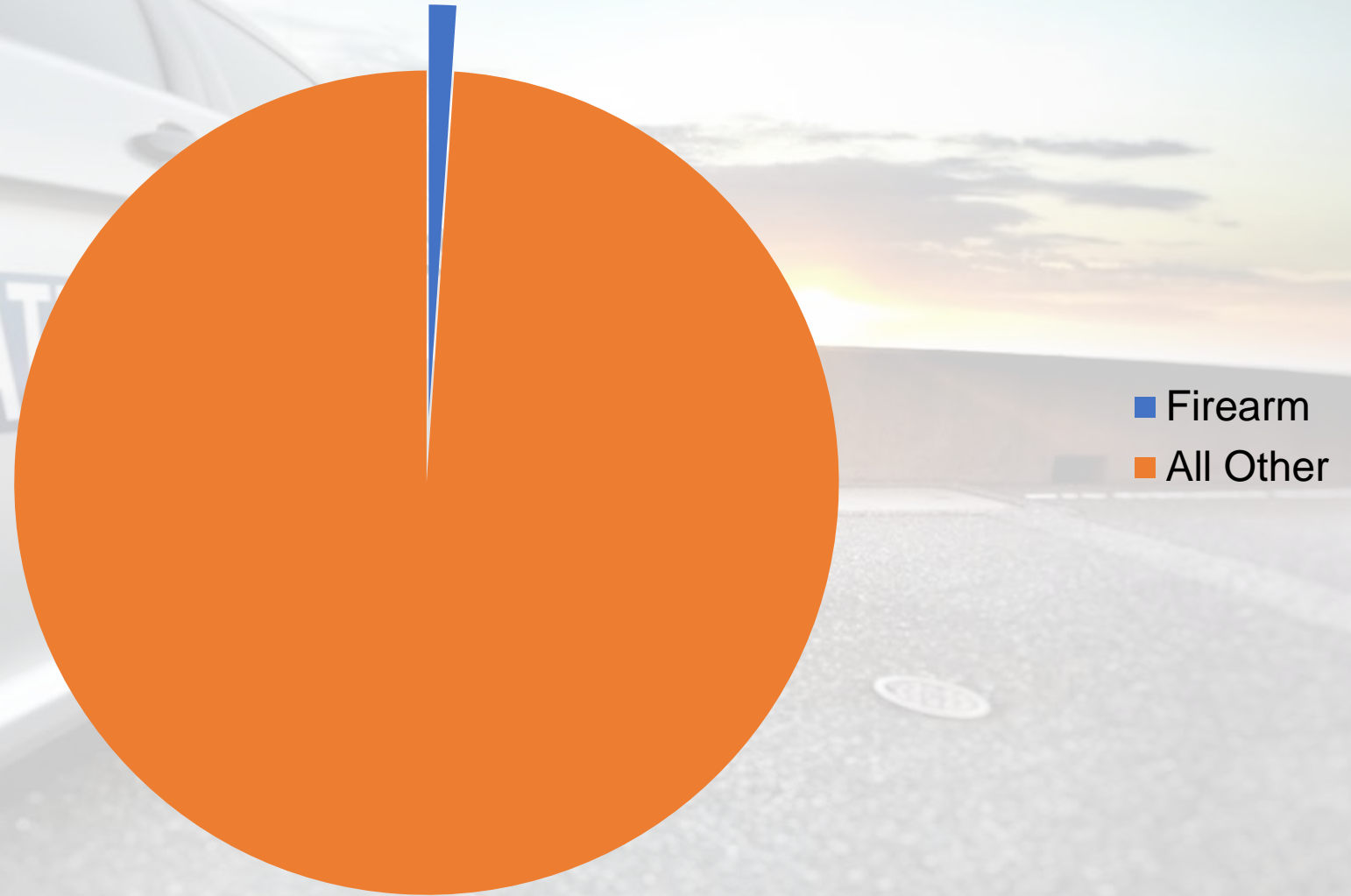
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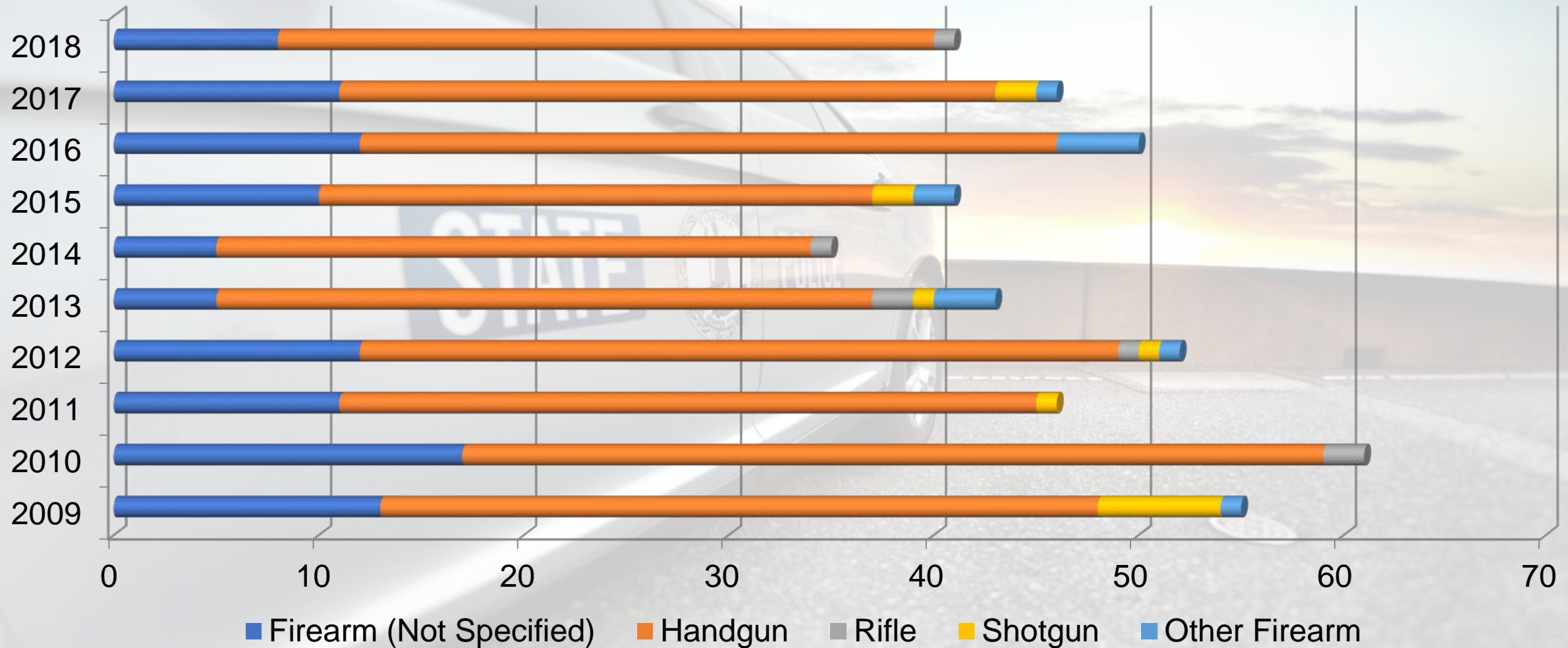


Weapons Used in Forcible Sex Offenses 2009-2018

Year	Firearms	All Other
2009	55	4,007
2010	61	4,075
2011	46	4,228
2012	52	4,143
2013	41	4,076
2014	35	4,235
2015	40	4,381
2016	50	4,666
2017	46	4,717
2018	41	4,652

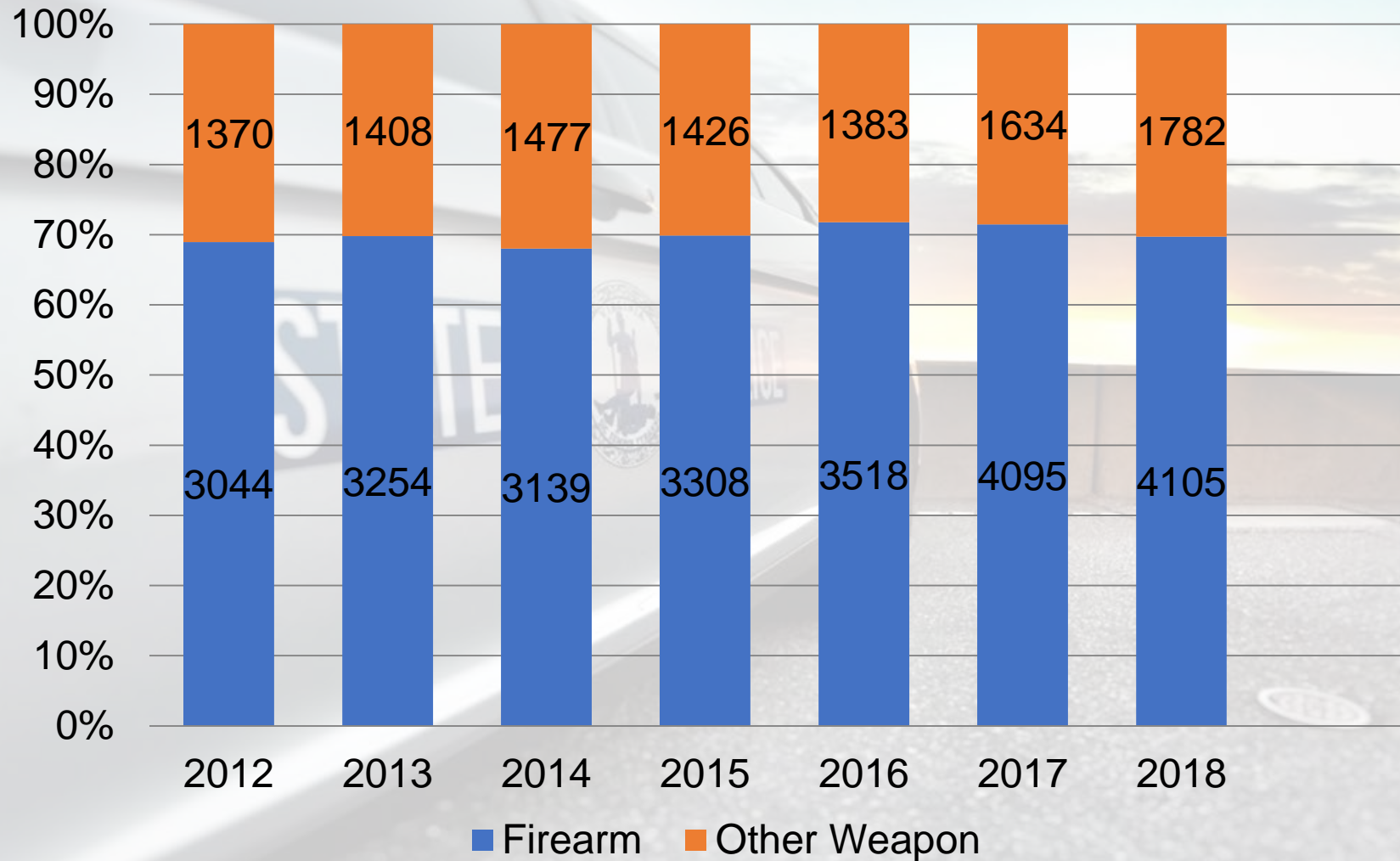


Type of Firearm Used in Forcible Sex Offenses



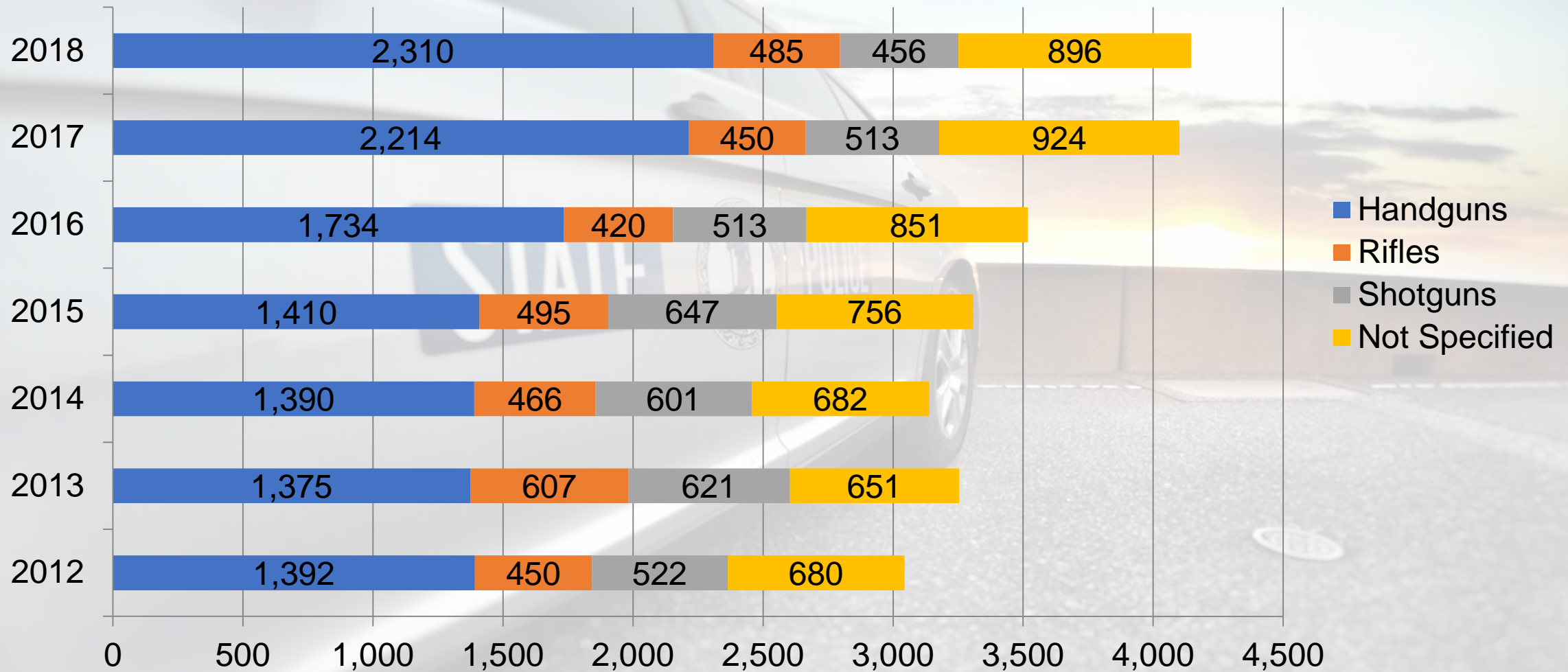
Weapons During Arrests

Over 98% of all arrestees are unarmed.



Of the 2% of arrestees that are armed; 70% are armed with a firearm.

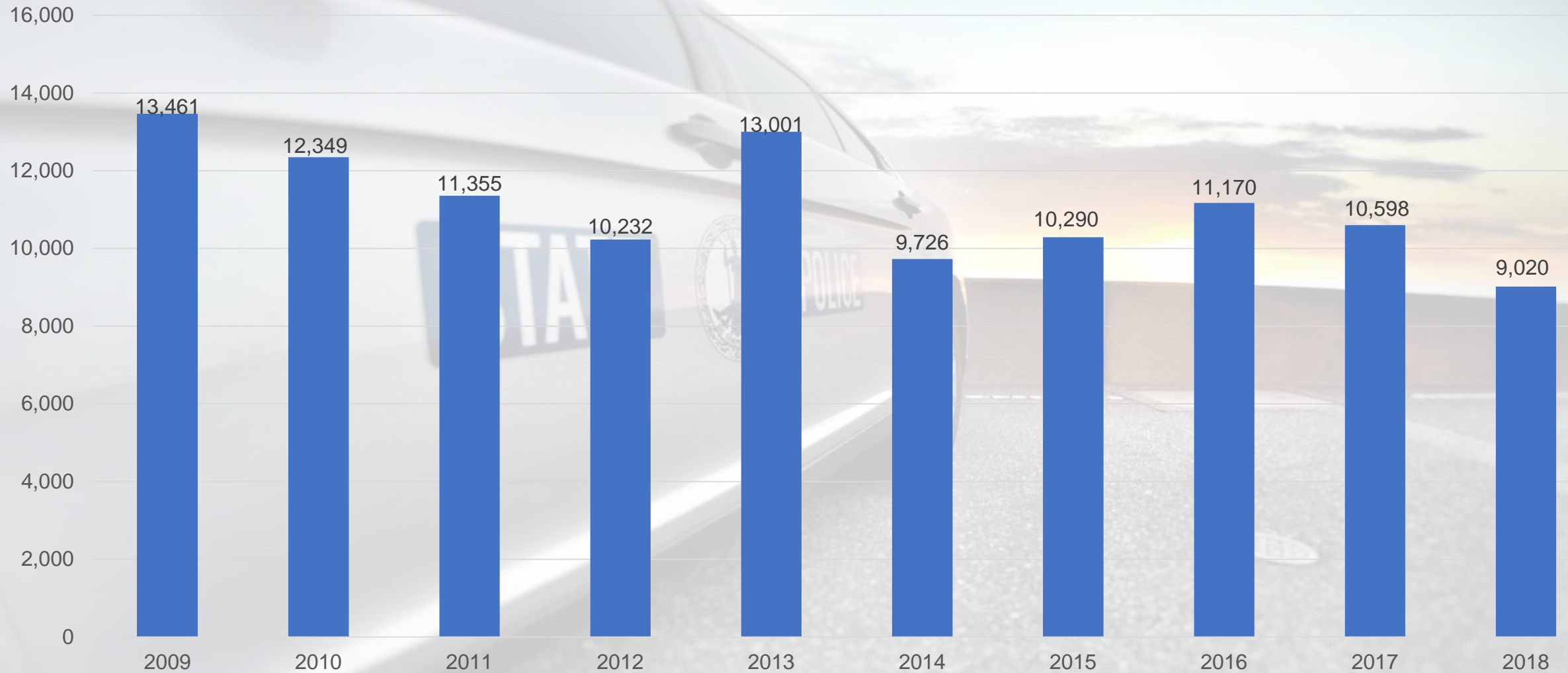
Arrests with Firearms by Weapon Type



Stolen Firearms by Year— Voluntary Reporting

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