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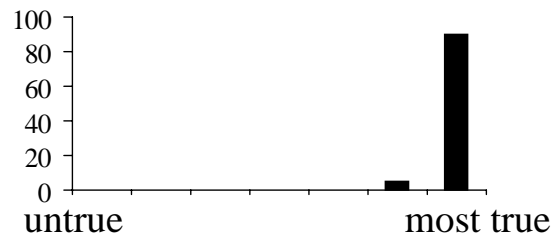
ASP Tactical Baton Evaluation Report

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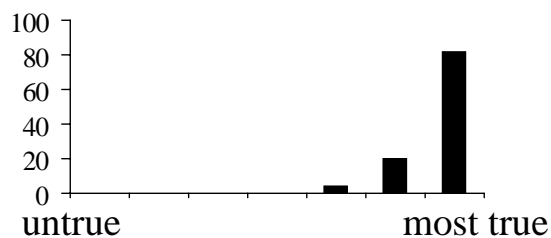
ASP EVALUATION REPORT

Questionnaires were sent out to 200 officers who had been trained with and issued an ASP Baton. 176 of those officers returned their questionnaires within the prescribed time and the results are shown in the graphs detailed below. The numbers are percentages of the total replies.

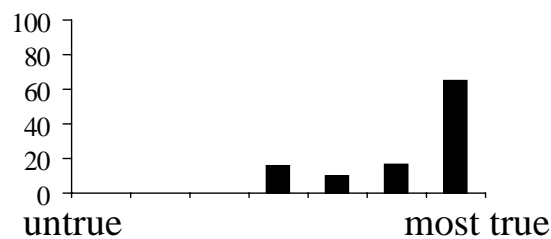
1. The ASP is easier to carry than the standard truncheon.



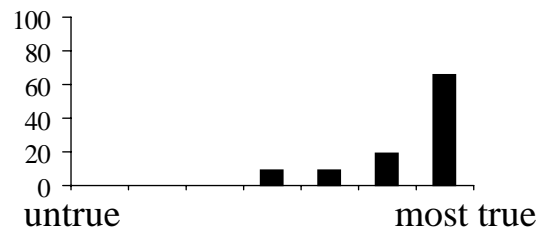
2. The ASP is unobtrusive and easy to carry in a covert manner.



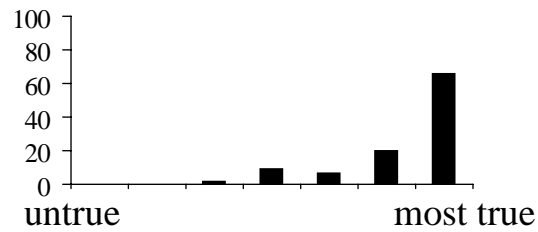
3. The public perception of the ASP is good.



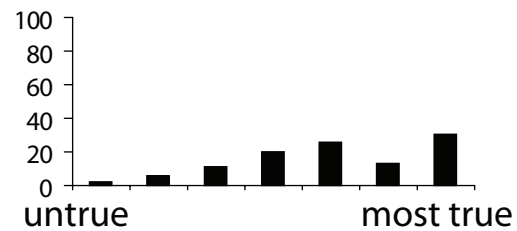
4. The ASP gives me a greater feeling of security when carrying out my normal duties.



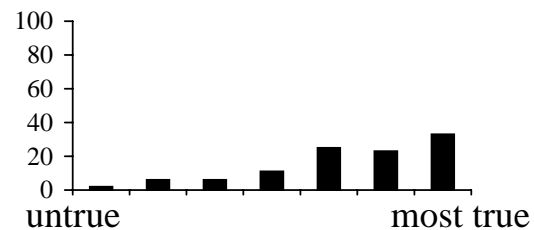
5. I feel more confident when dealing with potentially violent persons now that I carry the ASP.



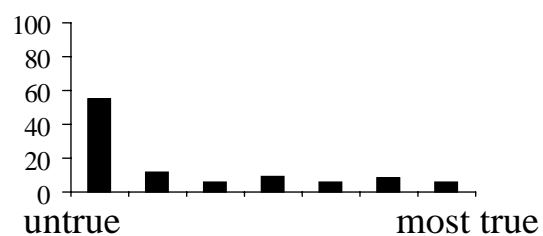
6. My likelihood of being assaulted has been reduced by me carrying the ASP.



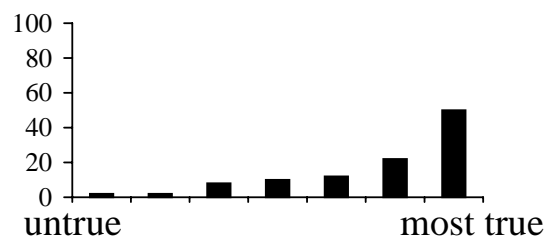
7. My fear of being assaulted has reduced since I started to carry the ASP.



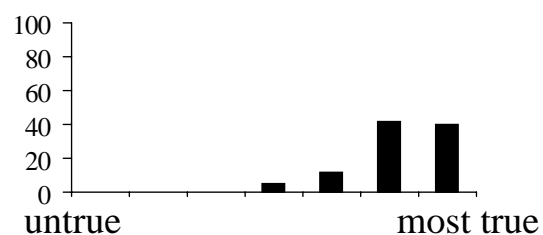
8. I am more likely to strike someone with the ASP than I would have been with the standard truncheon.



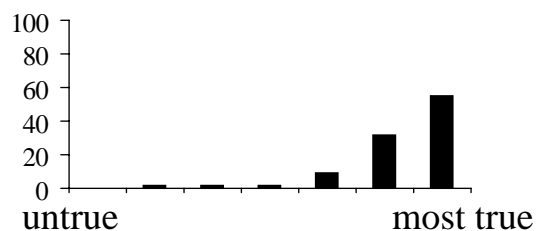
9. The sight of the ASP is likely to stop persons intent on resisting arrest.



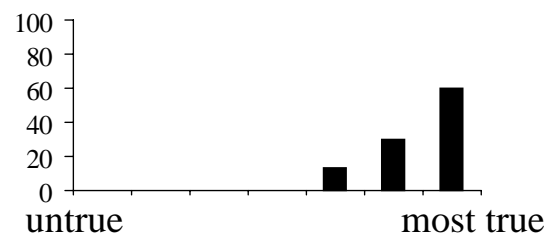
10. When compared with other equipment available to you how important is the ASP on a scale of 1 to 7.



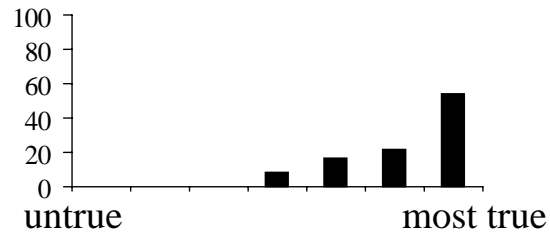
11. The training has equipped me to deal with potentially violent situations very well.



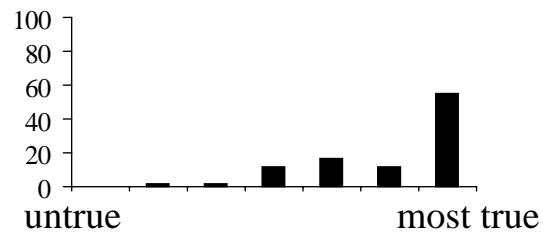
12. The training was comprehensive and easily retained.



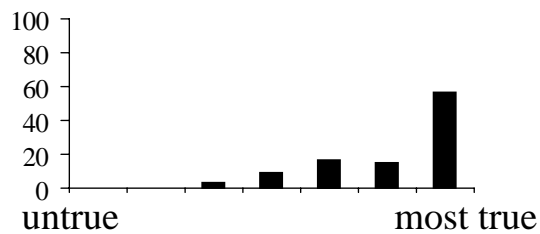
13. The ASP techniques are easy to remember when under pressure in violent situations.



14. The effect of racking open the ASP has a calming influence on violent offenders.



15. The Force Continuum allows a reasonable evaluation of the use of force in a given situation.



16. Documenting the use of force, as explained in The Use Of Force Report, will give me more confidence should I be called on to explain my use of force in Court proceedings.

