



DOOR COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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TO: Sheriff Tammy Sternard

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RE: 2019 Annual Use of Force Report

Sheriff Sternard,

I have reviewed the use of force reports for the Door County Sheriff's Office.

The following is a summary for the Patrol Division:

DATE CASE #	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEARANCE	UOF INSTRUCTOR DETERMINATION	ADMINSTRATIVE REVIEW	VIDEO
3/6/2019 19-002121	Compliance Hold	No	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes DCMC
4/21/2019 19-003551	Passive Countermeasures	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes
6/2/2019 19-005012	Taser Deployment	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes
8/22/2019 19-009051	Compliance Hold	No	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes
8/30/2019 19-009402	Taser Display Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes
9/13/2019 19-010023	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes
11/6/2019 19-012195	Compliance Hold Passive Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes

The Patrol Division had 7 use-of-force incidents in 2019, although some of the incidents involved multiple deputies who submitted individual reports. There was one Taser deployment, one Taser display, two weapon displays, three incidents where compliance holds were used and two incidents

where passive countermeasures were used. Medical clearance was sought after the Taser deployment incident and after an incident where the defendant sustained minor cuts from breaking a window prior to the use of force. All of the incidents were captured on video.

Three of the use of force incidents occurred while deputies were investigating a domestic violence complaint. Two of the use of force incidents occurred on disorderly conduct calls. One of the use of force incidents occurred during an OWI arrest and one use of force incident occurred during a drug investigation.

All of the incidents were reviewed by a State of Wisconsin certified Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) Instructor and they were all determined to be Justified and within department policy.

In 2019, deputies from the Patrol Division of the Door County Sheriff's Office responded to 8096 calls for service according to the Spillman Records Management System. 7 of these incidents or .086% resulted in use of force being used.

In 2019, deputies from the Patrol Division completed 4 hours of in-house use of force training. These trainings were conducted on 03-15-19, 03-07-19 and 03-13-19. The deputies received training in handcuffing, intermediate weapon, tourniquet application, and deadly force decision making. They also completed their bi-annual Taser recertification. Two firearms trainings occurred in 2019. The first was a 2 hour event held on multiple dates in May and June. Deputies trained with both the assigned handguns and long guns. The second training occurred in October, November and December. This was a 2 hour event. Deputies trained with their handgun and rifle. They also completed their State Firearms Qualification during this training.

For the Patrol Division, 7 deputies have completed the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training. Four deputies are scheduled to attend this training in Ozaukee County beginning on 09-14-2020. Another three deputies are scheduled to attend this training in Greendale WI beginning on 09-21-2020. We also have deputies on waiting lists with the Sun Prairie Police Department and in Wood County for this training.

The following is a summary for the Jail Division:

DATE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEARANCE	POSC INSTRUCTOR DETERMINATION	ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW	VIDEO
2/21/2019 #6754	Escort Hold Passive Countermeasures	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes
2/21/2019 #6755	Escort Hold Restraint Chair	No	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes
5/1/2019 #6989	Passive Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Within Policy No Issues	Yes

There were 3 use of force incidents for the Jail Division in 2019. There were two incidents where escort holds were used and two incidents in which passive countermeasures were used. One of the incidents involved the use of a restraint chair. All three of the incidents were captured on video.

One of the jail use of force incidents occurred when a subject was actively resistive during booking. This subject wanted officers to shoot him. He refused to comply with the booking process and he was transported to the hospital for medical clearance. Another of the jail use of force incidents occurred on the same day with the same subject after he returned to the jail from the hospital. This subject attempted to stab himself with a pen and he was placed in the restraint chair. The third incident involved one inmate assaulting another inmate.

All of the incidents were reviewed by a State of Wisconsin certified Principles of Subject Control (POSC) Instructor and they were all determined to be Justified and within department policy.

In 2019, the Door County Jail had an average daily population of 80 inmates. 889 bookings were completed in 2019. Use of force incidents occurred in 3 out of 889 bookings or .34%. This figure is even lower when you take into account that one subject accounted for two of the incidents in the same day (2 out of 889 or .22%). The Spillman records management system indicate that there were 1012 jail incidents in 2019. Use of force occurred in 3 of these (.29%).

In 2019, deputies from the Jail Division completed 5 hours of in-house use of force training. These trainings were conducted on 04-24-19 and 05-15-19. The deputies were trained in pat down searches and ground defense techniques. On 08-21-19, four deputies received their initial training and certification in the use of the Taser.

The current administrative review of use-of-force incidents for the Patrol Division has the Field Services Lieutenant reviewing and signing off on these incidents while the use-of-force incidents in the jail are reviewed by the Jail Administrator, Chief Deputy and the Sheriff. It is my recommendation that there be consistency throughout the Sheriff's Office and that the procedure for the Patrol Division be changed to include review by the Chief Deputy and the Sheriff. I would also recommend that the Sheriff's Office look for a software package for tracking and analyzing use of force incidents.

Respectfully submitted,

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