



DOOR COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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TO: Sheriff Tammy Sternard

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RE: 2020 Annual Use of Force Report

Sheriff Sternard,

I have reviewed the use-of-force reports for the Door County Sheriff's Office for incidents which occurred in 2020. The following is a summary of the Patrol Division:

DATE CASE #	CALL NATURE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEAR.	INSTRUCTOR REVIEW	ADMIN. REVIEW	VIDEO
1/3/2020 20-000101	Welfare Check	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
1/6/2020 20-000184	Crime In Progress	K-9 Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
1/26/2020 20-000776	Domestic Abuse	K-9 Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
2/14/2020 20-001359	Probation Violation	Taser Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	No
3/1/2020 20-001832	High-Risk Traffic Stop	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
3/14/2020 20-002197	OWI Arrest	Compliance Hold	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	DCMC Video
3/23/2020 20-002454	Probation Violation	Passive Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
4/6/2020 20-002786	Suicidal Threats	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

4/12/2020 20-002915	Suicidal Threats	Passive Countermeasures Taser Display	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
4/28/2020 20-003303	Domestic Abuse	K-9 Deployment Weapon Display	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
6/27/2020 20-005565	Suicidal Threats	Weapon Display Taser Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
9/30/2020 20-010421	OWI Arrest	Passive Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
11/3/2020 20-011690	Domestic Abuse	Passive Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	No
11/16/2020 20-012160	Domestic Abuse	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
12/14/2020 20-012872	Crime In Progress	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

The Patrol Division had 15 use-of-force incidents in 2020. Some of the incidents involved multiple deputies who utilized different levels of force. There were 4 incidents where passive countermeasures were used, one incident where a compliance hold was used, three incidents where a Taser was displayed, and 7 incidents where a weapon was displayed.

Three of the use-of-force incidents involved the K9 unit. Two of these incidents were K9 displays while the other was a K9 deployment where a barricaded subject, who was armed, was taken into custody after being bitten by the Door County Sheriff's Office K9.

Medical clearance was sought for three of the incidents. The first incident was where deputies used compliance holds during a blood draw for an uncooperative subject. Medical clearance was sought as a precautionary measure as the subject was being taken to jail after the blood draw, not because of the level of force used. In another incident, medical clearance was sought for a suicidal subject who sustained a self-inflicted injury, not because of the force used by deputies. Medical clearance was also sought for the armed subject who was taken into custody after being bitten by the K9.

Five of the use-of-force incidents occurred while deputies were investigating a domestic violence complaint. Four of the use of force incidents occurred during welfare check/suicidal subject calls. Two of the use of force incidents occurred during OWI arrests. Two of the use-of-force incidents occurred when deputies were investigating probation violations. Two of the use-of-force incidents occurred when deputies were responding to crimes in-progress. One of the use of force incidents occurred during high risk traffic stops.

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 departmental policy.

In 2020, Door County Sheriff's Office deputies handled 7,361 calls for service according to the Spillman Records Management System. 15 of these incidents or .204% resulted in a use of force.

In 2020, 8 deputies completed the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training. The entire Patrol Division is CIT trained with the exception of 2 deputies. Moving forward, new patrol deputies will attend this training during the field training process or shortly after completing it. The Door County Sheriff's Office was approved to add a patrol position in 2021 entitled Mental Health Community Engagement Deputy. This deputy is scheduled to attend a Practical De-escalation Tactic and Critical Decision Making Instructor course in August of 2021.

The following is a summary for the Jail Division:

DATE	INCIDENT NATURE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEAR.	INSTRUCTOR REVIEW	ADMIN. REVIEW	VIDEO
1/18/2020 7695	Self Harm	Empty Hand Control Restraint Chair	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
2/18/2020 7793	Combative Inmate	Empty Hand Control	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
3/8/2020 7866	Combative Inmate	Empty Hand Control	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
9/5/2020 8212	Inmate Altercation	Empty Hand Control Taser Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

There were 4 use-of-force incidents in the Jail Division in 2020. All four incidents involved empty hand control. One of the incidents also involved the use of a restraint chair and another involved the display of a Taser.

One of the jail incidents occurred when a subject was attempting self-harm during the booking process. The subject intentionally fell to the ground and tried striking his head on the floor. This head banging continued when he was seated on the bench. This subject was placed in a restraint chair to keep him from harming himself. In another incident, jail staff used pressure points to control a combative inmate. In another incident, a deputy pushed an inmate to create some reactionary distance, when the inmate continued to come at the deputy, the deputy used a decentralization technique to put the inmate on the ground and control him. In the last incident, a Taser was displayed during an altercation between two inmates. The inmates complied with the deputy's direction and the Taser was not used.

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 departmental policy.

In 2020, the Door County Jail had an average daily population of 44 inmates. This is significantly lower than the previous year when the average daily population was 80 inmates. This reduction is directly related to measures that were taken to minimize the population due to the COVID-19

pandemic. 590 bookings were completed in 2020. This is also a reduction from the 889 booking that were completed in 2019. Use-of-force incidents occurred in 4 out of 590 bookings or .67%.

Use-of-force training was curtailed in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Training will be back on track in 2021. In 2020, the Sheriff's Office did implement the use of a streamlined review process for use-of-force incidents that is now the same for both divisions. The Jail Division and Patrol Division are now both using the same use-of-force report that can be submitted and signed electronically as it moves through the review process. In 2021, we will continue to train the Patrol Division in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), a 40 hour curriculum. The Jail Division will be looking for training opportunities for staff members who have not attended the 16 hour Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP).

In 2020, the State of Wisconsin- Department of Justice began a process of mandatory use-of-force reporting for all law enforcement agencies in the State of Wisconsin. Members of the Sheriff's Office administration participated in the training for this initiative. The Door County Sheriff's Office submitted monthly reports for 2020 in accordance to this mandate and continues to submit these reports on a monthly basis.

In June of 2020, the President of the United States issued an executive order requiring law enforcement agencies who receive grant funding, have their use-of-force policies reviewed by a reputable independent credentialing body. On November 11, 2020, the Door County Sheriff's Office was notified that the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) was approved by the U.S. Attorney General's Office as the primary independent credentialing body for Wisconsin. The Door County Sheriff's Office submitted the use-of-force policy to WILEAG. On January 25, 2021, the Door County Sheriff's Office was notified that a WILEAG assessor found the policy to be in compliance with the provisions of the executive order.

Respectfully submitted,

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