

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

OPERATIONS DIVISION

CALENDAR YEAR 2020 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

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In accordance with Kendall County Sheriff's Office Policy 300, Use of Force, an annual report shall be prepared documenting: identification of any trends in use of force by our members, training recommendations, recommendations for equipment needs, and policy revisions recommended. This report and analysis documents the information required of policy 300 and any additional observations or recommendations to be presented.

During 2020, 22 reviewable incidents occurred as a result of operation's deputies engaging in application of force situations. This is up from 18 reviewable incidents from 2019. The incidents that involved the application of force by any members of the Operations Division of the Sheriff's Office were reviewed and the following details and observations were noted.

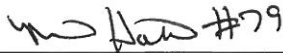
1. Identification of any trends in use of force by members:
 - a. The reviewed application of force incidents involving KCSO operations deputies were all found to be reasonable and necessary based upon supervisor and administrative review.
 - b. No formal claims of excessive or unnecessary force were made by any citizens, deputies, or third parties.
2. Training needs recommendations:
 - a. Continued defensive tactics training, both practical and classroom based, are recommended within existing budgetary and scheduling constraints.
 - b. Practical based role playing or staged scenario training should be conducted to ensure ongoing and continued reinforcement of techniques and best practices by deputies for proficiency.
 - c. Training focused on de-escalation and other such alternative techniques to equip deputies with options to utilize before application of force has been ongoing. During 2020, 4 deputies attended the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) class. Others had been scheduled, but classes were cancelled due to COVID-19. CIT training will continue in 2021 as classes become available to achieve a divisional goal of attaining 60% of Operations Division deputies trained in CIT. We are currently at 47% (21 out of 45).
3. Equipment needs/recommendations
 - a. In 2020, there were 2 deployments of a Taser and one deployment of Less Lethal (bean bag shotgun). The option for alternative control tactics likely prevented escalation in resistance in these suspect encounters.
 - b. Body worn camera (BWC) devices were implemented in the Operations Division in November 2020. Though not directly affiliated with application of force; these devices had a positive impact on suspect/deputy behavior and likely prevented escalation of certain deputy/suspect encounters.

Additionally, they captured documentation on incidents which we were able to use to more completely review and asses Use of Force incidents.

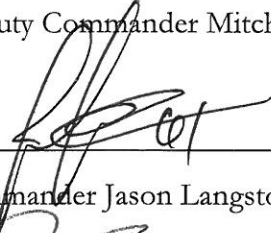
4. Policy revision recommendations

- a. Upon review of policy 300, Use of Force, I am recommending no revisions to the current language of the policy. Although we have made changes and improvements to the current review process, it is my recommendation that the administrative review process for use of force incidents continue to be evaluated. Continued assessment of our process will improve efficiency and timeliness of the review and reduce the amount of time it takes to advise administration and the Sheriff for the assessment of these occurrences.

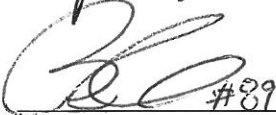
A list of use of force reviews conducted in 2020 is on the following page. As noted previously, none of these administrative reviews resulted in any negative findings related to use of force incidents. I have no additional recommendations or observations regarding use of force.

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Deputy Commander Mitch Hattan



Commander Jason Langston

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Undersheriff Bobby Richardson



2020 Use of Force Reviews

Nature	Date occurred	Findings
Use of Force	1/3/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	1/25/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	2/19/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	3/8/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
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Use of Force	4/7/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
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Use of Force	6/3/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	6/20/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	6/21/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	8/3/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	8/6/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	8/18/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	9/27/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	10/5/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	10/23/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	10/29/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	11/12/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	11/20/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>
Use of Force	12/2/2020	<i>Reasonable and Necessary</i>