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ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2020 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND
REPORT FOR THE KENDALL COUNTY JAIL

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In accordance with Kendall County Sheriff's Office Custody Manual Use of Force policy, an annual report shall be prepared documenting the identification of any trends in use of force by our members, training needs recommendations, recommendations for equipment needs, and policy revisions recommendations.

From January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the Kendall County Corrections Division was involved in a total of twenty-six (26) use of force incidents. Two (2) of those use of force incidents took place at the Kendall County Courthouse.

All twenty-six (26) use of force reviews were completed in a timely manner in 2020.

In November of 2020, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office implemented Body worn cameras (BWC), since then, we have been able to capture both audio and video recording of all uses of force that have been applied. It is still too early to tell if having BWC's in the jail has led to a decline in the use of force incidents, as there is not sufficient data to analyze at this time. However, the BWC have greatly improved the review process by providing additional angles of video and an audio recording of the application of force.

In a correctional environment a use of force would generally be applied for four reasons. Those reasons are to prevent harm to the inmate or others, to restore or maintain order (safety and security), to protect an inmate from self-harm, and to prevent escape.

1. Identification of any trends in use of force by members:

- a) Each use of force incident was found to be reasonable, necessary, and within policy and procedure after thorough and timely review process conducted by supervisors and administrators.
- b) During this annual analysis, it was determined that there were twenty- six (26) use of force incidents in 2020. Of those twenty-six (26) use of force incidents twelve (12) or 46.2% of the incidents were applied to prevent injury to inmates or to others, twelve (12) or 46.2% were to restore or maintain order in the facility and two (2) or 7.6% of the use force incident were to protect from self-harm.
- c) On three (3) occasions the subject of the force claimed excessive force was used. After a thorough review it was determined that the force applied was reasonable, necessary and in accordance to policy.
- d) In 2019 the Kendall County Corrections Division was involved in 24 use of force incidents, in 2020 the Kendall County Corrections Division was involved in 26 use of force incidents. When considering the average daily population (ADP) dropped from 162 in 2019 to 139 in 2020, there was a 4% increase in the use of force incidents.

2. Training needs recommendations:

- a) All of the incidents where force was applied in 2020 were found to be reasonable, necessary, and within policy and procedure. This can be attributed to the regular training that the deputies undergo. Enhancing our current training curriculum with scenario based training would further benefit the deputies with the tools needed to help them deal with inmate aggression.
- b) Each year, deputies receive the following training related to the application of force:

Weapons training
Self defense
Confrontation avoidance procedures
Communication techniques
Defusing techniques
Dealing with the mentally ill
Application of restraints
Forced cell extraction techniques
Use of force team techniques
General restraint training (soft and hard restraints)


- c) It is recommended the Office continue to utilize the Corrections One Online Training Academy to supplement the required annual training and keep staff up to date with the current trends in Corrections.

3. Equipment needs recommendations:

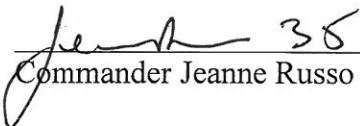
- a) No equipment needs at this time.

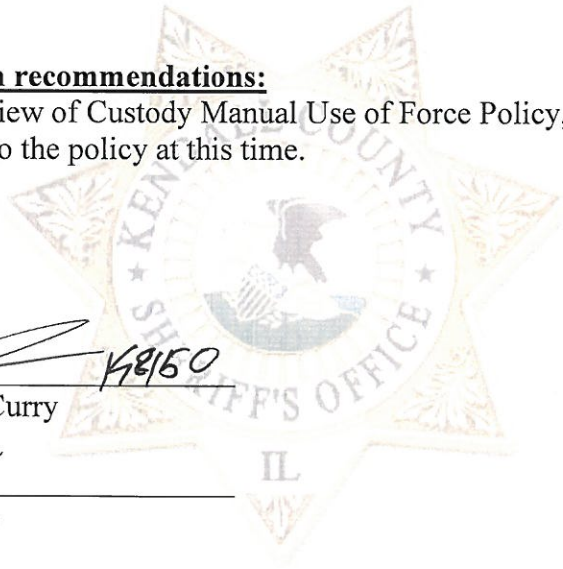
4. Policy revision recommendations:

- a) Upon review of Custody Manual Use of Force Policy, I am recommending no changes to the policy at this time.


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