

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

OPERATIONS DIVISION

CALENDAR YEAR 2021

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

During the 2021 calendar year, 20 reviewable incidents occurred as a result of Operations Division deputies engaging in application of force situations. This is down 2 reviewable incidents from the 2020 calendar year. 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 Trends in Use of Force by Operations Division Deputies:

- a. The reviewed application of force incidents involving KCSO Operations deputies in 2021 were all found to be reasonable and necessary based upon supervisor and administrative review.
- b. No formal complaints or allegations of excessive or unnecessary force were made by any citizens, deputies, or third parties in 2021.

2. Use of Force Training / Recommendations:

- a. Defensive tactics training, both practical and classroom based, including report writing, was conducted at the February 2021 monthly training dates. Taser training was also completed within the 2021 calendar year.
- b. Training focused on de-escalation and other alternative techniques to equip deputies with options to utilize before application of force continued in 2021. Practical based role-playing and staged scenario training, with an emphasis on de-escalation of incidents, was conducted at the July 2021 monthly training dates.
- c. In 2021, 2 deputies attended the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) class. Other deputies had been scheduled to attend classes; however, classes were cancelled due to COVID-19. CIT training will continue in 2022 as classes become available in order to achieve a divisional goal of attaining 60% of KCSO Operations deputies trained in CIT. We are currently at 50% (18 out of 36).
- d. Continued training in defensive tactics and de-escalation, both practical and classroom based, are recommended within existing budgetary and scheduling constraints. Once classes become available, deputy participation in CIT training classes is also recommended to meet the divisional goal of 60% of deputies trained in CIT.

3. Equipment Needs / Recommendations:


- a. In 2021, there were no deployments of a Taser or Less Lethal (bean bag shotgun). This is down from two deployments of a Taser and one deployment of Less Lethal (bean bag shotgun) in 2020. The option for alternative control tactics and de-escalation training likely led to not having to utilize force in suspect/deputy encounters.
- b. Body worn camera (BWC) devices were fully implemented and worn by members of the Operations Division throughout 2021 after being introduced in November of 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 of incidents which assisted in a complete review and assessment use of force incidents.
- c. In 2021, the Sheriff's Office began to utilize ArxAlert software for tracking use of force situations, as well as other functions of the Office. ArxAlert empowers the Sheriff's Office to have greater accountability of our office through a cloud-based community software platform. This software allows us to view, analyze, and act on the critical information impacting the community we serve. Once fully implemented, the software will also provide an updated public-facing dashboard with real-time data for the community to review. Our goal is to have this public-facing dashboard live by the end of the 1st Quarter.

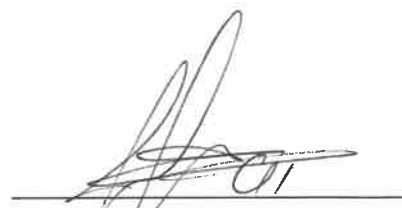
4. Use of Force Policy Revision Recommendations:


- 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 to keep up with Legislative changes in 2021, it is my recommendation that the administrative review process for use of force incidents continue to be evaluated. Continued assessment of our process and keeping up with 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.

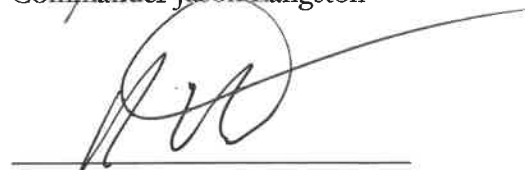
A list of use of force reviews conducted in 2021 can be found on the following page. As noted previously, none of these administrative reviews resulted in any negative findings related to use of force incidents. I have no additional recommendations or observations regarding use of force.

2021 Use of Force Reviews		
Nature	Date Occurred	Findings
Use of Force	02/09/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	02/19/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	02/20/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	04/03/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	04/25/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	04/28/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	04/28/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	05/09/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	05/14/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	05/16/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	06/04/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	06/08/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
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Use of Force	08/03/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	08/16/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	09/06/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	10/09/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>
Use of Force	11/25/21	<i>Reasonable and necessary</i>


 Deputy Commander Mitch Hattan


 Commander Jason Langston


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 Sheriff Dwight Baird