

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

OPERATIONS DIVISION

CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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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 2022 calendar year, 28 reviewable incidents occurred as a result of the application of force by Operations Division deputies. This is up 8 reviewable incidents from the 2021 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 use of force incidents involving KCSO Operations deputies in 2022 were all found to be reasonable, necessary and policy compliant based upon supervisor and administrative review.
- b. There was one formal complaint made by a citizen alleging excessive use of force. This allegation was thoroughly investigated and determined to be unfounded.
- c. There were no deployments of less lethal or impact munitions/devices.

2. Use of Force Training / Recommendations:

- a. Practical and classroom based training on Taser and Less Lethal devices was conducted at the April 2022 monthly training dates. The April 2022 training also included Mental Health training from Family Counseling Services.
- b. Training in 2022 focused on de-escalation and alternative techniques designed to equip deputies with options to utilize before application of force. Practical based role-playing and staged scenario training, with an emphasis on de-escalation of incidents, was conducted at the August 2022 monthly training dates.
- c. In 2022, no Operations deputies were able to attend the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) class. This was due in large part to the lack of classes being offered and manpower shortages. CIT training will continue in 2023 as classes become available in order to achieve a divisional goal of 60% of KCSO Operations deputies and sergeants being trained in CIT. We are currently at 39% (17 out of 44). It should be noted that CIT requires officers to have 2 years of experience and currently 10 deputies (23%) do not meet that requirement.

- 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.
- e. Each use of force incident is reviewed by a supervisor and Operations administration. While all uses of force were deemed reasonable, necessary and policy compliant, informal debriefs were initiated to identify areas where individual tactics were positive and where they could be improved. Individual conversations and shift briefings occurred to address the results of the debriefs for improved tactics.

3. Equipment Needs / Recommendations:

- a. In 2022, there were no deployments of a Taser or Less Lethal (bean bag shotgun). This is consistent with the numbers from 2021, which were also zero deployments of Taser or Less Lethal. While Taser and Less Lethal devices were not deployed, the mere presence of these options often contributes positively to gaining compliance without the need of, or increased use of, force.
- b. Body worn camera (BWC) devices were worn by members of the Operations Division throughout 2022 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 of use of force incidents. The Sheriff's Office implemented BWCs well before the SAFE-T Act legislation required it (50 ILCS 706/10-15(b)(2)).
- c. In 2022, the Sheriff's Office continued to utilize ArxAlert software for tracking use of force incidents as well as other functions of the Office. ArxAlert allow 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 individual issues and trends which have an impact on the community. This software also provides an up-to-date, public-facing dashboard with real-time data for the community to review. This dashboard can be found on our website under the Transparency tab.

4. Use of Force Policy Revision Recommendations:

- a. Policy 300, Use of Force, is subject to continuous review and has been revised several times since 2020. This has been for the purposes of legal

updates or best practices. Based on the use of force reviews conducted in 2022 I do not recommend any modifications or revisions to the Use of Force policy at this time.

A list of use of force reviews conducted in 2022 can be found below. 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.

2022 Use of Force Reviews		
Nature	Date Occurred	Findings
Use of Force	1/12/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	1/22/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	1/29/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	2/15/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	2/25/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	3/4/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	3/8/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	3/22/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	4/4/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	4/21/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	4/25/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	5/15/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	6/6/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	6/27/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	7/3/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	7/6/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	7/8/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	7/13/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	8/3/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	8/9/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	8/15/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	8/27/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>

Use of Force	9/10/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	9/16/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	9/25/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	9/25/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	10/5/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	12/17/2022	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>



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