

# KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

### OPERATIONS DIVISION

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CALENDAR YEAR 2023

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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 2023 calendar year, 18 reviewable incidents occurred as a result of the application of force by Operations Division deputies. This is down 10 reviewable incidents from the 2022 calendar year and up 2 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 2023 were all found to be reasonable, necessary and policy compliant based upon supervisor and administrative review.
- b. There were zero formal complaints made by citizens alleging excessive use of force.
- c. There were no deployments of chemical control devices, electrical control devices, or impact devices to include less lethal impact munitions.
- d. There were 10 fewer reviewable incidents in 2023 than from the previous year. This could be from a variety of reasons, including additional training. Another factor is likely changes to the Pre-trial Fairness Act which went into effect on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. These changes reduced the number of charges that would have otherwise resulted in custodial arrest, thereby reducing the number of opportunities for someone to resist arrest and initiate a use of force to overcome the resistance. Neither of these explanations are easily measurable, and as such are merely speculation.

**2. Use of Force Training/ Recommendations:**

- a. In February of 2023, classroom and scenario-based training was conducted on Taser and Less Lethal devices during the monthly training dates.
- b. In August of 2023, classroom and scenario-based training was conducted on de-escalation of incidents during the monthly training dates.
- c. In October of 2023, classroom and scenario-based training was conducted on mental health crisis intervention during the monthly training dates.
- d. In December of 2023, practical-based training was conducted on defensive tactics during the monthly training dates.
- e. In 2023, two Operations deputies were able to attend the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) class. CIT training will continue in 2024 as classes become available in order to achieve a divisional goal of 60% of KCSO Operations deputies and sergeants being trained in CIT. At the end of 2023 the Operations division was at 37% (18 out of 49). It should be noted that CIT requires officers to have 2 years of experience and 12 deputies (24%) that did not meet that requirement.
- f. 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.

- g. 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 2023, there were no deployments of chemical control devices, electrical control devices, or impact devices to include less lethal impact munitions. This is consistent with the numbers from 2022, which were also zero deployments of chemical control devices, electrical control devices, or impact devices to include less lethal impact munitions. While such devices were not deployed, the mere presence of these options often contributes positively to gaining compliance without the need to initiate or increase the use of force.
- b. Body worn camera (BWC) devices were worn by members of the Operations Division throughout 2023 after being introduced in November of 2020. Though not directly affiliated with application of force, these devices likely 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 more complete review and assessment of use of force incidents.
- c. In 2023, the Sheriff's Office continued to utilize software for tracking use of force incidents as well as other functions of the Office. This software allows 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.

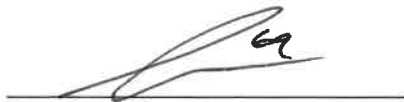
### **4. Use of Force Policy Revisions and Recommendations:**

- a. Policies relating to use of force are regularly reviewed to ensure they are up to date and are meeting legal and departmental needs. The following pertinent policies were updated in 2023:
  - i. 300 Use of Force: Additional training requirements were added (April).
  - ii. 303 Control Devices and Tactics: Added requirements for policy review and refresher training (April).
  - iii. 306 Firearms: Updated firearms training and qualifications (September).
  - iv. 509 Conducted Energy Device (CED): Updated sections on carrying CEDs, warnings, CED use, medical treatment, training, documentation and supervisor responsibilities (December).
- b. Policy recommendations
  - i. Legislation continues to impact Sheriff's Office policy and procedure. Continuous monitoring of legislative updates will be needed to keep policy current.

- ii. Policies are subject to review throughout the year. The Sheriff's Office utilizes a Public Safety Policy Management platform (Lexipol) to assist in hosting and reviewing departmental policies.

A list of use of force reviews conducted in 2023 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.

Nature	Date Occurred	Findings
Use of Force	01/28/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	02/06/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	02/18/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	02/24/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	02/25/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	03/11/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	03/22/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	03/22/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	04/07/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	04/15/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	05/04/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	07/04/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	09/09/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	09/14/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	10/20/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	11/19/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	12/04/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant
Use of Force	12/25/23	Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant



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