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ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 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 to document the identification of any trends in use of force by our members, training needs recommendations, recommendations for equipment needs, and policy revisions recommendations.

In a correctional environment, the 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.

From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the Kendall County Corrections Division was involved in a total of fifteen (15) use-of-force incidents. All fifteen (15) use-of-force incidents were administratively reviewed.

1. Identification of any trends in the Use of Force by Corrections Division Deputies:

- a) The reviewed use of force incidents involving the Corrections Division in 2023 were all found to be reasonable, necessary, and within policy and procedure after a thorough review process conducted by supervisors and administrators.
- b) During this annual analysis, it was determined that there were fifteen (15) use-of-force incidents in 2023. Of those fifteen (15) use-of-force incidents four (4) or 27% of the incidents were applied to prevent injury to inmates or others; nine (9) or 60 % were applied to restore or maintain order in the jail; two (2) or 13% were applied to prevent an inmate from self-harm.
- c) Of the fifteen (15) use-of-force incidents there were no allegations of excessive force.
- d) Coercive Force was used on three (3) occasions to gain compliance and maintain order. One incident involved the display of Oleorism Capsicum (OC Gel) and two (2) incidents involved displaying the Taser (Electronic Control Device). In all three incidents, these less-than-lethal devices were not deployed.
- e) In 2023, the Kendall County Corrections Division was involved in fifteen (15) use-of-force incidents. Force was applied to fourteen (14) different inmates. One inmate had force applied in two separate incidents during their incarceration.
- f) The number of use-of-force incidents decreased from 43 in 2022 to 15 in 2023. This resulted in a 65% decrease in use-of-force incidents in the jail in 2023.
- g) In 2023, the Corrections Division processed 2,406 detainees into the Kendall County Jail. The Corrections Division applied force on less than 1% of the detainees they came into contact with in 2023.

- h) In 2023, in all 15 use-of-force incidents, at least one deputy was involved in each incident and had 15 years of Corrections experience.
- i) In 2023, twelve (12) of the use of force incidents were applied to those inmates housed in the general population area. The remaining three (3) were applied to newly arrested detainees during the intake process.

2. Use of Force Training/ Recommendations:

All of the incidents where force was applied in 2023 were found to be reasonable, necessary, and within policy and procedure. This can be attributed to the regular training that the deputies undergo. A recommendation is to continue and provide more scenario-based training to improve critical thinking in stressful situations.

- a) In 2023, deputies received the following training related to the application of force. This training consisted of monthly in-house training as well as Corrections One web-based training.
 - Weapons training
 - Self-defense
 - Confrontation avoidance procedures
 - Communication 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)
- b) In October 2023, all of the Corrections Division completed a webinar from the Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute (LLRMI) on Dealing with Inmate Aggression Successfully.
- c) In 2023, the Corrections Division one (1) Corrections deputy attended the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) course. Currently, 37% (13 out of 35) of Corrections deputies have received CIT training.
- d) In 2023, two members of the Sheriff's completed a 10-week instructor training for Ground Fighting Control Tactics. The Corrections Division will be provided training on these techniques in 2024.
- e) In December of 2023, the Corrections Division was trained on Mental Health First Aid for Corrections Professionals. This course consisted of 8 hours of

training and the role of a Mental Health First Aider. This training carries a 3-year certification. Ten (10) Corrections staff attended this training in 2023. This training will continue in 2024.

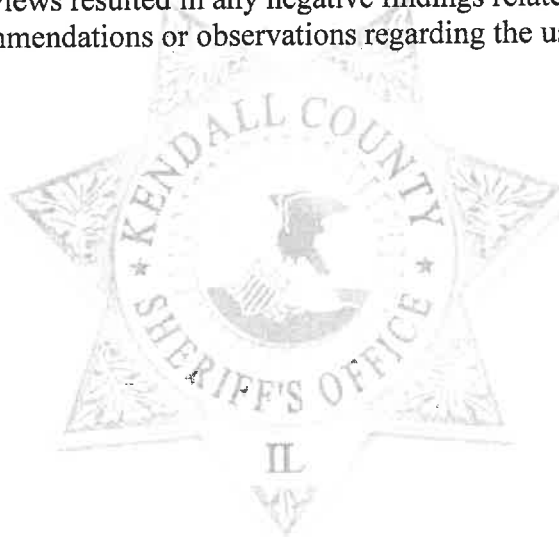
3. Equipment needs recommendations:

- a) It is recommended that the X2 Tasers be upgraded due to the warranty expiring in January 2024.

4. Policy revision recommendations:

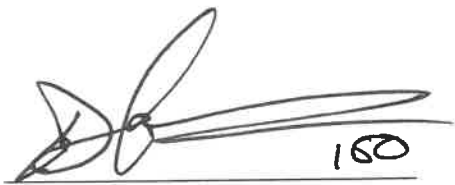
- a) Upon review of the Custody Manual Use of Force Policy 511, I am recommending no changes to the policy at this time.

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 the use of force.



2023 Use of Force Reviews

Nature	Date Occurred	Findings
Use of Force	01/12/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	01/12/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	01/28/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	03/20/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	03/27/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	05/23/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	06/25/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	06/25/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	08/16/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	08/25/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	09/17/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	11/08/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	12/05/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	12/20/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>
Use of Force	12/27/2023	<i>Reasonable, Necessary, and Policy Compliant</i>



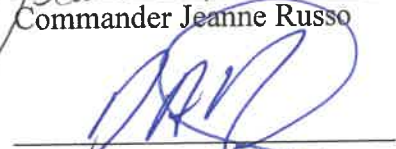
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