



DOOR COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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TO: Sheriff Tammy Sternard

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RE: 2021 Annual Use of Force Report

Sheriff Sternard,

I have reviewed the use-of-force reports for the Door County Sheriff's Office for incidents which occurred in 2021. The following is a summary of the Patrol Division:

DATE CASE #	CALL NATURE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEAR.	INSTRUCTOR REVIEW	ADMIN. REVIEW	VIDEO
1-16-2021 21-000393	Suicidal Threats	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
1-19-2021 21-000453	Bail Jumping	Passive Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
1-27-2021 21-000641	Weapons Threat (Traffic Stop)	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
2-9-2021 21-001053	Suspicious Activity	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	No Officer error
3-13-2021 21-001949	Agency Assist (Traffic Stop)	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
4-9-2021 21-002728	OWI/Overdose Attempt	Passive Countermeasures	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
5-9-2021 21-003578	OWI (Traffic Stop)	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
7-4-2021 21-006167	Family Fight (Traffic Stop)	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

9-13-2021 21-009881	Domestic Abuse	Taser Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	No Out of Range
9-18-2021 21-010179	Family Fight	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
10-31-2021 21-011873	Family Fight	Passive Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

The Patrol Division had 11 use-of-force incidents in 2021. This is down slightly from 2020 when there were 15 incidents. 7 of the incidents involved a deputy displaying a weapon and 4 of these occurred during a high-risk traffic stop. Passive countermeasures were used on 3 occasions and 1 incident involved the display of a Taser.

Medical clearance was sought after one of the incidents. This incident was an OWI arrest/ overdose attempt in which the suspect ingested an unknown quantity of pills as officers were trying to extract him from a vehicle in order to prevent self-harm. During this dynamic event, a Sturgeon Bay Police officer deployed his Taser on the subject in order to control him. The use-of-force by the Sturgeon Bay officer is not included in this report. Due to subject being tased and the consumption of the pills, the subject was transported to the Door County Medical Center by ambulance for medical clearance.

Four of use-of-force incidents occurred while deputies were investigating a domestic violence complaint. This is a continuation from the previous two years in which domestic violence investigations were the leading call type in which force was used. Two of the use-of-force incidents occurred during OWI investigations.

All of the use-of-force incidents were reviewed by a State of Wisconsin certified Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) instructor and they were all determined to be justified and within departmental policy. 9 out of the 11 use-of-force incidents were captured on the video utilizing the squad's mobile audio-video system.

In 2021, Door County Sheriff's Office deputies handled 7,801 calls for service according to the Spillman Records Management System. This is an increase of 440 calls from the previous year. 11 of the 7801 calls or .14% resulted in a use-of-force.

In 2021, 5 patrol deputies completed the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). The entire Patrol Division is now CIT trained. Newly hired deputies will attend this training as part of the field training program or as soon as feasible after completing the training program. In 2021, the Door County Sheriff's Office added a Mental Health Community Engagement Deputy to the Patrol Division. One of this deputy's responsibilities is to follow-up on calls involving a mental health nexus.

In 2022, the Door County Sheriff's Office will be implementing a body-worn camera program. The use of body cameras will provide another layer of review and will show use-of-force incidents from the deputy point-of-view.

The following is a summary for the Jail Division:

DATE	INCIDENT NATURE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEAR.	INSTRUCTOR REVIEW	ADMIN. REVIEW	VIDEO
3-5-2021 21-001724	Attempted Escape	Taser Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	No
5-11-2021 #8713	Self-Harm	Restraint Chair	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
7-12-2021 21-006750	Combative Inmate	Compliance Hold	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
9-28-2021 #9098	Self-Harm	Restraint Chair	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
9-30-2021 #9109	Self-Harm	Restraint Chair	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

In 2021, there were 5 use-of-force incidents in the Jail Division. 2 of these involved the same subject. 3 of the 4 subjects had a history of violent behavior with the Jail Division and had previous documented use-of-force or violent incidents.

3 of the incidents involved the use of the restraint chair to prevent a subject from engaging in self-harm. The one incident that was not caught on video occurred at a medical facility in which the inmate attempted to escape from the deputy. In this incident, a brief foot pursuit ensued and the deputy was able to regain control of the subject by displaying a Taser. In the one incident that required medical clearance, the inmate sustained a laceration to his head from contact with the door frame as he struggled with deputies. The involved deputies rendered aid once the inmate was restrained. The inmate was then transported by ambulance to a medical facility for treatment for his injuries.

All of the incidents were reviewed by a State of Wisconsin certified Principles of Subject Control (POSC) Instructor and they were all determined to be justified and within departmental policy.

In 2021, the Door County Jail had an average daily population of 59 inmates. This is an increase from 2020, when the average daily population was 44 inmates. These numbers are trending upward as the 2020 population was low in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, 654 bookings were completed in the Door County Jail. This is an increase from 2020, when 590 bookings were completed. This number is also trending upward but has not yet reached the pre-COVID-19 levels.

Currently, the entire Jail Division is trained as Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) with the exception of two newly hired deputies. They will be scheduled to attend this training as soon as it is made available.

## Training, Reporting and Policy Compliance:

Training in the Door County Sheriff's Office has not yet returned to pre-pandemic processes. New instructors are on-boarded, trained and certified, as the needs of the agency require. In-service trainings have continued. These in-services include POSC training for the Jail Division and DAAT training for the Patrol Division. In 2022, a department-wide training is planned for Officer-Involved Critical Incidents. Surges in COVID cases and the onset of new variants had presented an obstacle and trainings are occasionally rescheduled in response to the pandemic.

The Door County Sheriff's Office continues to comply with State-mandated reporting. Reports are submitted on a monthly basis to the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

The Door County Sheriff's Office continues to remain in compliance with the Federal mandate regarding use-of-force policies. The policy manual for the Door County Sheriff's Office is managed through Lexipol. The use-of-force policy is reviewed on a periodic basis and the policy is updated when there is a change in Federal law or State statutes and Lexipol makes a recommended update.

Respectfully submitted,

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