



**DOOR COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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TO: Sheriff Tammy Sternard

February 9, 2022

RE: 2022 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 2022.

**The following is a summary of the Patrol Division:**

DATE CASE #	CALL NATURE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEAR.	INSTRUCTOR REVIEW	ADMIN. REVIEW	VIDEO
2-9-2022 22-001003	Suicidal Subject	Passive Countermeasure- Compliance Hold	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	No
4-20-2022 22-002881	Mental Subject	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
8-27-2022 22-009402	Crime in Progress- OWI-Homicide	Weapon Display	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
10-12-2022 22-011955	Crime in Progress- Felon w/ Firearm	Weapon Display & Taser Display	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
10-20-2022 22-012404	Suicidal Threats	Passive Countermeasure- Decentralization	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	No
10-21-2022 22-012500	Crime in Progress/ Agency Assist- Weapons Call	Weapon Display & Taser Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
10-26-2022 22-012760	Agency Assist- Traffic Stop	Weapon Display	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
12-25-2022 22-015235	Domestic Dispute	Passive Countermeasure- Decentralization	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

The Patrol Division had 8 use-of-force incidents in 2022. This is down slightly from 2021 when there were 11 incidents. 5 of the incidents involved a deputy displaying a weapon with 2 of these incidents

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also involving the display of a Taser. Passive countermeasures were used on 3 occasions. Medical clearance was sought after three of the incidents.

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. The Door County Sheriff's Office implemented a body-worn camera program in May of 2022. 6 out of the 8 use-of-force incidents were captured on the video utilizing the deputy's body-worn camera and/or the squad's mobile audio-video system.

Charts of the past three years:

Call Nature	2020	2021	2022
Mental/Suicidal Subject	3	1	3
Domestic Dispute	4	4	1
OWI	2	2	0
Traffic Stop	1	2	1
Welfare Check	1	0	0
Crime in Progress	2	0	3
Probation Violation	2	0	0
Bail Jumping	0	1	0
Suspicious Activity	0	1	0
<b>Total:</b>	15	11	8

Force Type	2020	2021	2022
Weapon/Taser Display	7	8	5
K-9 Deployment	1	0	0
Passive Countermeasures	5	3	3
K-9 Display	2	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	15	11	8

In 2022, Door County Sheriff's Office deputies handled 6,825 calls for service according to the Spillman Records Management System. With the advent of the body-worn camera program, the Sheriff's Office began tracking traffic stops beginning July 6, 2022. From July 6, 2022 to December 31, 2022, there were 2171 traffic stops where there was no other CAD call associated with the stop. The combined number of calls for service and traffic stops for 2022 was 8,996. 8 of these the 8,996 incidents resulted in a use-of-force. The percentage for this is .088%.

The entire Patrol Division is CIT trained. Newly hired deputies attend 40 hours of CIT training during or shortly after the completion of their field training program. The Door County Sheriff's Office continues to have a Mental Health Community Engagement Deputy assigned to the Patrol Division. One of this deputy's responsibilities is to follow-up on calls involving a mental health nexus. In 2023, the Patrol Division will be converting to the Axon in-car video system.

**The following is a summary for the Jail Division:**

DATE	INCIDENT NATURE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEAR.	INSTRUCTOR REVIEW	ADMIN. REVIEW	VIDEO
11/16/2022 10416	Combative Inmate	Passive Countermeasures Restraint Chair	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

In 2022, there was 1 use-of-force incident. in the Jail Division. This incident involved an inmate who attempted to assault deputies. A decentralization technique was used to direct the inmate to the ground. Compliance holds were then used to control the inmate. The inmate was secured in a restraint chair without incident.

Charts of the past three years:

Nature	2020	2021	2022
Self-harm	1	3	0
Combative Inmate	2	1	1
Escape Attempt	0	1	0
Inmate Altercation	1	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	4	5	1

Force Type	2020	2021	2022
Restraint Chair	1	3	1
Passive Countermeasures	2	1	0
Taser Display	1	1	0
<b>Total:</b>	4	5	1

This incident was 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 2022, the Door County Jail had an average daily population of 67 inmates. This is an increase from 2021, when the average daily population was 59 inmates and 2020, when the average daily population was 44 inmates. These numbers continue to trend upward post-COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2022, 786 bookings were completed in the Door County Jail. This is an increase from 2021, when 654 bookings were completed and 2020, when 590 bookings were completed. This number is also trending upward post-COVID-19.

Currently, the entire Jail Division is Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) trained. Newly hired deputies will be trained during or shortly after the completion of their corrections training program.

**Training, Reporting and Policy Compliance:**

Training in the Door County Sheriff's Office has 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 for Officer-Involved Critical Incidents was conducted.

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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