



DOOR COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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TO: Sheriff Tammy Sternard

March 24, 2025

RE: 2024 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 2024.

The following is a summary of the Patrol Division:

DATE CASE #	CALL NATURE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEAR.	INSTRUCTOR REVIEW	ADMIN. REVIEW	VIDEO
2-6-2024 24-001835	Suicide Threats	Compliance Hold Active Countermeasures	Yes	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes
3-2-2024 24-003165	Vehicle Theft	Weapon Display	No	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes
3-27-2024 24-004370	Disorderly	Weapon Display	No	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes
5-16-2024 24-007078	Domestic Abuse	Active Resistance Taser Deploy	Yes	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes
8-25-2024 24-013940	Weapon Offense	Weapon Display	No	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes
9-7-2024 24-014845	Suicide Threats	Weapon Display	No	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes
12-9-2024 24-020145	OWI	Active Resistance Passive Countermeasures	Yes	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes
12-16-2024 24-020418	Agency Assist	Weapon Display	No	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes
12-28-2024 24-020971	Agency Assist	Passive & Active Resistance, Assaulting Behavior Taser Deploy	Yes	Yes Justified	Yes No Issues	Yes

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The Patrol Division had 9 use-of-force incidents in 2024. This is an increase from 2023 when there were 6 incidents. In 2024, 2 of the 9 incidents involved more than one deputy using a level of force. In these instances, each deputy completed a use-of-force report documenting their individual use of force. For 5 of the incidents, a deputy displaying a weapon was the highest level of force used. In two of the incidents, a Taser Deployment was the highest level of force. In another incident, passive countermeasures were the highest level of force. In the last incident, a compliance hold was the highest level of force used. Medical clearance was sought after 4 of the 9 incidents. The majority of the medical clearances were not related to the use-of-force, but were a requirement of the booking process.

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 Patrol Division continues to use a body-worn and squad cameras. All 9 of the use-of-force incidents were captured on video utilizing one or both of these systems. All of the incidents were also administratively reviewed.

Charts of the past three years:

Call Nature	2022	2023	2024
Mental/Suicidal Subject	3	0	2
Domestic Dispute	1	0	1
OWI	0	1	1
Traffic Stop	1	1	0
Agency Assist	0	1	2
Crime in Progress	3	3	3
Bail Jumping	0	0	0
Suspicious Activity	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>

Highest Level of Force Type	2022	2023	2024
Weapon Display	5	4	5
Taser Display	0	0	0
Taser Deployment	0	1	2
Passive Countermeasures	3	1	1
Compliance Hold	0	0	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>

In 2024, Door County Sheriff's Office deputies handled 7,618 calls for service according to the Spillman Records Management System. They also conducted 4,900 traffic stops where no other CAD call was assigned to the stop during this time frame. The combined number of calls for service and traffics stops for 2024 totaled 12,518. Nine of these which resulted in a use of force. The percentage for this is .0719%.

Currently, the entire Patrol Division is Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained. Newly hired deputies will be trained in CIT during their probationary period of employment. 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. At the beginning of 2024, the Door County Sheriff's Office added a Coordinated Response Specialist as a co-responder to mental health calls to help deescalate situations.

The following is a summary for the Jail Division:

DATE	INCIDENT NATURE	LEVEL OF FORCE	MEDICAL CLEAR.	INSTRUCTOR REVIEW	ADMIN. REVIEW	VIDEO
5-7-24 12534	Combative Inmate	Taser Display Active Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
8-5-24 12774	Combative Inmate	Compliance Hold Passive Countermeasures	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
12-24-24 13107	Combative Inmate	Restraint Chair	No	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
12-25-24 13109	Combative Inmate	Compliance Hold Passive Countermeasures Active Countermeasures	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes
12-28-24 13118	Inmate Assault	Taser Passive Countermeasures Active Countermeasures	Yes	Justified Within Policy	Justified No Issues	Yes

In 2024, there were 5 use-of-force incidents in the Jail Division. This is a decrease from 2023 when there were 9 use-of-force incidents. 4 of these were combative inmates. The other 1 of these was a Combative inmate which was escalated by the inmate to an assault on staff.

Charts of the past three years:

Nature	2022	2023	2024
Self-harm	0	3	0
Combative Inmate	1	4	4
Escape Attempt	0	0	0
Inmate Assault	0	2	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

Force Type	2022	2023	2024
Restraint Chair	1	6	1
Passive Countermeasures	0	2	2
Taser Display	0	1	1
Taser Deployment	0	0	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

These 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. All of the incidents were also administratively reviewed.

In 2024, the Door County Jail had an average daily population of 65 inmates. This is a slight increase from 2023 when the average daily population was 62 inmates.

In 2024, 681 bookings were completed in the Door County Jail. This is a slight decrease from 2023 when 799 bookings were completed.

Currently, the entire Jail Division is Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) trained. Newly hired deputies will be trained in CIP during their probationary period of employment.

### **Training, Reporting and Policy Compliance:**

The Door County Sheriff's Office continues to have a robust in-service training program for both divisions. Use-of-force training is included during these in-services.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Ve eser', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Deputy Kyle Ve eser