

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2024
OPERATIONS DIVISION



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In accordance with Kendall County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) 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 document the information required of Policy 300 and any additional observations or recommendations to be presented.

During the 2024 calendar year there were fourteen (14) reviewable incidents as a result of use of force by the Operations Division. Thirteen (13) reviewable incidents occurred as a result of the application of force and there was one (1) application of force incident that involved deadly force that the Illinois State Police is currently reviewing.

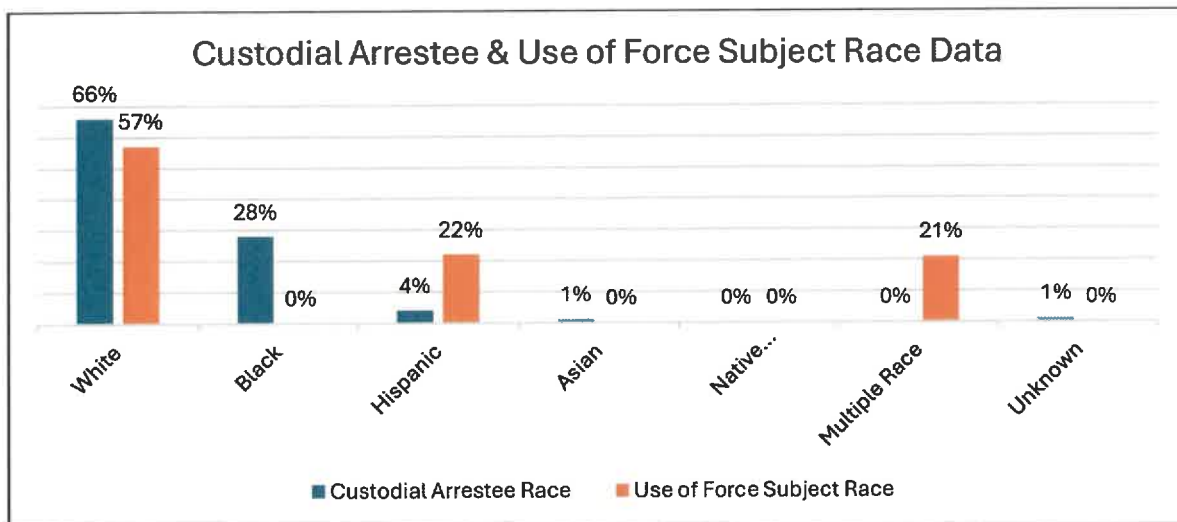
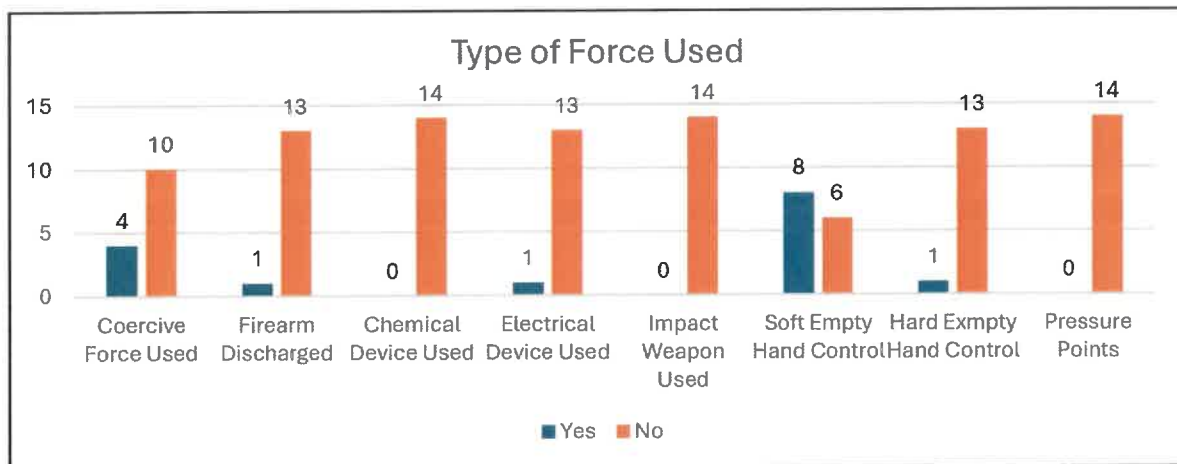
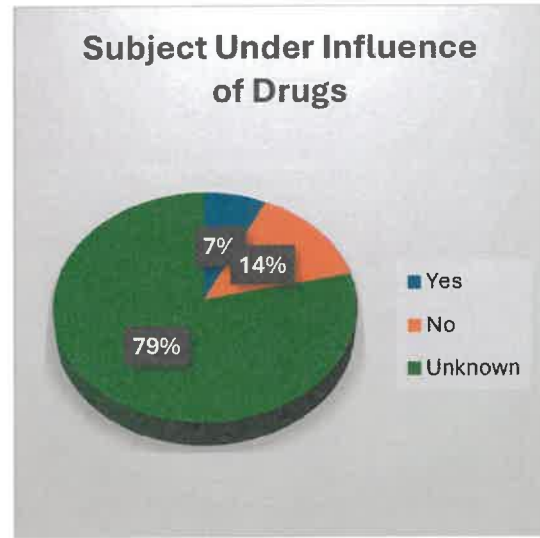


Identification of Trends in Use of Force by Operations Division Deputies

- The reviewed use of force incidents by KCSO involving KCSO Operations deputies in 2024 were all found to be reasonable, necessary and policy compliant based upon supervisor and administrative review.
- There was one (1) formal complaint made by a citizen alleging excessive use of force. The incident was investigated, and the allegation was unfounded.
- There were no deployments of chemical control devices or impact devices to include less lethal impact munitions. There was one (1) incident where an electrical device was deployed.
- There were four (4) fewer reviewable incidents in 2024 than from the previous year. This could be for a variety of reasons, including additional training conducted in 2024.
- Thirteen (13) Operations deputies used force in fourteen (14) separate incidents in 2024. There were one (1) to five (5) deputies involved in each incident with an average of approximately 2 deputies involved in each incident. The average years of service for deputies involved was 5.75 years.



Additional Use of Force Incident Data



Use of Force Training/ Recommendations

KCSO Operations deputies conducted the following training during 2024 monthly in-house training.

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| ○ January | Winter range training. |
| ○ February | Taser and less lethal weapons training. |
| ○ March | Tactical Medical training. |
| ○ April | Weapons qualification and CPR/AED training. |
| ○ June | Firearms qualifications. |
| ○ August | Classroom/Scenario-based de-escalation training. |
| ○ September | Tactical range training. |
| ○ October | Classroom/scenario-based crisis intervention training. |
| ○ November | Tactical range training. |
| ○ December | Defensive tactics practical exercises. |

KCSO Operations deputies conducted the following external training in 2024.

- Two Operations deputies were able to attend the 24-hour ASP Instructor course.
- Two Operations Sergeants attended a 24-hour Basic Tactical Medical Instructor course which can be used to train deputies in how to provide medical aid to a subject that had force used on them.
- An Operations deputy attended an 8-hour Conflict Resolution and De-escalation Strategies for Police course.
- Two Operations deputies attended a 32-hour Ground Fighting Instructor Development course.
- An Operations deputy attended an 8-hour Ground Fighting for Women-Escaping Grips & Grabs course.
- An Operations deputy attended an 8-hour Law Enforcement Use of Force Review course.
- Four Operations deputies attended a 16-hour Taser Instructor course which allows them to train other deputies on Taser usage.
- An Operations deputy attended an 8-hour Use of Force Workshop for Sergeants course.
- Two Operations deputies attended a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) course. CIT training will continue in 2025 as classes become available in order to achieve a divisional goal of 60% of eligible KCSO Operations deputies and sergeants being trained in CIT. Two years of law enforcement experience is required to attend the CIT course.
- Continued training in defensive tactics and de-escalation, both practical and classroom based, are recommended within existing budgetary and scheduling constraints.
- 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.

Equipment Needs/ Recommendations

In 2024, there was one (1) deployment of an electrical control device and no deployment of chemical control devices or impact devices to include less lethal impact munitions. This low usage is consistent with the numbers from 2023, which there were zero deployments of chemical control devices, electrical control devices, or impact devices to include less lethal impact munitions. While such devices

only had one (1) deployed in 2024 and none in 2023, the mere presence of these options often contributes positively to gaining compliance without the need to initiate or increase the use of force.

Body worn camera (BWC) devices were worn by members of the Operations Division throughout 2024 after being introduced in November of 2020. Additionally, they captured documentation of incidents which assisted in a more complete review and assessment of use of force incidents. It is recommended to identify the end of life of the current equipment and budget for replacement. In 2024, the Sheriff's Office continued to utilize software for tracking use of force incidents which also provides an up-to-date, public-facing dashboard with real-time data for the community to review.

Use of Force Policy Revisions and Recommendations

Policies relating to the 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 2024:

- Policy Manual Policy 300 Use of Force: Deadly force language further clarified, and training requirements added. (April & December).
- Policy Manual Policy 306 Firearms: Updated language regarding warning shots (March).
- Policy recommendations:
 - Legislation continues to impact Sheriff's Office policy and procedure. Continuous monitoring of legislative updates will be needed to keep policy current.
 - 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.

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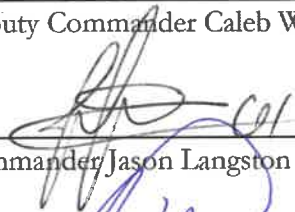


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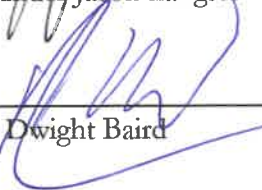
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