

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS AND REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2024
CORRECTIONS DIVISION



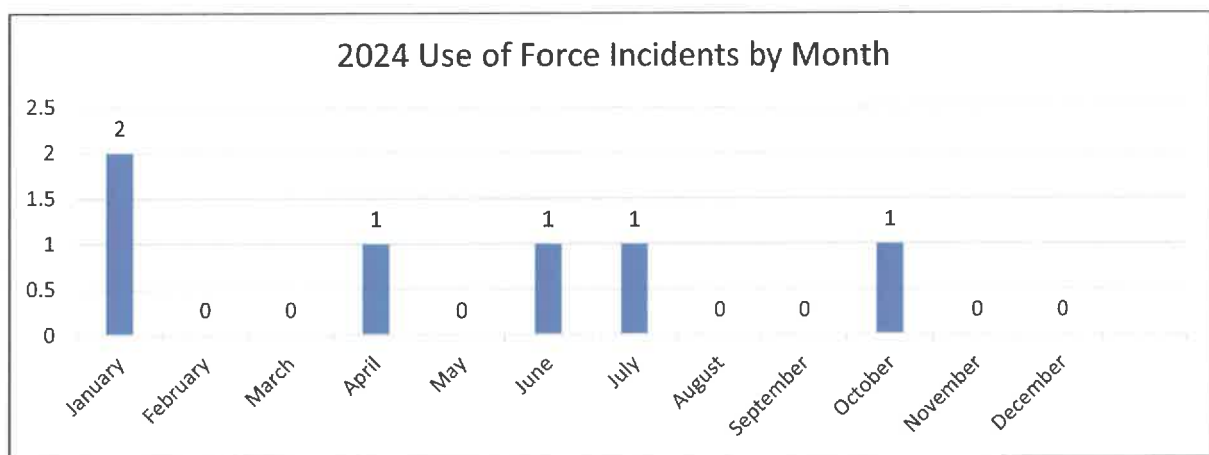
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In accordance with Kendall County Sheriff's Office Custody Manual Use of Force policy, an annual report shall be prepared to document the identification of any trends in use of force by our members, training needs recommendations, recommendations for 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.

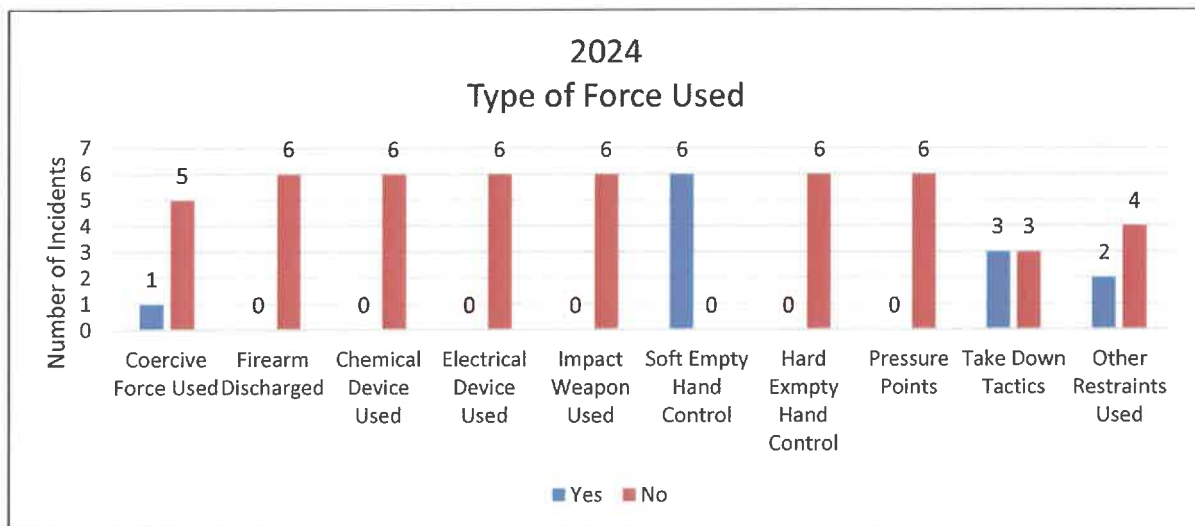
From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the Kendall County Corrections Division was involved in a total of six (6) use-of-force incidents. All six (6) use-of-force incidents were administratively reviewed. There were no trends identified in use of force incidents by month.



Identification of Trends in the Use of Force by Corrections Division Deputies

- The reviewed use of force incidents involving the Corrections Division in 2024 were all found to be reasonable, necessary, and within policy and procedure after a thorough review process conducted by supervisors and administrators.
- During this annual analysis, it was determined that there were six (6) use-of-force incidents applied to six (6) different inmates in 2024. Of those six (6) use-of-force incidents four (4) or 67% of the incidents were applied to prevent injury to inmates or others; five (5) or 83 % were applied to restore or maintain order in the jail; three (3) or 50% were applied to prevent an inmate from self-harm.
- Of the six (6) use-of-force incidents there were no allegations of excessive force.
- Coercive Force was used on one (1) occasion to gain compliance and maintain order. No incidents involved the display of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC Gel), and no incidents involved displaying the Taser (Electronic Control Device). In all six incidents, no less-than-lethal devices were deployed.
- The number of use-of-force incidents decreased from fifteen (15) in 2023 to six (6) in 2024. This resulted in a 60% decrease in use-of-force incidents in the jail in 2024.

- In 2024, the Corrections Division processed 1,993 detainees into the Kendall County Jail. The Corrections Division applied force on less than 1% of the detainees they came into contact with in 2024.
- Five (5) or 83% of the detainees involved were Pre-Sentence Kendall County status and one (1) or 17% of the detainees was Federal Housing status.
- In 2024, there was an average of three (3) deputies involved in each of the six (6) use-of-force incidents. There was an average of fifteen (15) years of Correctional experience held by the deputies involved.
- In 2024, three (3) of the use of force incidents were applied to those detainees housed in the general population area. There was one (1) use of force incident that occurred in the Courthouse. The remaining two (2) occurred in the booking area.



Use of Force Training/ Recommendations

All of the incidents where force was applied in 2024 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.

KCSO Corrections deputies conducted the following training specific to de-escalation and use of force during 2024 monthly in-house training.

- February Less lethal weapons training.
- March Tactical range training.
- April Basic First Aid and Firearms qualifications.
- June Taser training.
- August Defensive tactics training.
- December De-Escalation Strategies/Techniques and CPR/AED training

- Two Corrections deputies attended an 8-hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) course.
- Thirty three Corrections deputies completed a 1-hour CIT for Corrections course.

- A Corrections deputy completed a 1-hour Conflict and Dispute Resolution course.
- Two Corrections deputies completed a 2-hour De-Escalation and Reasonable Use of Force course.
- Two Corrections deputies completed a 2-hour De-Escalation and Smarter Policing course.
- Twenty-nine Correction deputies completed a 2-hour De-Escalation Strategies and Techniques course.
- A Corrections deputy completed a 1.5-hour Identifying Trends in Use of Force Case Law course.
- Twenty-five Corrections deputies completed a .5-hour Responding to Delirium course.
- A Corrections deputy attended a 16-hour Taser Instructor course.
- A Corrections sergeant completed a 1-hour Use of Force Sergeants Corrections course.
- A Corrections deputy completed a 2-hour Use of Force in Corrections course.
- A Corrections sergeant attended an 8-hour Use of Force Workshop for Sergeants/Lieutenants.

Equipment Needs Recommendations

- Taser 10 CED devices are in the FY25 KCSO budget and are scheduled to be purchased in March of 2025.

Policy Revision Recommendations

- Custody Manual Policy 509 Conducted Energy Device (CED): Updated sections on carrying CEDs, warnings, CED use, medical treatment, training, documentation and supervisor responsibilities (January).
- Custody Manual Policy 513 Electronic Restraints: Original issuance and further clarification regarding usage of Electronic Restraints (January, May)



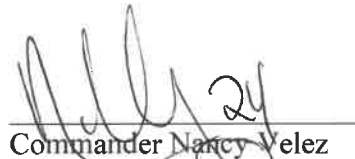
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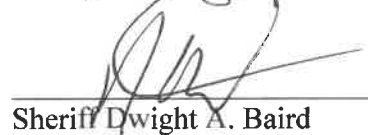
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