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TO: Sheriff Matz and Chief Deputy Christopherson

FROM: Lt. Rice

DATE: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

RE: Annual Use of Force Report – 2016

Pursuant to General Order 5.05, USE OF FORCE/ REPORTING AND REVIEW, all use of force reviews conducted for 2016 incidents in the Corrections Division have been reviewed. A use of force review is completed for any of the following incidents:

- Reported injuries to a suspect based on use of force
- An Electronic Control Device (ECD) is pointed or discharged
- Chemical agents are utilized
- Intermediate weapons are used
- K-9 units are used as force
- Specialty impact munitions are pointed or deployed
- Vehicle pursuits and/or induce or force to stop techniques are used
- A firearm is pointed or discharged.

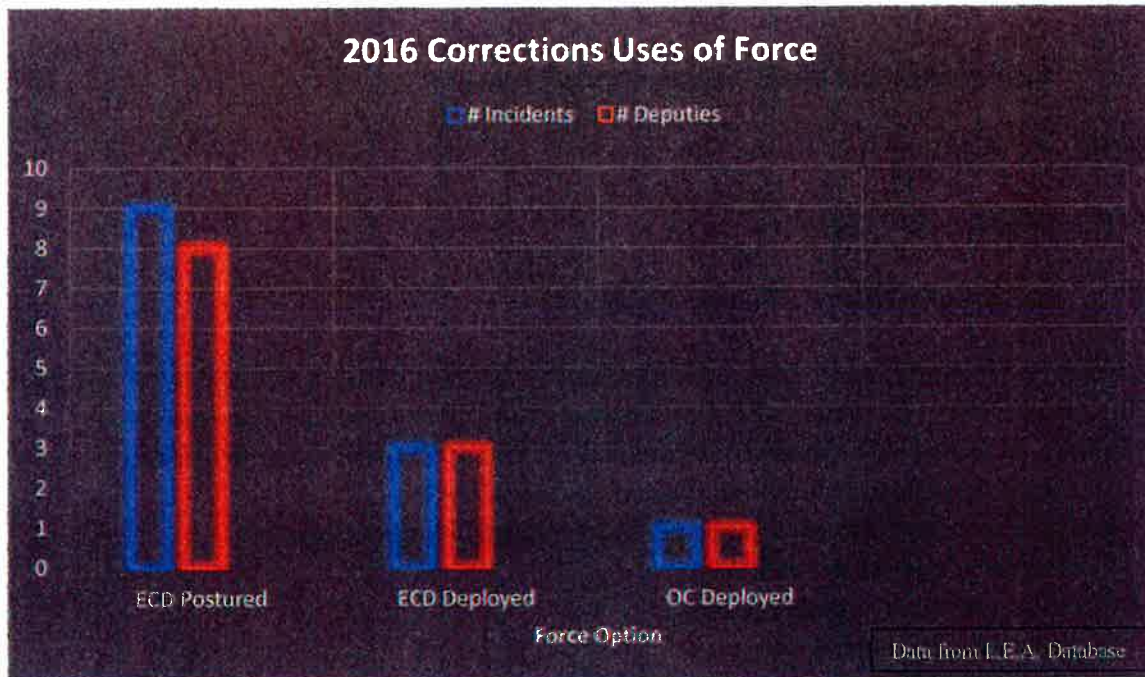
Reviews are conducted to ensure that a deputy's actions are consistent with Winnebago County Sheriff's Office General Orders and the State of Wisconsin Principles of Subject Control (POSC) system.

The information utilized for this report was collected from the L.E.A. Data Technologies software used to document use of force incidents for the Sheriff's Office. Individual reviews were conducted based on submitted use of force reporting forms and the associated incident reports. 10 use of force reviews were conducted in 2016 for incidents that met the reporting criteria. This is a 33.67% decrease from the 15 incidents for which a use of force review was completed in 2015. The 10 reviews in 2016 were a 28.6% decrease compared to the 14 use of force reviews in 2014.

During 2016, deputies from the Corrections Division of the Sheriff's Office responded to 2458 incidents according to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) records. 10 of those incidents, or 0.4%, resulted in force being used.

A total of 12 deputies used force during the 10 incidents in 2016. The following charts illustrate the uses of force that required a formal review:

<b>Force Option</b>	<b># Incidents</b>	<b># Deputies</b>
ECD Postured	7	8
ECD Deployed	3	3
OC Deployed	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>



While the total number of incidents reported in the charts is 11, two incidents involved multiple deputies taking actions that, if done independently, would have necessitated a use of force review. The individual actions were documented for statistical purposes. The most common use of force for the Corrections Division in 2016 was posturing with an ECD. 70% of the 10 incidents for which a review was conducted involved an ECD, or multiple ECDs, being pointed at a person or persons. 75% of the deputies who took an action requiring a review postured with an ECD.

To further evaluate use of force for the Sheriff's Office, the following charts list all actions taken by deputies in the Corrections Division for the previous three years. Pointing of ECDs was the most prevalent use of force option for each year.

<b>Force Option</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
ECD Deployed	3	6	1
ECD Postured	8	7	12
Focused Strike-Injury Complaint	0	1	0
OC Deployed	1	4	1



Over the previous three years, pointing of ECDs was consistently the most utilized use of force action for the Corrections Division with an average of 9 per year. The actions have all been deemed reasonable based on the specific details of the incident.

One of the 10 incidents required counseling for the deputy involved. The deputy involved could not definitively state that two inmates involved in a physical altercation had received medical attention for injuries sustained during the fight, and no documentation regarding medical attention was completed by deputies. The deputy was receptive to the counseling session, appearing to understand the concerns raised. There were no incidents deemed to be outside of policy or unreasonable for the year.

In conclusion, I do not feel that there are any training or equipment deficiencies, or systematic performance matters that need to be addressed. Individual performance concerns were addressed with the deputies involved. The Training Division will continue to monitor use of force incidents, utilizing them as a guide as new trainings are developed for the agency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Darin Rice

