

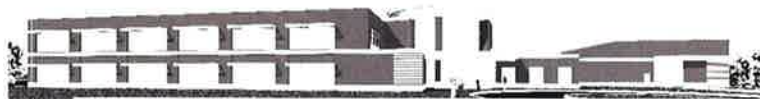
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TO: Sheriff Matz and Chief Deputy Christopherson

FROM: Lt. DalleNogare

DATE: February 28th, 2018

RE: Annual Use of Force Report – 2017

Pursuant to General Order 5.05, USE OF FORCE/ REPORTING AND REVIEW, all use of force reviews conducted for 2017 incidents in the Field Services Divisions have been reviewed. Field Services encompasses the Patrol Division, Detective Division, and Special Teams for the Sheriff's Office. 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 (Oleoresin Capsicum)
- 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 Defensive and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) system.

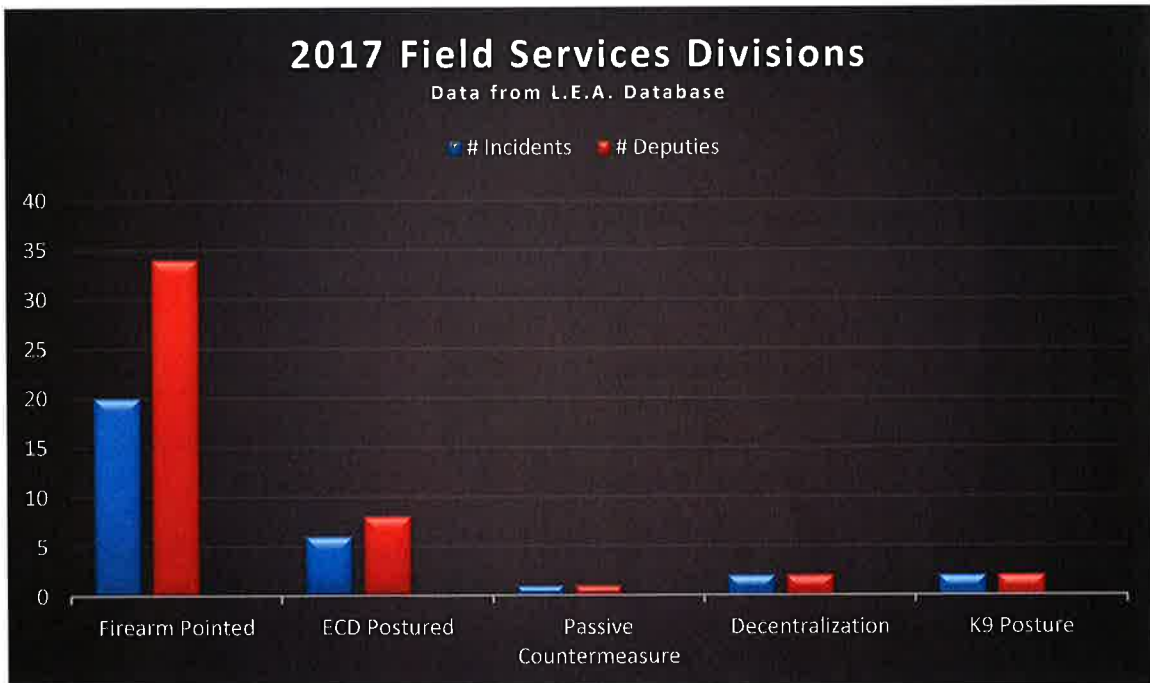
The information utilized for this report was collected from the L.E.A. Data Technologies software used to document use of force incidents for the Sheriff's Office. Individual

reviews were conducted based on submitted use of force reporting forms and the associated incident reports. 25 use of force reviews were conducted in 2017 for incidents that met the reporting criteria. This is a 15% decrease from the 29 incidents for which a use of force review was completed in 2016. The 29 reviews in 2016 were an 81.25% increase over the 16 use of force reviews in 2015.

During 2017, deputies from the Field Services Divisions of the Sheriff's Office responded to 45,126 incidents according to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) records. 25 of those incidents, or .05%, resulted in force being used.

A total of 47 deputies used force during the 25 incidents in 2017. This figure also includes actions taken by members of the multi-jurisdictional SWAT team whose primary employment is with another agency. The following chart illustrates the types of force utilized that required a formal review:

Force Option	# Incidents	# Deputies
Firearm Pointed	20	34
ECD Postured	6	8
Passive Countermeasures	1	1
Decentralization	2	2
K9 Posture	2	2
Total	31	47



While the total number of incidents reported in the charts is 31, 6 incidents involved multiple deputies taking different use of force actions. If the use of force actions taken were done independently, the use of force actions would have necessitated a use of force review. The individual actions were documented for statistical data purposes.

Pointing of firearms was the most common use of force used by the Field Services division in 2017. 80% of the 25 incidents for which a review was conducted involved a firearm, or multiple firearms, being pointed at a subject or subjects.

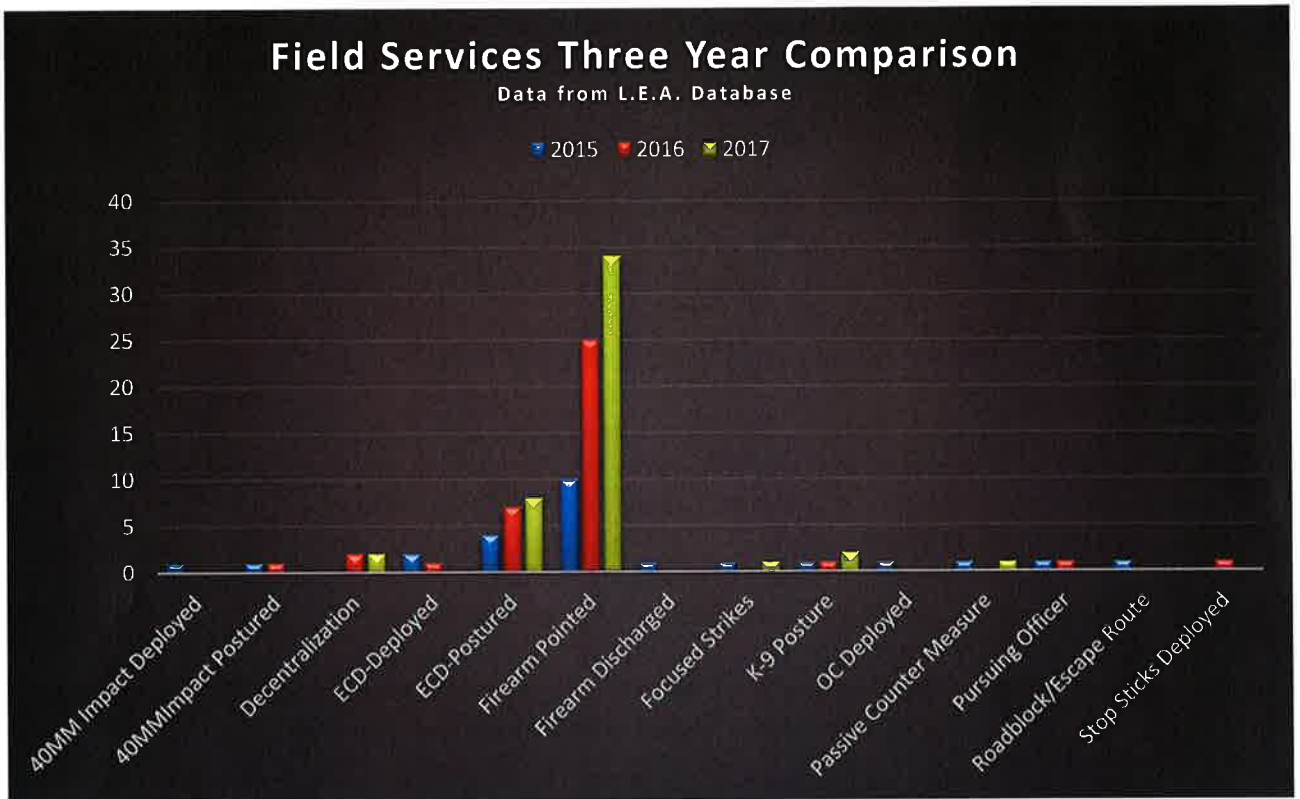
That percentage is less significant when considered in proper context.

- 19 deputies pointed firearms at subjects during a search for the subjects
- 5 deputies pointed firearms at subjects involved in high risk traffic stops
- 4 deputies pointed firearms at subjects involved in a (SWAT) or critical incident
- 2 deputies pointed firearms at subjects involved in domestic disturbances
- 1 deputy pointed a firearm at a suicidal subject
- 1 deputy pointed a firearm at a burglary suspect
- 1 deputy pointed a firearm during an undercover sexual offense operation
- 1 deputy pointed a firearm at a suspect during a search warrant.

The number is inflated based on multiple deputies responding to the same situations. There were 7 incidents that resulted in deputies pointing firearms at the suspect, or multiple suspects. The threat level presented by the subject, or subjects, involved in the incidents justified the pointing of firearms. Of the 34 reviews completed for incidents in which deputies pointed a firearm, all were deemed justified.

To further evaluate use of force for the Sheriff's Office, the following chart lists all actions taken by deputies for the previous three years. The most prevalent use of force option is the Pointing of firearms each year.

Force Option	2015 Field Services	2016 Field Services	2017 Field Services
40MM Impact-Deployed	1	0	0
40MM Impact-Postured	1	1	0
Decentralization	0	2	2
ECD-Deployed	2	1	0
ECD-Postured	4	7	8
Firearm Pointed	10	25	34
Firearm Discharged	1	0	0
Focused Strikes	1	0	1
K-9 Posture	1	1	2
OC-Deployed	1	0	0
Passive Counter Measure	1	0	1
Pursuing Officer	1	1	0
Roadblock/Escape Route	1	0	0
Stop Sticks Deployed	0	1	0



Over the previous three years, Pointing of firearms was the most common and consistent use of force action for the Field Services divisions, with an average of 23 per year. The use of force actions have all been deemed reasonable based on the specific details of the incident.

There were no incidents deemed to be outside of policy or unreasonable, and justified with counseling for the year of 2017.

In conclusion, I do not feel that there are any training or equipment deficiencies, or systematic performance matters that need to be addressed. 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. Timothy DalleNogare