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TO: Sheriff Matz and Chief Deputy Christopherson

FROM: Lt. Eichman

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RE: Annual Use of Force Report (Corrections) – 2020

Pursuant to General Order 5.05, USE OF FORCE/ REPORTING AND REVIEW, all use of force reviews conducted for 2020 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 (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
- While not specified, use of force reviews are completed on any use of force deemed to necessitate further analysis

Reviews are conducted to ensure that a deputy's actions are consistent with Winnebago County Sheriff's Office General Orders, applicable federal, state and local laws, 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

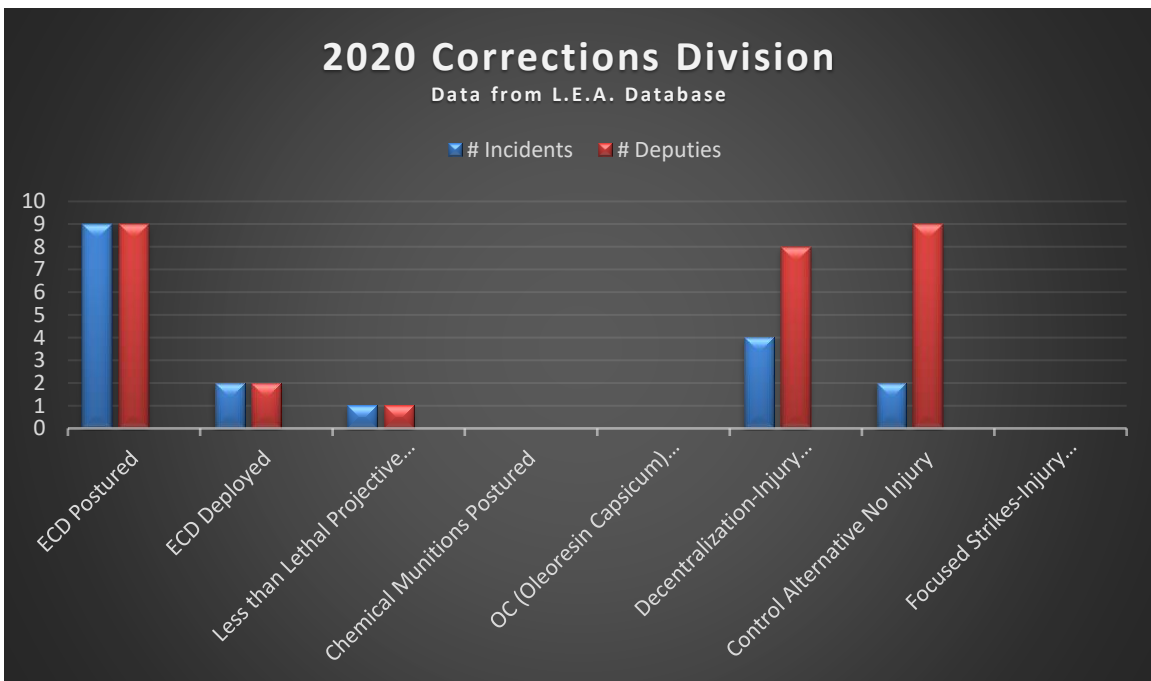
incident reports. Sixteen (16) use of force reviews were conducted in 2020 for incidents that met the reporting criteria. This is a 7% increase from the 15 incidents for which a use of force review was completed in 2019. The 15 reviews in 2019 were a 50% increase from the 10 use of force reviews completed in 2018.

During 2020, deputies from the Corrections Division of the Sheriff’s Office responded to 425 formal incidents according to Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) records. Sixteen (16) of those incidents, or 3.8%, resulted in force being used.

A total of 29 deputies used force during the 16 incidents in 2020. The following chart illustrates the types of force utilized that required a formal review.

Note: several incidents had multiple uses of force meeting the Sheriff's Office's General Order regarding use of force review. As such, the numbers below are higher than the total 16 use of force incidents noted above:

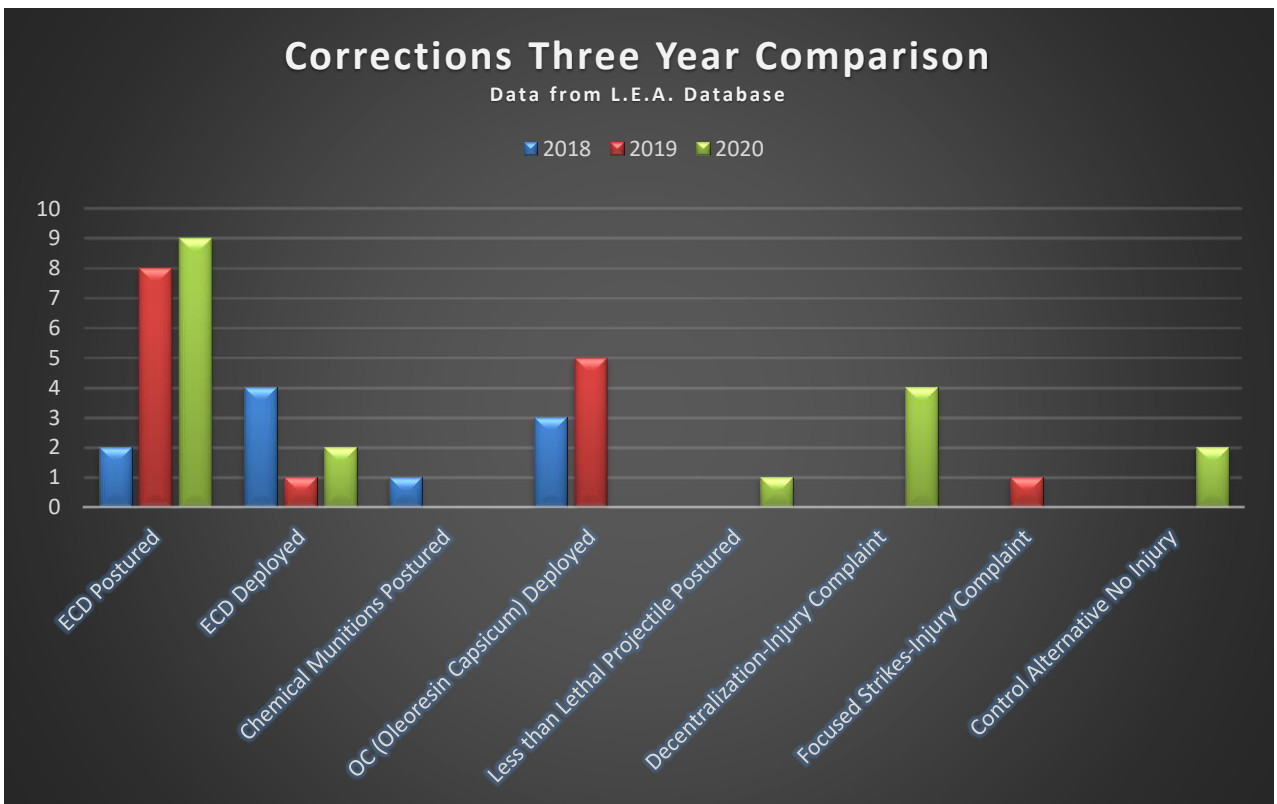
Force Option	# Incidents	# Deputies
ECD Postured	9	9
ECD Deployed	2	2
Pepper ball Chemical Munitions Postured	0	0
OC (Oleoresin Capsicum) Deployed	0	0
Decentralization-Injury Complaint	4	8
Focused Strikes- Injury Complaint	0	0
Control Alternative- No Injury	2	9
Less than Lethal Projectile Postured	1	1
TOTAL	18	29



The most common force used in the Corrections Division in 2020 continued to be Electronic Control Device Posturing (ECD Posturing). 50% of the total 18 uses of force for which a review was conducted involved an Electronic Control Device (ECD Posturing) at a person.

To further evaluate use of force for the Sheriff’s Office Corrections Division, the following chart lists all actions taken by deputies for the previous three years. The most prevalent use of force options are the Posturing of ECDs, Deployments of ECDs, and Deployments of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC).

Force Option	2018 Corrections	2019 Corrections	2020 Corrections
ECD Postured	2	8	9
ECD Deployed	4	1	2
Less than Lethal Projectile Postured	0	0	1
Chemical Munitions Postured	1	0	0
OC (Oleoresin Capsicum) Deployed	3	5	0
Decentralization-Injury Complaint	0	0	4
Control Alternative No Injury	0	0	2
Focused Strikes- Injury Complaint	0	1	0
Total	10	15	18



Two categories that must be noted are the usages of an Electronic Control Device (ECD Deployments and Posturing). Deputies utilizing an ECD in Deployments and Posturing continue to be the most consistent use of force over the previous three years. The use of force actions have all been deemed objectively reasonable based on the specific details of the incident.

Of all the use of force reviews completed in 2020 no deputy received counseling on their use of force or their use of force decision making.

In conclusion, I do not feel there are any training or equipment deficiencies, or systematic performance matters that need to be addressed within the Corrections Division. The Training Division will continue to monitor use of force incidents utilizing them as a guide to develop new trainings for the Agency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Tim Eichman