



Use-of-Force Annual Review 2022

Of the arrests made by Beaufort County Sheriff's Office deputies in 2022, there were 20 incidents in which force was used to effect an arrest.

Altogether, 26 deputies were involved. Of the 20 documented incidents, nine (9) involved more than one Sheriff's Deputy. Six (6) deputies were involved in two (2) incidents.

Of the 20 incidents:

- One (1) involved a juvenile during school hours
- 13 reports stated no injuries to defendant or deputy involved
- Seven (7) reports stated minor injuries to defendant to include but not limited to scrapes, bruises, lacerations etc. due to resisting arrest
- Three (3) reports stated a deputy(s) were injured due to defendant resisting arrest

All 20 incidents were found to be in compliance with the Sheriff's Office standard operating procedures for use of force.

THE DEFENDANTS

RACE/SEX

- Black Male: 9
- Black Female: 2
- White Male: 4
- White Female: 2
- Hispanic Male: 3

AGE

- Under 18: 1
- 18-30: 8
- 31-40: 5
- 41-50: 2
- Older than 50: 3
- Unknown: 1

TECHNIQUES USED

There were 12 incidents where a combination of techniques were utilized. A review of the incidents shows each of the incidents started with minimum force and escalated under the Use of Force Continuum until compliance with lawful orders was achieved. The review also revealed in nearly every one of these incidents, the initial technique was ineffective.

- **CS Ferrett Rounds:** 4
- **CS Flameless Tri-Chamber:** 3
- **Exact Impact Munitions:** 4
- **Knee Strike:** 9
- **OC Spray:** 1
- **Soft Hands Empty:** 11
- **Taser:** 8
- **Takedown:** 4
- **Drive Stun:** 5
- **Straight Arm Bar:** 2
- **ASP Baton:** 2
- **Pressure Points:** 1
- **Hard Empty Hands:** 6
- **Brachial Stun:** 1

CRIMINAL CHARGES

- **12 charges of Resisting Arrest**
- **Five (5) charges of Fleeing to Evade**
- **Two (2) charges of the following:**
 - Public Disorderly Conduct
 - Unlawful Carry of a Firearm
 - Failure to Stop for Blue Lights
 - Simple Possession of Marijuana
- **One (1) charge of the following:**
 - Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st
 - Kidnapping
 - Murder
 - Possession of a Weapon
 - Assault and Battery 2nd
 - Narcotics
 - Driving Under the Influence
 - Open Container
 - Huffing Aerosol for Intoxication
 - Domestic Violence 1st
 - Driving Under Suspension 1st
 - Assault and Battery 3rd
 - PWID Schedule 2 Narcotic
 - Possession of Cocaine
 - Assault and Battery
 - Weapons Offense