



Use-of-Force Annual Review 2024

Of the arrests made by Beaufort County Sheriff's Office deputies in 2024, there were 17 incidents in which force was used to effect an arrest.

Altogether, 33 deputies were involved. Of the 17 documented incidents, 14 involved more than one deputy. Three (3) deputies were involved in two or more incidents.

Of the 17 incidents:

- Three (3) involved a juvenile of which zero (0) were during school hours
- Four (4) reports stated no injuries to the defendant or deputy involved
- 13 reports stated minor injuries to the 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 the defendant resisting arrests

All 17 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:** 7
- **Black Female:** 1
- **White Male:** 6
- **Other Male:** 3

AGE

- **Under 18:** 3
- **18-30:** 1
- **31-40:** 7
- **41-50:** 3
- **Older than 50:** 3

TECHNIQUES USED

There were six (6) incidents where a combination of techniques was utilized. A review of the incidents shows that 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 that in nearly every one of these incidents, the initial technique was ineffective.

- **Closed Fisted Strike:** 2
- **Takedown:** 10
- **OC Spray:** 2
- **Leg Sweep:** 1
- **Drive Stun:** 3
- **Taser:** 4
- **Knee Strike:** 6
- **Softy Empty Hands:** 1
- **Palm Heal Strike:** 1
- **Headlock:** 1

CRIMINAL CHARGES

Of the 17 incidents, three (3) incidents resulted in a single charge, 13 incidents resulted in multiple charges, one (1) incident had no charges listed. Out of all 17 incidents, one (1) involved a mental subject.

- **Resisting Arrest:** 10
- **Failure to Stop for Blue Lights:** 5
- **Threatening Life of a Public Official:** 1
- **Public Disorderly Conduct:** 4
- **Reckless Driving:** 1
- **Runaway:** 1
- **Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon:** 1
- **Possession of Cocaine:** 1
- **Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine:** 1
- **Possession with Intent to Distribute MDMA:** 1
- **Possession of a Stolen Vehicle:** 1
- **Use of a Firearm while Under the Influence:** 1
- **Uninsured Motorist:** 1
- **Driving without a License:** 1
- **Driving Under Suspension:** 1
- **Burglary, 2nd:** 1
- **DUI:** 1