



## Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

### 2020 Annual Use of Force Report

It is the policy of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office to use the minimal amount of force necessary to deal with any given set of circumstances. In no instance shall any deputy sheriff exercise use of force without due consideration for the safety of the public, other deputies or the safety of suspects. The mission of the Sheriff's Office is to apprehend criminal offenders and bring them before the proper court for the administration of justice according to law.

Of the arrests made by Beaufort County Sheriff's Office deputies in 2020, there were 11 incidents in which force was used to effect an arrest.

Altogether, 22 deputies were involved.

All 11 incidents were found to be in compliance with the Sheriff's Office standard operating procedures for use of force.

Defendant Race/Sex	Total
Black Male	7
Black Female	0
White Male	3
White Female	0
Hispanic Male	1

Defendant Age	Total
Under 18 years old	0
18 - 30 years old	2
31 - 40 years old	5
41 - 50 years old	3
Older than 50 years old	1
Unknown	0

In several incidents, there were a combination of techniques that 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.

Technique Used	Total
Takedown	7
Taser	4
Soft Empty Hands	2
Hard Empty Hands	3
Restraint	1
Straight Arm Bar	3
Knee Strike	1

Of the 11 incidents, the following criminal charges resulted.

Criminal Charge	Total
Resisting Arrest	3
Fleeing to Evade	3
Assault & Battery, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
Felon in Possession of a Weapon	1
Driving Under the Influence	1
Habitual Offender	1
Driving Under Suspension, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Public Disorderly Conduct	1
Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine	1
Failure to Stop for Blue Lights	1
Driving Under Suspension	1
Leaving the Scene	1
Domestic Violence, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Throwing of Bodily Fluids	1
Domestic Violence, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Malicious Injury to Personal Property	1