



Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

2025 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 2025, there were 21 incidents in which force was used to effect an arrest.

Altogether, 38 deputies were involved. Of the 21 documented incidents, 19 involved more than one deputy. Nine deputies were involved in two or more incidents.

Of the 21 incidents:

- Zero involved a juvenile, of which zero were during school hours
- Seven reports stated there were no injuries to the defendant or deputy involved
- 11 reports stated minor injuries to the defendant to include but not limited to scrapes, bruises, lacerations etc. due to resisting arrest
- Four reports stated a deputy(s) were injured due to the defendant resisting arrest

All 21 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	11
White Male	7
Other Male	2
N/A	1

Defendant Age	Total
Under 18 years old	0
18 - 30 years old	4
31 - 40 years old	8
41 - 50 years old	5
Older than 50 years old	3
Unknown	1

There were 16 incidents where a combination of techniques was 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	15
Knee Strike	10
Drive Stun	11
Soft Empty Hands	6
Palm Heel Strike	1
Taser	6
Pressure Point Technique	1
Cross Face Technique	1
Leg Strike	1
Hard Empty Hands	1

Of the 21 incidents, four incidents resulted in a single criminal charge, 12 incidents resulted in multiple criminal charges, two incidents had zero charges list, two incidents were a result of assisting other agencies, and zero incidents involved an animal. Out of all 21 incidents, zero involved a mental subject.

Criminal Charge	Total
Resisting Arrest	10
Arrest Warrant	5
Simple Possession of Marijuana	3
Trespassing	2
Assisting Other Agency	2
Public Disorderly Conduct	2
Fleeing to Evade	2
Assault and Battery, 3 rd	2
Domestic Violence, 2 nd	2
No Charges	2
Driving Under Suspension	1
Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana	1
Failure to Stop for Blue Lights	1
Malicious Injury to Property	1
Possession of a Weapon	1
Possession of Cocaine, 2 nd	1
Driving Under Suspension	1
Obstruction	1

Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child	1
Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine	1
General Sessions Bench Warrant	1
Threatening Life of a Law Enforcement Officer	1
Pointing and Presenting	1