



# **Clackamas County Sheriff's Office**

**Use of Force Annual Report  
2019**

## Overview

At the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, we invest in hiring people who have the right temperament for public safety work with backgrounds that demonstrate good decision making. Fewer than 4% of applicants are hired. Typically, it takes eighteen months of training from the date of hire to the day a Deputy Sheriff begins their independent assignment. Then, throughout their career, professional training and on-going performance evaluation continue. These standards are among the ways we ensure we have a professional workforce capable of making the right decisions in the field.

Each day in carrying out their duties our deputies are involved in numerous and varied interactions with the people they contact. When resistance occurs, we expect our deputies to use their skills and abilities to safely and effectively resolve confrontations and minimize the need to use force whenever reasonably possible. To ensure this capacity, our deputies receive monthly training by certified instructors on all categories of force and de-escalation techniques.

Our commitment to public safety emphasizes respect, professionalism and the protection of human life, even when force is necessary. In the use of force to effectively gain control of an incident, deputies shall only use force that reasonably appears necessary, given the totality of the circumstances perceived by the deputy at the time of the event. Deputies are trained to continually evaluate the situation after an application of force, and render first aid as needed. Further, deputies are required to intervene when they believe a use of force is unjustified or excessive.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes the degree of responsibility that comes with the authority to use force and the obligation to be accountable for its proper use. Toward that end, every use of force must be lawfully justified. Whenever a deputy uses force, they are required to complete an after-action Use of Force Report documenting and explaining why force was used, the nature of the force, and the outcome. All Use of Force Reports are reviewed by supervisors to determine whether the deputy's actions were justified and within policy. We also review those reports to ensure consistency in practices throughout our agency and to inform our training needs.

We realize that law enforcement use of force is a matter of critical public concern and that transparency in use of force practices is essential to community trust. The intent of our Use of Force Annual Report is to aid the public in understanding our practices by providing transparent and accountable information. The data presented in this report is derived from the Use of Force Reports completed by our deputies and required by policy to be submitted in every use of force.

## Patrol

### Use of Force Facts

Number of Use of Force events<sup>1</sup>: **600**

Number of subjects involved: **661**

Total Use of Force reports: **970**

Force was used in 1 out of every 228 Calls for Service (0.4%).<sup>2</sup>

Force was used in 1 out of every 12 custodies (8.2%).<sup>3</sup>



### Use of Force by Subject Race

	# of Individuals	% of Total
Asian	7	1.1%
Black	68	10.3%
Hispanic or Latino	52	7.9%
Native American or Alaska Native	4	0.6%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2	0.3%
White	506	76.6%
Unknown	22	3.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Events are unique incidents separated by time and/or space. A single event may involve multiple deputies, subjects, force types, and circumstances requiring force.

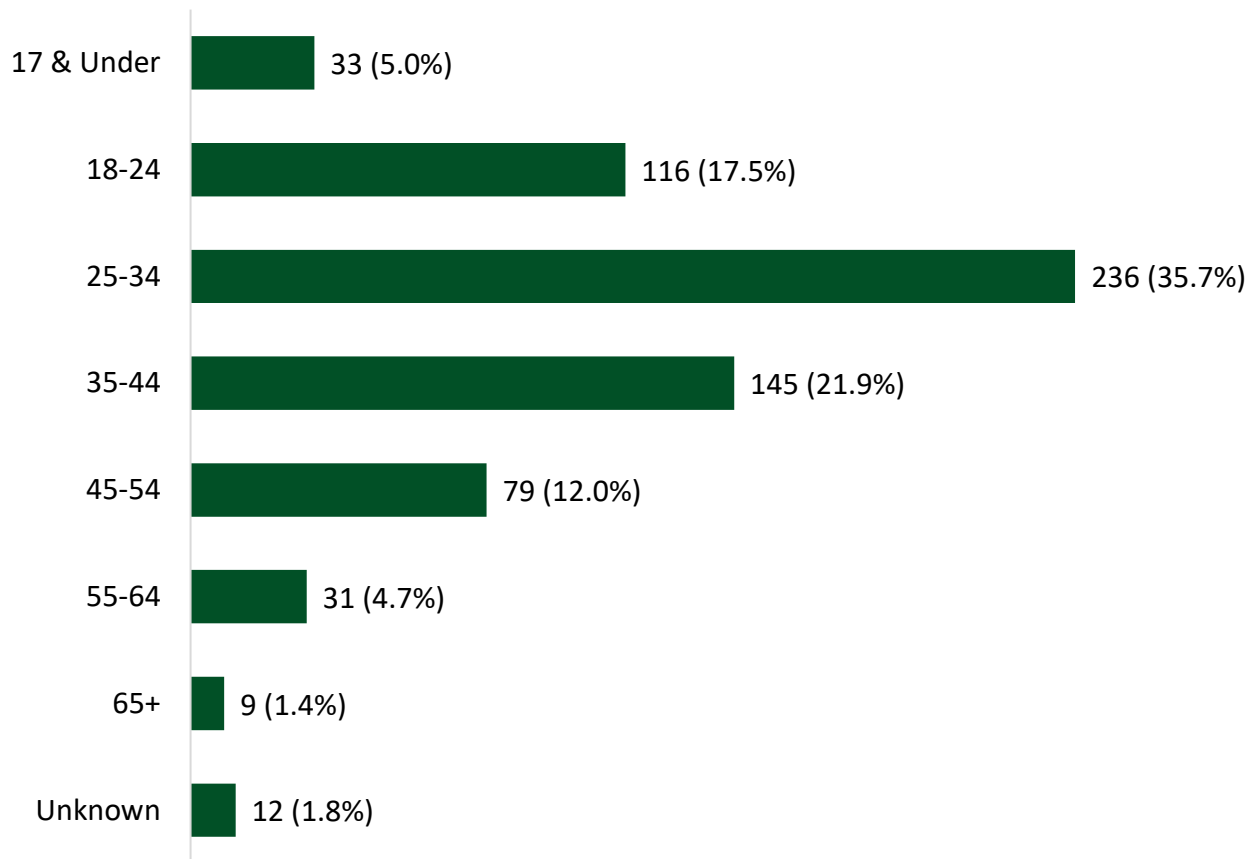
<sup>2</sup> Includes dispatched and self-initiated calls.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes jail custodies.

**Use of Force by Subject Sex**

	# of Individuals	% of Total
Female	160	24.2%
Male	496	75.0%
Unknown	5	0.8%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Use of Force by Subject Age Ranges**



## Patrol

### Incidents and Circumstances Requiring Force

	# of Use of Force Reports	% of Total
Arrest Warrant	110	11.3%
Deputy Safety	165	17.0%
Disturbance	43	4.4%
Domestic Disturbance	51	5.3%
Elude/Pursuit	142	14.6%
Escape from Custody	11	1.1%
Felony Incident/Arrest	101	10.4%
High-Risk Traffic Stop	41	4.2%
Misdemeanor Incident/Arrest	147	15.2%
Prisoner Transport	2	0.2%
Search Warrant	1	0.1%
Subject Hiding in Building/Premises/Cell	6	0.6%
Subject Intoxicated	29	3.0%
Subject Mental Health Crisis	48	4.9%
Subject Suicidal	27	2.8%
Unknown Risk Stop (Vehicle/Subject)	18	1.9%
Welfare Check	5	0.5%
Other	23	2.4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Patrol

### Force Types

	# of Occurrences	% of Use of Force Reports (n=970)
Control Hold	168	17.3%
Firearm – Display Only	350	36.1%
Firearm – Used <sup>4</sup>	7	0.7%
Focus Blow	75	7.7%
Handcuffed/Leg Restraint	157	16.2%
Impact Device – Display Only	12	1.2%
Impact Device – Used	16	1.6%
Joint Management	113	11.6%
K9 – Display Only	35	3.6%
K9 – Used	17	1.8%
Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint	1	0.1%
OC Spray – Display Only	2	0.2%
OC Spray – Used	4	0.4%
Pressure Point	19	2.0%
Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)	13	1.3%
Spike	17	1.8%
Takedown	113	11.6%
Taser – Display Only	43	4.4%
Taser – Used	37	3.8%
Other	166	17.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,365</b>	

### Reported Injuries

Subjects reported 97 injuries. About 93% of the reported injuries were abrasions/lacerations. Deputies reported 21 injuries.

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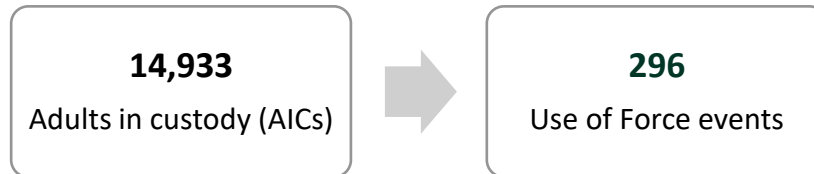
<sup>4</sup> The 3 Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) events in which these 7 firearm uses occurred are summarized on page 11.

## Use of Force Facts

Number of Use of Force events<sup>5</sup>: **296**

Total Use of Force reports: **1,108**

Force was used on 1 out of every 51 adults in custody (2.0%).<sup>6</sup>



## Use of Force by AIC Race

	# of Individuals	% of Total
Asian	3	1.0%
Black	35	11.8%
Hispanic	5	1.7%
Native American	2	0.7%
White	236	79.7%
Other	13	4.4%
Unknown	2	0.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>100%</b>

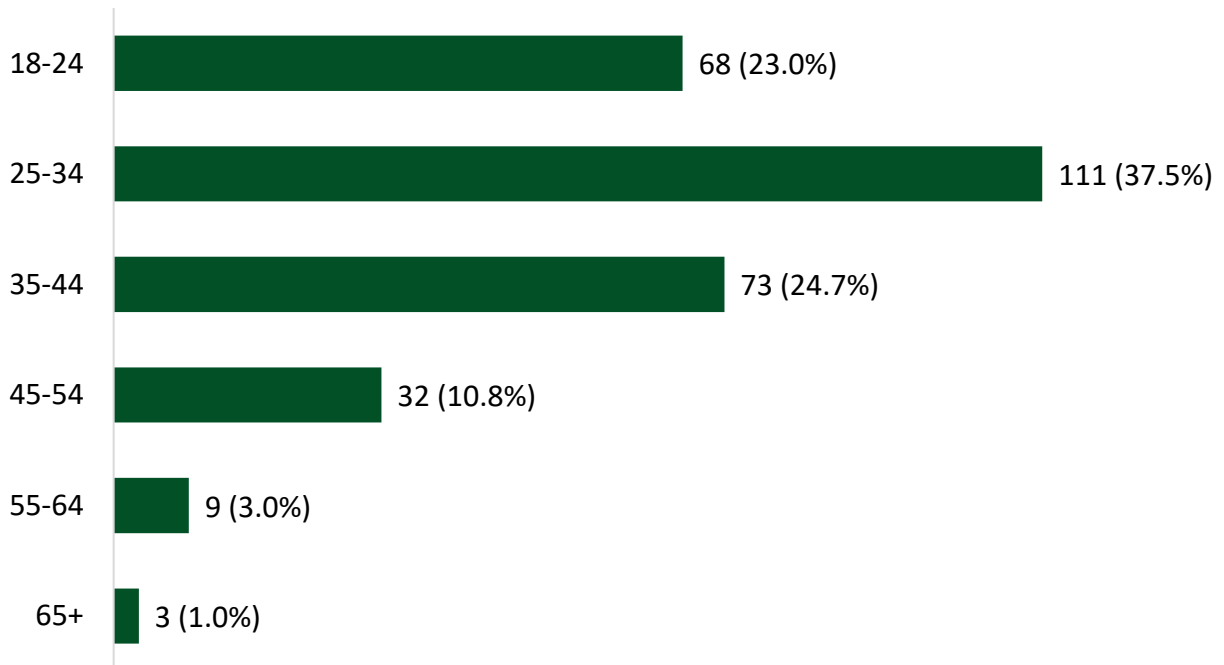
<sup>5</sup> Events are unique incidents separated by time and/or space. A single event may involve multiple deputies, force types, and circumstances requiring force.

<sup>6</sup> Includes individuals booked into jail in 2019 and individuals still in custody from previous years.

### Use of Force by AIC Sex

	# of Individuals	% of Total
Female	105	35.5%
Male	191	64.5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Use of Force by AIC Age Ranges





## Jail

### Circumstances Requiring Force

	# of Occurrences	% of Use of Force Reports (n=1,108)
Maintain Order and Discipline	975	88.0%
Prevent AIC Self-Harm	276	24.9%
To Affect Arrest	5	0.5%
To Defend Others (Staff or AIC)	257	23.2%
To Defend Self	184	16.6%
To Prevent Escape (Arrest)	8	0.7%
To Prevent Escape (Facility)	5	0.5%
Other	124	11.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,834</b>	

### Method of Restraint Used

	# of Occurrences	% of Use of Force Reports (n=1,108)
Handcuffs	260	23.5%
Flex Cuffs	7	0.6%
Leg Restraints	243	21.9%
Spit Hood	267	24.1%
Belly Chains	19	1.7%
Restraint Chair	602	54.3%
Other	19	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,417</b>	

## Jail

### Force Types

	# of Occurrences	% of Use of Force Reports (n=1,108)
Control Hold	345	31.1%
Firearm – Display Only	0	0%
Firearm – Used	0	0%
Impact Device – Display Only	0	0%
Impact Device – Used	0	0%
Joint Management	72	6.5%
Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint	0	0%
OC Spray – Display Only	0	0%
OC Spray – Used	0	0%
Physical Contact	956	86.3%
Physical – Other	80	7.2%
Pressure Point	59	5.3%
Strikes	72	6.5%
Takedown	345	31.1%
Taser – Display Only	11	1.0%
Taser – Used	8	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,948</b>	

### Reported Injuries

AICs reported 78 injuries. About 85% of the reported injuries were abrasions/lacerations.

Deputies reported 57 injuries.

## Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) Event Summaries

**Case Number:** 19-000347

**Number of Deputies Involved:** 2

**District:** 99/McLoughlin

On January 5th, 2019 at about 3:12 a.m., a deputy was doing routine patrol in a church parking lot. He checked the license plate of a vehicle parked in the lot and found the registered owner had a felony warrant for his arrest. When the deputy saw the vehicle was occupied, he called for a cover deputy to assist him in contacting the person. The deputies identified the male inside the vehicle as the person with the felony warrant. After a short conversation with the deputies, the person produced a firearm and began firing. Both deputies drew their service weapons and returned fire. The person was later pronounced dead. The cause of death was ruled a suicide by the Medical Examiner. Both deputies were uninjured in the event.

**Case Number:** 19-001568

**Number of Deputies Involved:** 4

**District:** South County

On January 19th, 2019 at about 10:15 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a domestic disturbance involving family members at a rural residence. It was reported the caller's adult son was on drugs and breaking things in the house. When deputies arrived they discovered a deceased family member on the back porch. The deputies could hear a male voice inside and the sounds of pounding. Knowing there were reported to be multiple people inside the residence, the deputies made entry and found three more deceased people. They followed the sounds of the male's voice to a back bedroom where he was found attempting to kill an eight-year-old girl. Deputies used lethal force on the suspect and rescued the girl. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. No deputies were injured in the event.

**Case Number:** 19-012065

**Number of Deputies Involved:** 1

**District:** City of Oregon City

On May 24th, 2019 at about 4:28 p.m., the Clackamas County Interagency Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) was called to assist Oregon City Police Department on a call involving a shooting. An adult male suspect shot an adult male victim in the head and barricaded himself inside an apartment. The victim was rescued by officers and deputies who initially responded to the scene and was sent to the hospital. During the standoff, a SWAT member fired a shot at the suspect inside the apartment, but did not strike him. Chemical munitions were deployed and were successful in forcing the suspect to exit the apartment. Multiple less lethal options were used to take the suspect into custody. No deputies were injured in the event.