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TO: Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron

SUBJECT: Analysis of Officer Use of Force for 2019

The following is an analysis for the use of force by deputy sheriffs of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office during the period of January 1 through December 31, 2019. Data for the analysis was derived from the collection of the Use of Force reports completed by law enforcement officers and reviewed by the officer's chain of command. Once the reports are reviewed and approved, they are forwarded to the Office of Professional Responsibilities (OPR) for additional review and entered into the IAPRo database.

Sheriff's Office policy states, in part, all instances of the use of firearms (with the exception of dispatching an animal), FN-303, TASER discharges, chemical agents, pressure point control tactics, impact weapons, physical force other than routine handcuffing, a Use of Force Report via Blue Team will be completed. In addition supervisors are required to complete a supervisory review of all instances of use of force when able to do so.

In 2019, the Sheriff's Office handled 75,062 calls for service as compared to 71,224 for the year 2018 a 5.1% increase. In 2019, there were 149 instances of use of force. This equates to force being utilized once in every 504 calls for service.

The percentages of the total Use of Force Incidents showing the most common reasons for officers using force are as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
• Effect an Arrest	50%	48%
• Emergency Petition	28%	25%

There were no serious injuries sustained by a citizen or officer during a Use of Force incident in 2019. The percentages of the total Use of Force Incidents showing if the citizen or officer was injured are as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
• Citizens Injured	25%	38%
• Officer Injured	6%	12%

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The Arm Bar Takedown was the most common type of force used in 2019 and the Taser was deployed sixteen (16) times. Compared to 2018, the most common type of force used was also the Arm Bar Takedown and the Taser was deployed fifteen (15) times.

There were zero (0) instances in 2019 of a K-9 released from their lead. There were also zero (0) instances of a K-9 biting a citizen or officer. Compared to 2018 there were seven (7) instances where a K-9 was released from their lead during building searches and zero (0) instances of a K-9 biting a citizen or officer.

The following statistics indicate the percentage of the total uses of force compared to the demographic breakdown of the citizens when force was applied by the officers:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
• White Males	36%	44%
• White Females	13%	10%
• Black Males	34%	33%
• Black Females	13%	13%
• Hispanic Males	1%	0%
• Hispanic Females	1%	0%
• Other Males	1%	0%
• Other Females	1%	0%

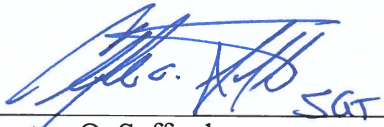
The following indicates the number and percentage of each type of force used by officers. Note: More than one type of force may be used during each incident:

Force Type	Count	Percent of Total
Arm Bar	13	6.2%
Arm bar take down	38	18.2%
Arm Control	14	6.7%
Carry	3	1.4%
Escort hold	11	5.3%
Hand push	10	4.8%
Hand restrain	3	1.4%
Handgun Pointed Only	5	2.4%
Head Control	2	1.0%
kick	1	0.5%
Knee Strike	5	2.4%
Leg Sweep	9	4.3%
OC Spray	6	2.9%
Other	9	4.3%
Pressure Point	5	2.4%
Punch	2	1.0%
Restraint/Shoulders	5	2.4%
Secured Legs	2	1.0%
Secured wrist	7	3.3%
Shoulder Pin	2	1.0%

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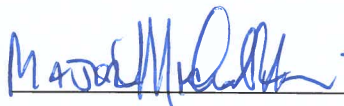
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Take Down	14	6.7%
Taser	19	9.1%
Vascular Neck Restraint	1	0.5%
vehicle extraction	2	1.0%
Wrist Lock	21	10.0%
Total	209	



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Agree

Yes () No, see indorsement. Major:  Date 1-28-20

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