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Subject: Maryland Public Information Act Request: Sheriff Data collection request 2022 (Dorchester County Sheriff)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

1. The total number of use of force incidents in 2022. Please include as part of this a breakdown of how many use of force incidents in 2022 were related to law enforcement operations and how many were related to correctional/custodial operations.

Answer: 12 Use of force Incidents which are all Law Enforcement as the detention center is not under the control of the Sheriff.

2. The total number of use of force incidents, separated by type of force, in 2022 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2022, baton incidents in 2022, etc.)

Answer: Soft Control (Verbal, Hands on, Muscling, Takedown, Handcuffing) - 10
Taser - 2

3. The total number of civilian complaints against law enforcement that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.

Answer: 1 which was not sustained

4. The total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.

Answer: None

5. The total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.

Answer: None

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6. The total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.

Answer: None

7. The total number of officer-involved shootings in 2022, both fatal and non-fatal.

Answer: None

8. The total number of people who the sheriff's department used force against, broken down by race/ethnicity, in 2022.

Answer: African American – 7
Caucasian/White - 5

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Capt. John R. Stichberry Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Captain John R. Stichberry Jr.
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