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RE: data request made via email on 11/24/2023

To Whom This May Concern,

Our office received your data request on 11/24/2023, for the following information and our response to the request is outlined below. Please contact me with any questions.

1. The total number of use of force incidents in 2022
See attached report.
2. The total number of use of force incidents, separated by type of force, in 2022
See attached report.
3. The total number of civilian complaints against law enforcement that were reported, and the total number sustained for 2022.
5 reported; 0 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.
0 reported
5. The total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
0 reported
6. The total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
0 reported
7. The total number of officer-involved shootings in 2022, both fatal and non-fatal.
0
8. The total number of people who the sheriff's department used force against, broken down by race/ethnicity, in 2022.
See attached report

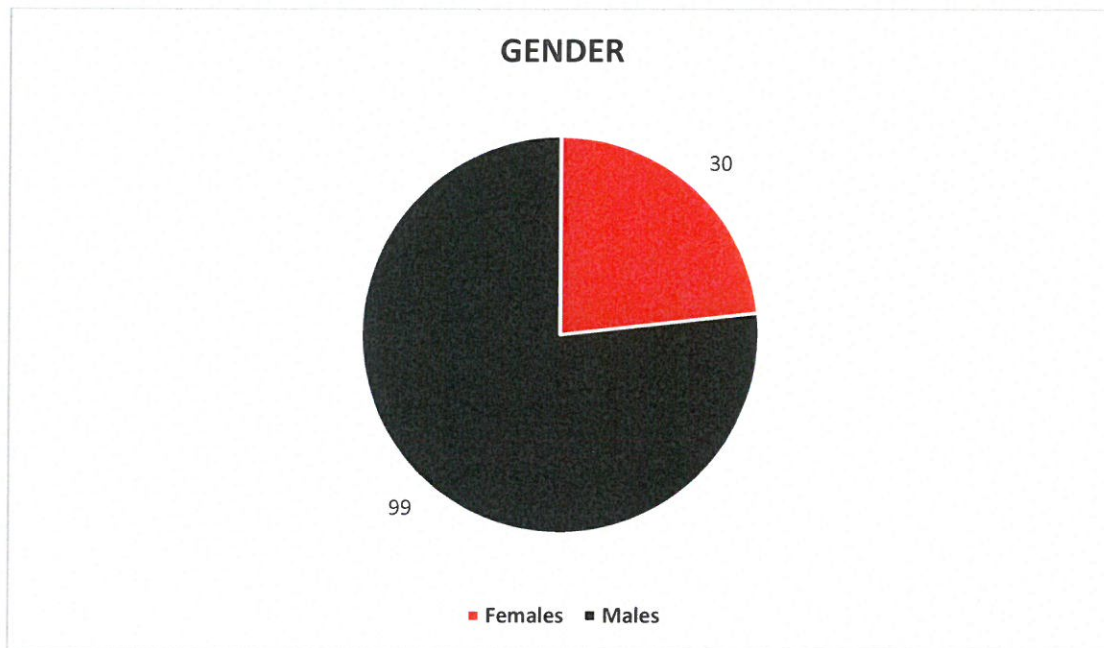
Respectfully,
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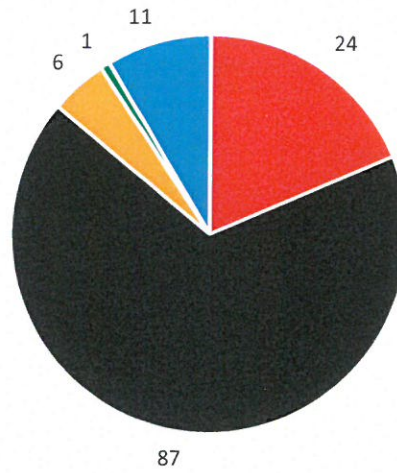
Stearns County Sheriff's Office 2022 Use of Force Report

The following is a look at the force used by Stearns County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies in 2022. It is the mission and expectation of the Stearns County Sheriff's Office to be committed to our partners, our profession, and our communities. It is in this commitment that we will serve the public and protect the constitutional rights of all people. We recognize and respect the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone. Vesting our deputies with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation, and a careful balancing of all interests. This report helps us monitor, evaluate, and balance interests.

In 2022, our office generated over 31,000 public safety-related calls that appeared to have some level of citizen interaction. Of those calls, our deputies used force on 121 calls. During those 121 calls where force was used, force was used on 129 different individuals. The following is a breakdown of the perceived gender and perceived race.

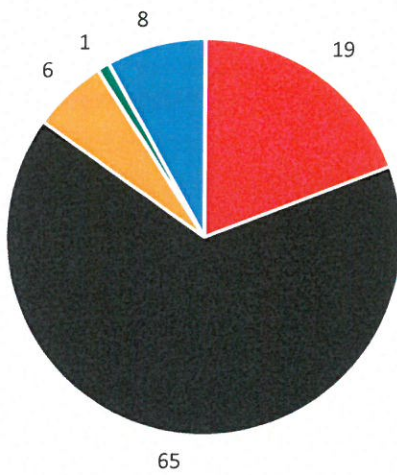


FORCE BY RACE



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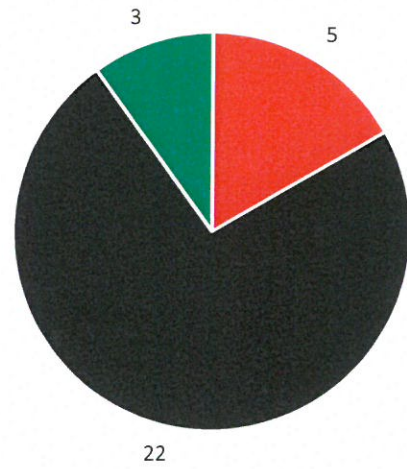
MALE BY RACE



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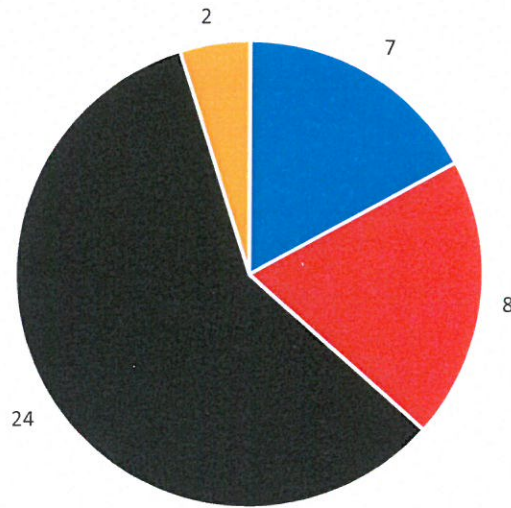
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FEMALE BY RACE



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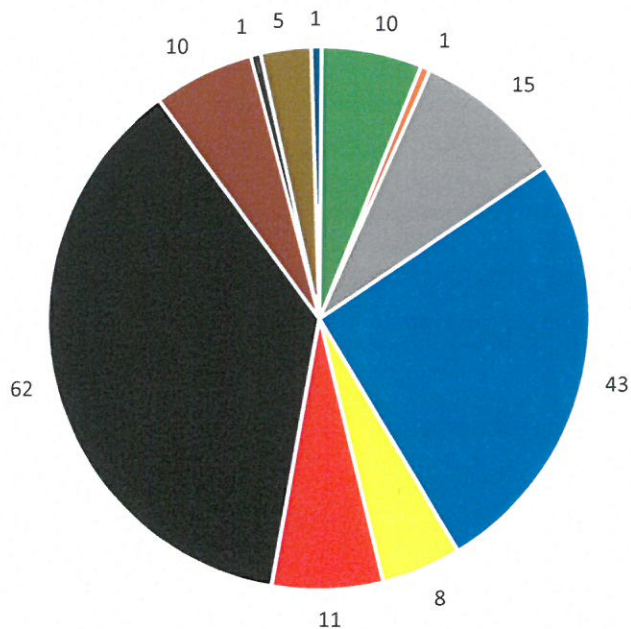
FORCE TYPE - FEMALE



■ Pointed Firearm ■ WRAP ■ Hands On ■ Pointed Taser ■

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FORCE TYPE - MALE



- Tased
- Vehicle PIT
- Chemical
- Pointed Firearm
- Pursuit
- WRAP
- Hands on
- Taser pointed
- Soft restraint to stretcher
- Pointed less lethal
- Spiked vehicle

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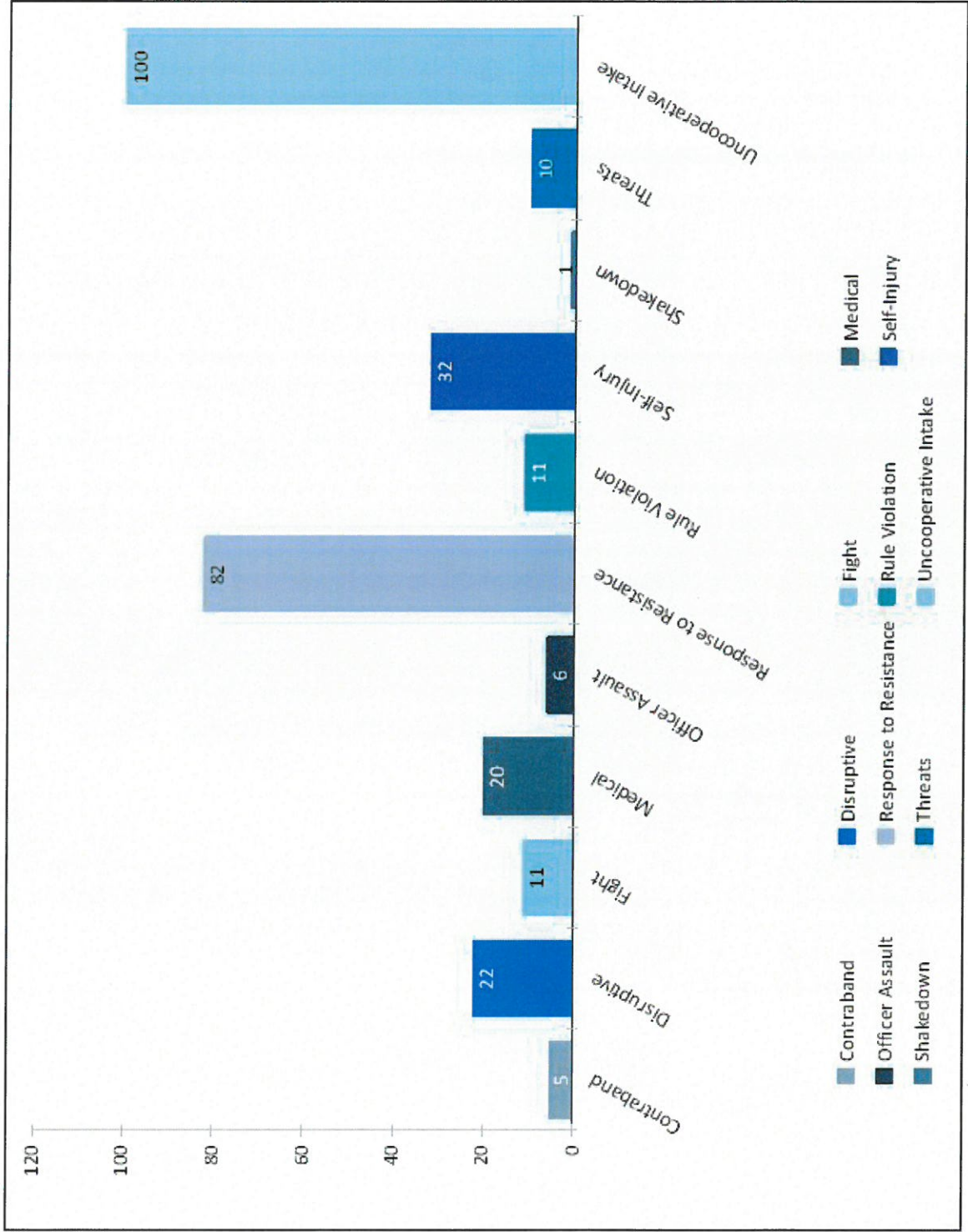


Stearns County Sheriff's Office - Jail Division

Incident Types

Incidents on and between: 01/01/2022 And 01/01/2023, Rtr Used

Total #: 300



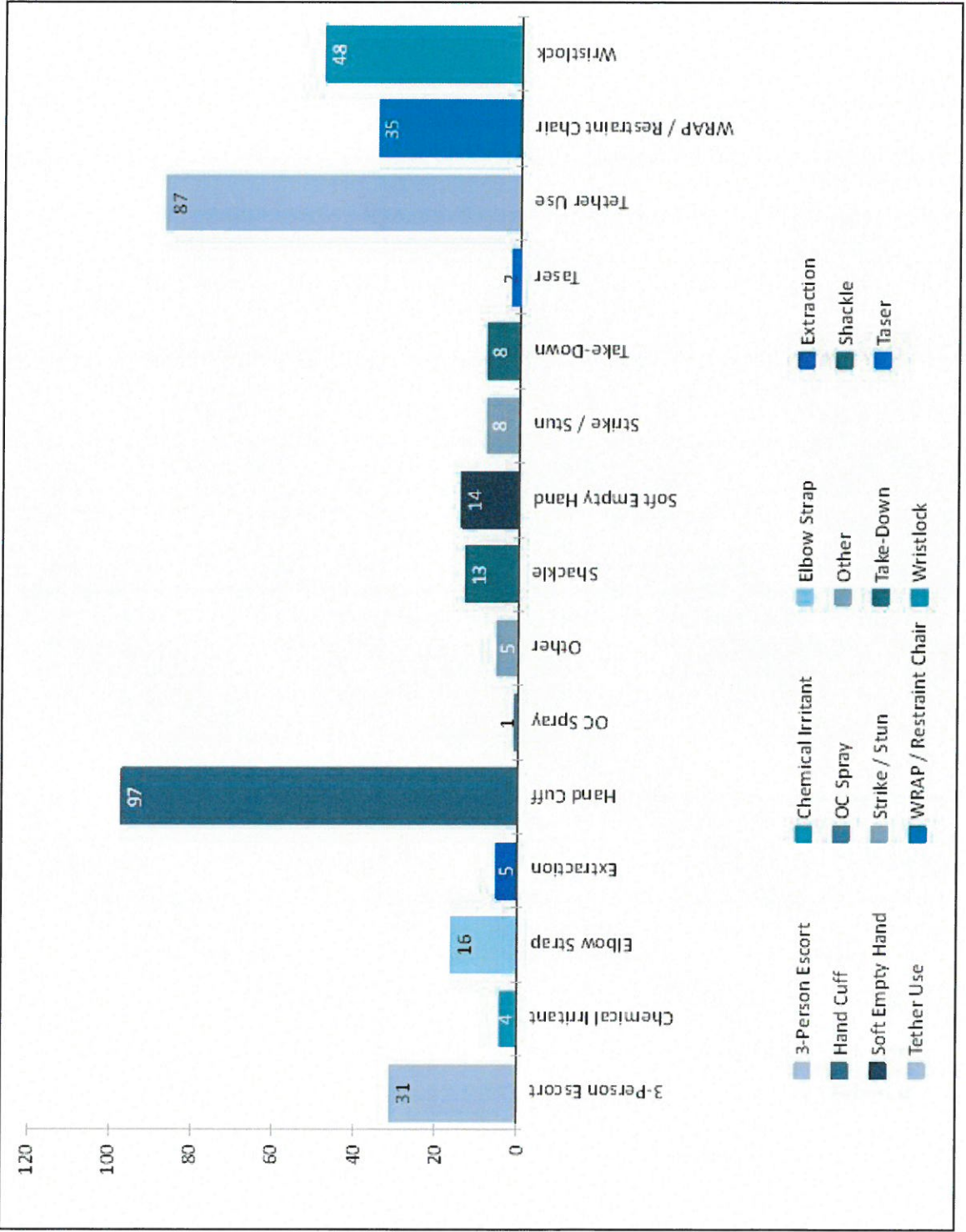


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Response To Resistance Types

Incidents on and between: 01/01/2022 And 01/01/2023, RTR Used, Primary Inc Type

Total #: 374





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Persons Involved in Incidents: by Race

Incidents on and between: 01/01/2022 And 01/01/2023, RtR Used, Primary Inc Type

Total #: 241

