



Bedford County Sheriff's Office

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Muckrock News
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Re: FOIA Request

To Whom It May Concern:

This office is in receipt of your request for records made in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). This response is in the numerical order corresponding to your request.

1. Please be advised that the Bedford County Sheriff's Office does not maintain a record which separates the Use of Force incidents by type of force. The Virginia FOIA statute does not require public agencies to create a record in response to FOIA requests, therefore the record you are requesting does not exist. Our records indicate Deputies with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office filed **eight (8)** Use of Force reports in calendar year 2021.
2. Please be advised the Bedford County Sheriff's Office does not maintain an aggregate record of all citizen complaints of misconduct. Minor allegations of misconduct handled at the 1st Line Supervisor level (i.e. speeding complaints, lack of professionalism, etc.) are not tracked in aggregate. Allegations of misconduct that could potentially result in punitive disciplinary action (i.e. demotion, suspension, termination, etc.) are forwarded to our Professional Standards Unit (PSU) for investigation and are tracked in aggregate. Total number of allegations of misconduct investigated by PSU in calendar year 2021: **One (1)** Sustained: **Zero (0)**
3. Total number of excessive force complaints in calendar year 2021: **One (1)** Sustained: **Zero (0)**
4. Total number of biased-based policing complaints in calendar year 2021: **Zero (0)**
5. Total number of criminal conduct allegations in 2021: **Zero (0)**
6. Please be advised that the Bedford County Sheriff's Office issues a press release for all officer involved shootings. Therefore, the number of officer involved shootings is a matter of public record and any such release can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bedford.sheriff/>

Thank you for contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Captain Brian L. Neal
Administration Division
Bedford County Sheriff's Office

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