



# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## 2019 Use of Force Statistics

I am committed to ensuring that Orange County Sheriff's deputies are highly-trained professionals who follow the policies and procedures that are reflective of my vision and that aim to protect this community while treating all residents and visitors with dignity and respect.

My Number One priority is the safety and security of our residents and visitors, and the safety of our deputies. The Orange County Sheriff's Office has worked very hard to build strong relationships throughout our community and we are committed to maintaining and strengthening those. The Orange County Sheriff's Office is transparent about reporting use of force, participates in the FBI's National Use of Force Data Collection and posts data on deputy-involved shootings on [osco.com](http://osco.com).

I have promised to be open to input and ideas from our community as we move forward to strengthen this exemplary law enforcement agency.

Sheriff John W. Mina

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Orange County Sheriff's Office Training Section conducts an analysis of all incidents of use of force to reveal patterns or trends that could be predictive, indicate program effectiveness, identify the need for training and equipment and evaluate the need for potential policy revision.

As with all law enforcement agencies within the United States, deputies serving with the Orange County Sheriff's Office are governed by policy, state law and the United States Constitution in regard to using force. Deputies are provided with a framework of guidelines, called the force matrix, to aid in making force decisions. As outlined in the landmark United States Supreme Court case, *Graham vs Conner*, 490 US 386 (1989), Orange County Sheriff's Office deputies must apply the Objective Reasonableness standard when using force on a citizen during an arrest, investigatory stop or other seizure of a person.

As part of our commitment to the community we serve, the Orange County Sheriff's Office recognizes our obligation to document, analyze and report data on law enforcement use of force incidents.

## **SERVICE AREA SIZE, POPULATION, AND DEMOGRAPHICS**

Orange County is the state's fifth most populous county. According to the 2010 United States Census estimate for 2019, the population of Orange County, Florida was approximately 1,393,452 permanent residents. Orange County hosts millions of visitors each year due to the robust tourism industry resulting from its internationally recognized theme park industry. Orlando hosted 68 million visitors in 2016, 72 million in 2017 and 75 million in 2018 and again in 2019.

According to Florida Demographics by CUBIT, the predominant race in Orange County, Florida is white (40.8%), followed by Hispanic origin (30.9%), then black or African American (19.9%). The resident population is split almost exactly with 50.9% female residents and 49.1% male residents.

When comparing this figure with the sworn staffing demographic, of the 1,581 deputies employed by the agency in 2019, 982 (62.1%) sworn deputies were white, 208 (13.1%) sworn deputies were black, 331 (20.9%) sworn deputies were Hispanic, and 60 (3.8%) sworn deputies were listed as “other race.”

## **CALLS FOR SERVICE, CUSTODIAL ARRESTS AND USE OF FORCE**

From 2018 to 2019, the Orange County Sheriff’s Office experienced a 2% increase in the number of calls for service. In that same time span, arrests decreased by 12%. The number of residents has increased dramatically since 2016 and the number of estimated visitors has increased by approximately 7 million in that same four year period. In 2019, the rate of force per call for service was .016% and the rate of force per arrest was .86%. Despite the resident and visitor population increases and the rise in calls for service per year, use of force incidents per call for service and use of force incidents per arrest has remained consistent from 2016-2019.

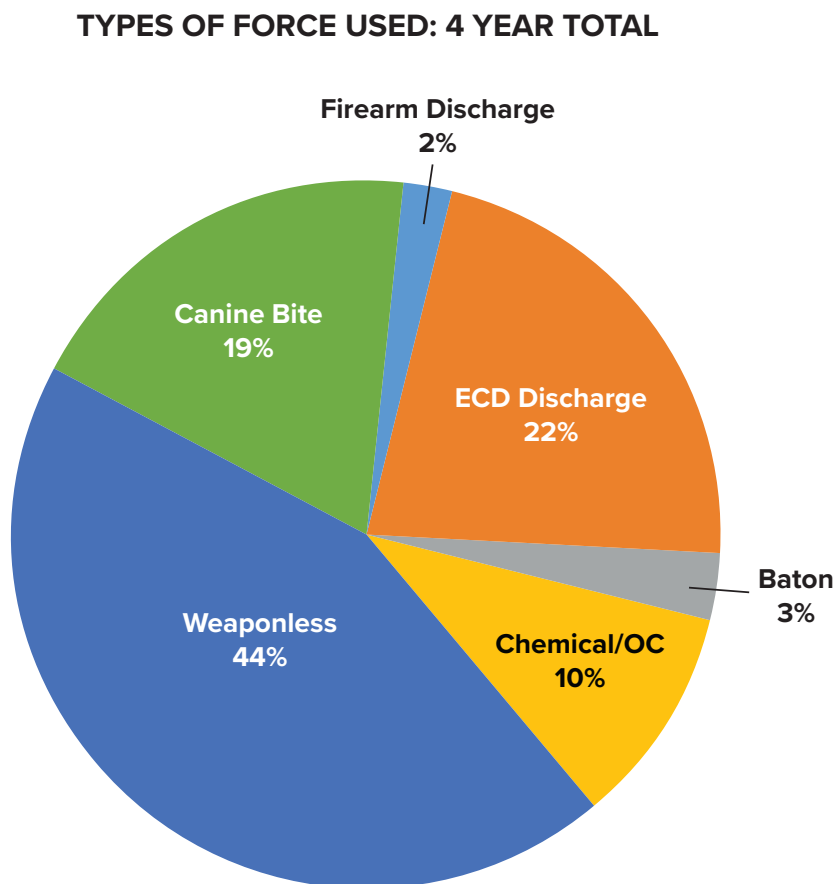
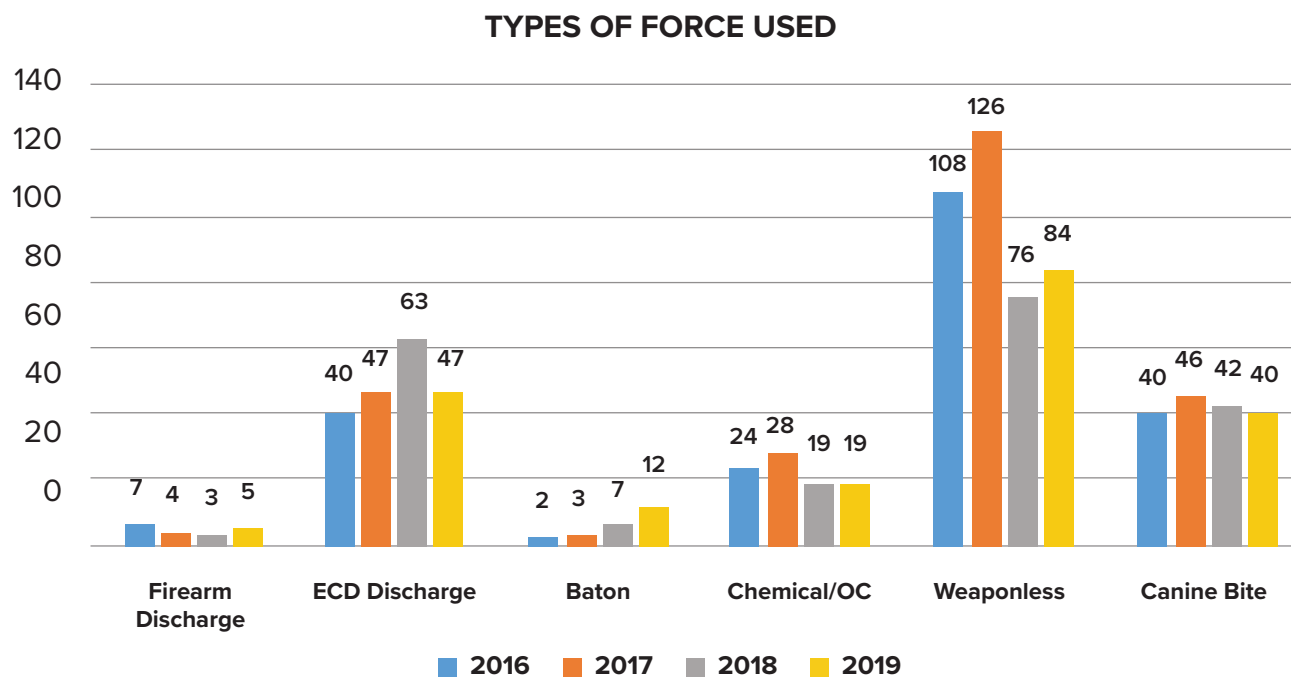
During that time period, Orange County Sheriff’s Office deputies used force in less than 1% of arrests.

Below is the rate of force per call for service/arrest from 2016 through 2019.

### **RATE OF FORCE PER CALL FOR SERVICE/ARREST**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	4 Year Average
Annual Calls for Service	1,282,253	1,248,873	1,261,632	1,289,236	1,270,499
Annual Arrests	28,470	26,610	27,318	23,994	26,598
Annual Use of Force Incidents	221	254	210	207	223
Rate of Force/Call for Service	.017%	.020%	.016%	.016%	.018%
Rate of Force/Arrest	.77%	.95%	.76%	.86%	.84%

See the below charts for the breakdown of the types of force used from 2016 - 2019:



## **USE OF FORCE BY RACE/GENDER/AGE**

An important component of a use of force review includes analyzing and understanding the frequency of force used against individuals within a community in regard to their gender, race and age.

### **APPLICATION OF FORCE ON MALES DURING ARREST BY RACE**

	White Males	Black Males	Hispanic Males
2016 (131)	30.5% (40)	44.3% (58)	25.2% (33)
2017 (110)	17.3% (19)	51.8% (57)	30.9% (34)
2018 (145)	25.5% (37)	47.6% (69)	26.9% (39)
2019 (160)	35.0% (56)	38.13% (61)	26.87% (43)
4 Year Average	27.84%	44.87%	27.29%

### **APPLICATION OF FORCE ON FEMALES DURING ARREST BY RACE**

	White Females	Black Females	Hispanic Females
2016 (20)	45% (9)	35% (7)	20% (4)
2017 (15)	20% (3)	40% (6)	40% (6)
2018 (15)	33.3% (5)	46.6% (7)	20% (3)
2019 (25)	28% (7)	44% (11)	28% (7)
4 Year Average	32.00%	41.33%	26.67%

## **DEADLY FORCE OVERVIEW**

While it is difficult to postulate why deputies are involved in deadly force events and each incident requires individual analysis and investigation, the Orange County Sheriff's Office provides use of force training annually and includes de-escalation strategies. In the annual de-escalation training, techniques are discussed such as utilizing time, distance, cover, communication, less-than-lethal weapons and back-up, to prevent the need of lethal force. Deputies are reminded to use de-escalation techniques when responding to certain incidents where the subject is known to be armed, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or is mentally or emotionally unstable.

See the below tables for the breakdown of the deadly force analysis related to Deputy Involved Shootings from 2016 through 2019:

#### CHARACTERISTICS (RACE/GENDER/ETHNICITY) OF SUBJECTS RECEIVING FATAL INJURIES

Year	White Non-Hispanic		Black Non-Hispanic		Hispanic		Other		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
2016	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
2017	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
2018	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2019	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	9

#### CHARACTERISTICS (RACE/GENDER/ETHNICITY) OF DEPUTIES INVOLVED IN DEADLY FORCE (SHOOTINGS)

Year	White Non-Hispanic		Black Non-Hispanic		Hispanic		Other		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
2016	5	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	10
2017	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	8
2018	6	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	10
2019	7	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	13
Total	23	3	3	0	10	0	2	0	41

#### OFFICER RANK, TENURE, AND DUTY ASSIGNMENT

	Year	1-5 Years	6-10 Years	11-19 Years	20+ Years
Tenure of Deputies Involved in Shootings	2016	3	5	0	2
	2017	1	2	3	2
	2018	4	3	2	1
	2019	6	6	1	0
Percentage		34.15%	39.02%	14.63%	12.20%

## **MOVING FORWARD**

In late 2020, the Training Section will continue to train deputies on de-escalation techniques such as the use and awareness of tactics like time, distance, cover, communication and waiting for back up to allow the deputy a better opportunity to make a well planned decision in response to high risk incidents. Also part of the second half of 2020 training curriculum, the Training Section is planning to incorporate scenario training to instruct deputies on tactics immediately following a deadly force incident, such as critical radio communication procedures and rendering medical assistance to the subject as soon as practical. All employees who are authorized to utilize any force option are required to review and acknowledge the Use of Force policy on an annual basis. During the annual defensive tactics training, instructors review the Use of Force policies with all sworn personnel. All newly hired deputies are provided both the Use of Force Policy and the Firearms Policy training prior to being issued any firearm or other authorized weapons.