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MEMORANDUM

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Sheriff

DATE: November 29, 2021

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

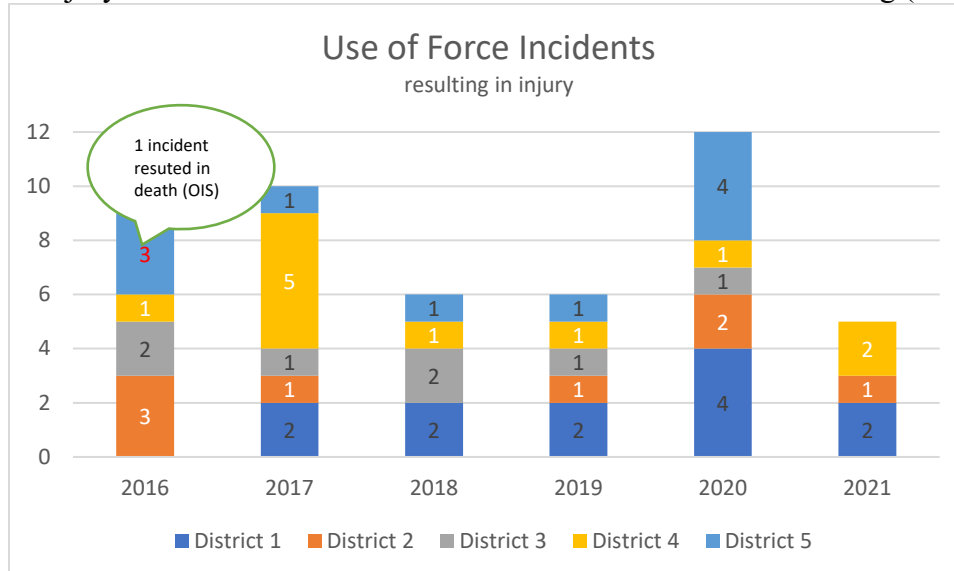
FROM: Laurie Smith, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Report Back on Item #37: Use of Force Cases; Off-Agenda Report on Item #11: Use of Force Complaints

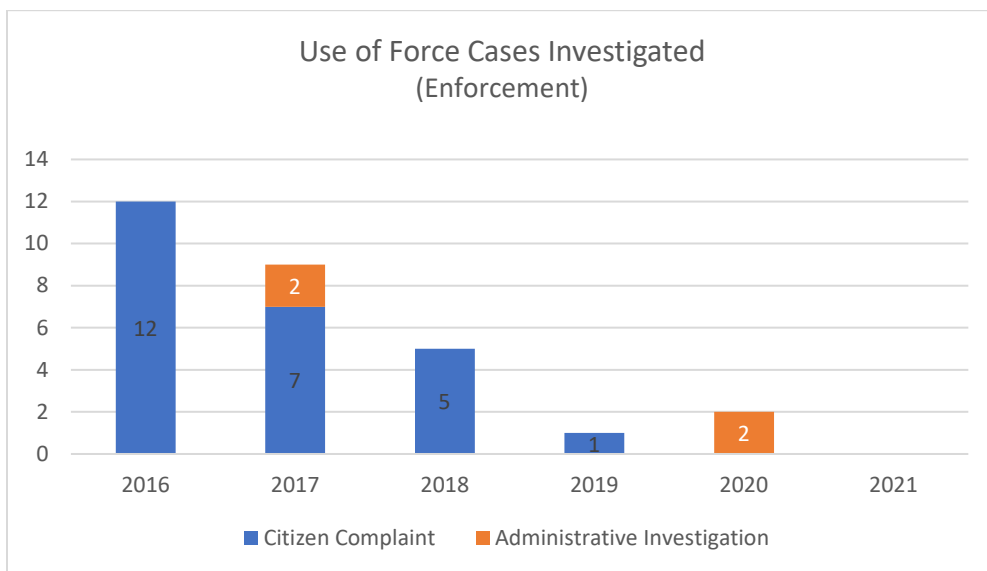
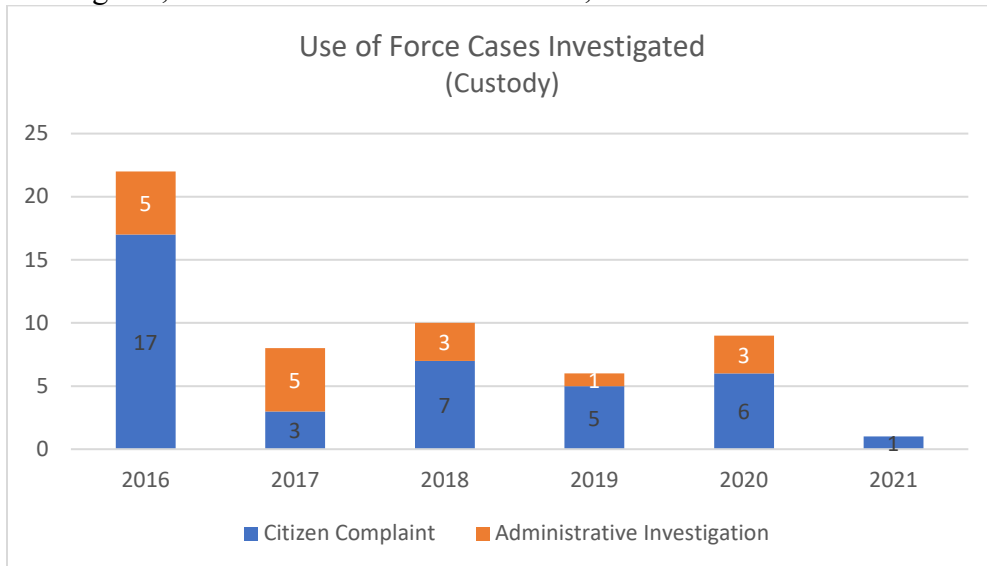
Under advisement from the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 25, 2021, Item 37, Supervisor Lee requested that the Sheriff's Office report to the Board in the fall of 2021 relating to service calls that result in use of force that causes bodily injury or death. He further requested that the report include the identification of the geographic locations of these events.

In addition, under advisement from the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 28, 2021, Item 11, Supervisor Lee requested that the Sheriff's Office provide an off-agenda report to the Board on date uncertain relating to all use of force complaints investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit.

Following is a summary of the use of force incidents totaling 48 cases for the period January 2016 to date broken down into geographic locations per supervisorial districts. 47 cases resulted in injury and 1 case resulted in death in an Officer Involved Shooting (OIS).



Additionally, a total of 85 use of force complaints were investigated by Internal Affairs Division for the same period including 21 cases (25%) initiated by the Sheriff's Office. Out of 85 cases investigated, 78 cases were either exonerated, unfounded or not sustained.



The Internal Affairs Division currently uses BlueTeam, made by CI Technologies, to document and track all Use of Force reports. Deputies are required to submit BlueTeam reports anytime there is a use of force. These reports are compiled and kept in an organized database repository known as IAPro. This software allows the Sheriff's Office to compile statistics in an easy to read and organized manner. The information contained within the database is dependent upon both the input data as well as the validation of the data. All Use of Force reports must be approved through the chain of command, and then final approval comes via Internal Affairs for transfer into the database. From that point on, data validation is done through a random audit of BlueTeam to ensure accuracy. BlueTeam reports are monitored daily to ensure input into IAPro. This allows our agency to have accurate and updated information.

While BlueTeam does have a field for location information, the mapping features are not yet enabled. Location information is currently inputted manually. However, the new version of IAPro will be GIS capable and will allow for map-based location entries to be implemented in the future.

California Government Code 12525.2 provides the Department of Justice the authority to collect Use of Force data. Since January 1, 2016, all law enforcement agencies were required to begin collecting data on use of force incidents and submit them to the Department of Justice. IAPro allows our agency to retain data and generate reports per Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) reporting standards. Certain personnel records contained within IAPro are kept confidential per California Penal Code 832.7 and retained for a period of five years plus one per California Penal Code 832.5.

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