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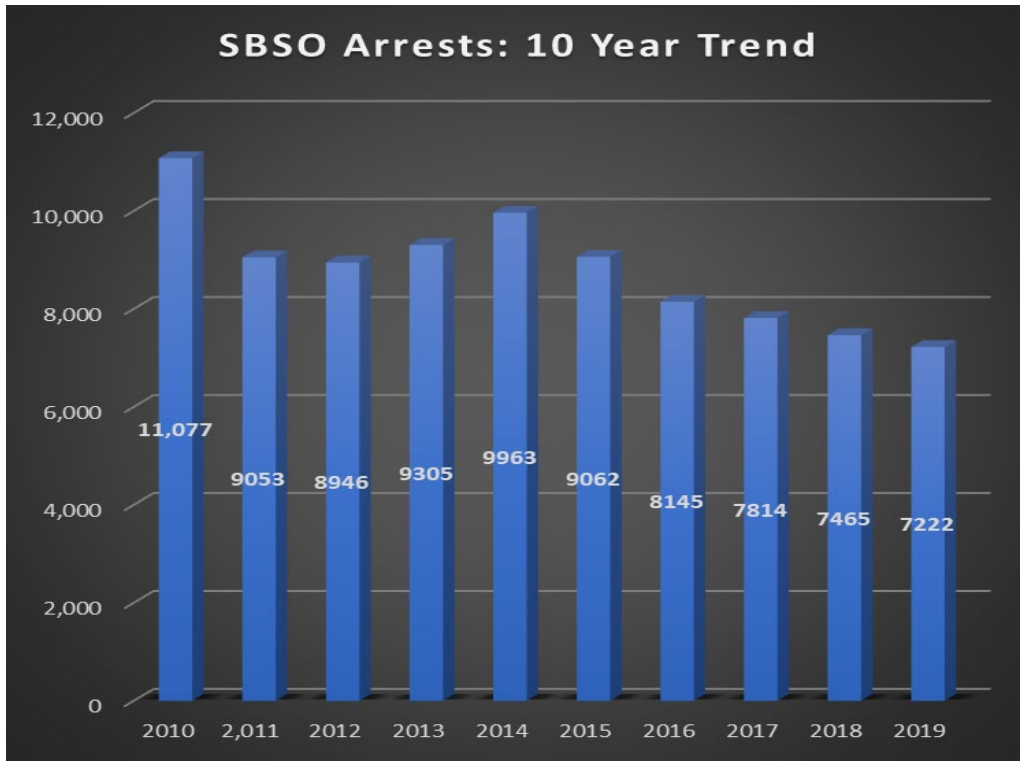
News Release

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office Releases Data on Arrests and Use of Force **Data shows a three-year decline in Use of Force by Law Enforcement Deputies**

Santa Barbara – The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is releasing recent arrest and use of force statistics for its patrol and custody operations branches. Santa Barbara Sheriff Bill Brown said, "The use of force by law enforcement deputies has declined for the past three years, as have Level 3 uses of force, which is defined as any discharge of a firearm by either a deputy or suspect, or use of force which results in serious bodily injury. I believe this is a direct result of our agency-wide Crisis Intervention Training that has equipped our deputies, custody deputies and dispatchers with a better understanding of how to interact with people who are mentally ill and/or under the influence of substances. It is also a product of integrating de-escalation techniques and tactics into our practical arrest and control, less-lethal weaponry and firearms training."

The use of force by Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office personnel overall remains low. The declining use of force can also be attributed to the development and utilization of the Sheriff's Office / Behavioral Wellness's three collaborative Co-Response Teams, each of which pairs a specially-trained deputy with a mental health professional from the County's Behavioral Wellness Department. Together these teams respond to crisis calls throughout the county. Through their work, a significant number of mentally ill people, many of whom suffer from co-occurring substance addictions and/or homeless issues, are diverted from jail and into community-based treatment. "Underpinning all of these factors is the long-standing and on-going expectation that the members of the Sheriff's Office treat all people we serve with respect, courtesy, professionalism and fairness," said Sheriff Brown.

10 Year Arrest Trend (all forms of arrest):



Racial breakdown of SBSO arrests:

	2019	10 Yr Avg
White	45%	51%
Hispanic	42%	37%
Black	5%	4%
Other	6%	5%
Unknown	2%	3%
	100%	100%

Law Enforcement Operations: Type of Force Action Used

	2019		2018		2017	
Canine	3	4%	7	9%	5	6%
Chemical	0	0%	1	1%	3	3%
Electrical	4	6%	9	12%	8	9%
Firearm	1	1%	2	3%	2	2%
Impact	1	1%	2	3%	1	1%
Physical Force	62	87%	57	73%	68	78%
Total	71	100%	78	100%	87	100%

Law Enforcement Operations: Force by Race / Sex

2019 Race / Sex					
	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Total
Female	2	10	6	0	18
Male	3	23	26	1	53
Total	5	33	32	1	71
	7%	46%	45%	1%	
2018 Race / Sex					
	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Total
Female	0	0	9	0	9
Male	7	23	36	3	69
Total	7	23	45	3	78
	9%	29%	58%	4%	
2017 Race / Sex					
	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Total
Female	0	2	7	0	9
Male	5	28	43	2	78
Total	5	30	50	2	87
	6%	34%	57%	2%	

Custody Operations: Type of Force Action Used

	2019		2018		2017	
Canine	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Chemical	9	14%	6	12%	11	20%
Electrical	4	6%	10	20%	12	21%
Firearm	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Impact	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%
Physical Force	49	78%	34	68%	33	59%
Total	63	100%	50	100%	56	100%

2019 Race / Sex

	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Total
Female	1	2	2	0	5
Male	3	36	18	1	58
Total	4	38	20	1	63
	6%	60%	32%	2%	

2018 Race / Sex

	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Total
Female	1	2	1	0	4
Male	2	26	17	1	46
Total	3	28	18	1	50
	6%	56%	36%	2%	

2017 Race / Sex

	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Total
Female	0	2	3	0	5
Male	1	38	12	0	51
Total	1	40	15	0	56
	2%	71%	27%	0%	

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