

# Beaufort Police Department

## MEMORANDUM

**20-M-0007**

**To:** Chief Clancy, Deputy Chief McDorman  
**From:** Lt. Richard O. Poole Jr.  
**Date:** February 03, 2020  
**Subject:** 2019 Use of Force Analysis (Standard 1.20)

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In 2019 there were 710 custodial arrests made by officers of the Beaufort Police Department. In all cases, officers used the minimum amount of force necessary to accomplish the arrest. This was primarily accomplished through officer presence and verbal commands, however, in 29 cases, reasonable force above that, and consistent with the “plus one principal” was required. In these situations, officers completed “Control of Person’s” forms.

In all cases, officers used soft empty hand controls (muscling techniques or joint locks) even when the suspect was actively aggressive toward officers. In all incidents in which officers had to use force, the incident was reviewed by the shift supervisor, the Patrol Lieutenant, the Professional Standards Lieutenant, the Administrative Captain, as well as the Deputy Chief to ensure compliance with the General Order’s Manual.

In each case, the use of force was within the scope of policy and only the minimum amount of force necessary to complete their lawful objective used. Based on this analysis, there were no patterns of excessive force or force exceeding the “plus one principle” within the department. After review of all use of force policy and procedures, I recommend that no changes are necessary in the General Order’s Manual at this time.