



Los Angeles County
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

USE OF FORCE - CATEGORY 3
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2023 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

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***Category 3 Force** involves any of the following:

- All shootings in which a shot was intentionally fired at a person by a Department member.
- Any type of shooting by a Department member which results in a person being hit
- Force resulting in admittance to a hospital.
- Any death following a use of force by any Department member.
- All head or neck strikes with an impact weapon.
- Kicks or knee strikes delivered to a person's head or neck.
- Striking a person's head against a hard, fixed object.
- Skeletal fractures caused by any Department member, with the exception of minor fractures of the nose, fingers, or toes.
- Any use of Improvised Weapons and/or Techniques.
- All canine bites; or
- Any force which results in a response from the IAB Force/Shooting Response Team.

All shootings in which a shot was intentionally fired at a person by a Department member: 8

DATE	INVOLVED STATION	TYPE	PERSON WOUNDED/ DECEASED	SYNOPSIS
01/08/23	Palmdale Station	Hit Shooting	Deceased	Palmdale Sheriff's Station deputies were at the location performing crime scene containment for homicide investigators who were on scene investigating the stabbing murder of a female adult. During the investigation, deputies saw a male adult holding a knife standing near the crime scene. Deputies used several resources to establish a conversation with the man and ordered him to drop the knife. The man suddenly advanced on deputies, and a deputy involved shooting occurred.
01/11/23	Santa Clarita Valley Station	Hit Shooting	Deceased	A deputy responded to a trespasser complaint call for service. Upon the deputy's arrival, she contacted a homeless man in front of the location. The man responded to the deputy by threatening to kill her, then punched her in the face and head. The deputy punched back and created distance. The man advanced towards the deputy again, and she fired her service weapon in self-defense.
01/21/23	West Hollywood Station	Non-Hit Shooting	N/A	Deputies were in pursuit of a stolen vehicle when the driver of the vehicle turned down a cu-de-sac street. Deputies blocked the entrance of the cul-de-sac and exited their vehicles to complete a felony stop. The suspect driver made a U-turn and accelerated towards the deputies and patrol cars that were previously behind him. As the suspect neared the vehicles, a sergeant fired his service weapon at the suspect in self-defense.
01/22/23	Altadena Station	Hit Shooting	Deceased	Deputies were called to the location regarding a man chasing and stabbing people with a knife. Deputies arrived on scene and observed a man attack a pedestrian by stabbing him in the face. The deputies exited their vehicles and fired their service weapons at the suspect, hitting him. The suspect had been armed with a pair of scissors.

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01/26/23	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Hit Shooting	Deceased	Detectives served a search warrant at the location. During the search warrant entry, a male adult brandished a firearm at the detectives. The detectives identified themselves and ordered the man to drop the firearm. The man refused and pointed the weapon at deputies. A deputy involved shooting occurred.
01/31/23	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Hit Shooting	Wounded	Deputies saw a man walking down the street that they knew had a no-bail warrant. The deputies attempted to contact him, and he fled. Deputies set up a containment. The suspect attempted to flee outside of the containment and shot at deputies. Deputies returned fire with their service weapons.
02/10/23	Palmdale Station	Hit Shooting	Deceased	Deputies responded to the location regarding a domestic violence call. Deputies were advised by the victim that her husband was drunk and unarmed. When deputies arrived, they contacted the victim in the front yard of the location while other deputies swept the house and the rear yard for the suspect. Deputies encountered the suspect in the rear yard where he was holding a sword. The suspect began to swing the sword and advanced on the deputies. The deputies ordered the suspect to drop the sword, but he did not comply. A 40mm baton round was fired at the suspect, followed by a deputy firing his service weapon at the suspect in self-defense.

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03/10/23	Industry Station	Non-Hit Shooting	N/A	Deputies responded to the location for a suspect who was shooting at people walking by his residence. When deputies arrived, they saw the suspect push the screen off his residence window and point a rifle at the deputies. Deputies took cover and ordered the suspect to drop the weapon. The suspect did not comply, and instead fired multiple rounds at the deputies in four separate volleys. Deputies returned fire, but the suspect was not hit. A containment was established, and the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) responded to the scene. SEB took control of the scene and for 40 hours employed multiple tactics and techniques to get the suspect to surrender. The suspect fired over 100 rounds at deputies during the entire incident. After 40 hours, LAPD SWAT relieved LASD SEB and took control of the scene. The suspect was eventually seen via drone and LAPD SWAT decided to enter the residence. The suspect was suffering from a self-inflicted wound and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Excluding the above listed shootings, any other type of shooting by a Department member which results in a person being hit: 0

Force resulting in admittance to a hospital: 1

DATE	UNIT	TYPE	SYNOPSIS
03/03/23	Century Station	40mm to chest, PIT Maneuver	Deputies contacted a domestic violence suspect who was leaving the scene as they arrived. The suspect fought off being handcuffed and fled. A deputy deployed his taser and the suspect fell and struck his head on the sidewalk. The suspect jumped up and ran again, in an attempt to escape. The suspect attempted to scale a wrought iron fence, but he slipped and impaled himself

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			<p>on a metal spike on top of the gate. The spike punctured his right thigh; deputies immediately rescued him and rendered aid. The suspect sustained an abrasion on his upper right shoulder area and an abrasion to the right side of his forehead as a result of falling from the taser deployment. The suspect was subsequently transported to a local hospital and admitted for further treatment.</p>

**Any death following a use of force by any Department member: 0
(excluding shootings)**

All head or neck strikes with impact weapons: 2

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03/09/23	Santa Clarita Valley Station	40mm projectile impact to forehead	<p>The suspect was wanted for an Assault on a Peace Officer. When deputies approached his residence, the suspect fled. Deputies established a containment. With the help of the LASD airship, deputies were able to locate the suspect who was hiding in the rear yard of a nearby residence. The suspect crawled under a piece of artificial turf and refused to show himself to deputies or follow their orders to surrender. The suspect was warned that less lethal weapons would be utilized if he didn't surrender. Deputies fired five 40mm baton rounds at the suspect while he hid underneath the artificial turf piece. The 40mm deployment was successful and the suspect surrendered to deputies. The suspect sustained an abrasion on his forehead from one of the 40mm baton rounds. The suspect was transported to an area hospital for medical treatment, and then cleared for booking.</p>

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03/26/23	Men's Central Jail	Inmate's head struck by wristband scanner	An inmate attacked a deputy when the door to his cell was opened. The inmate punched the deputy in the face, and the deputy returned the punches. The deputy was holding a scanner in his hand when he returned the punches, and the scanner struck the inmate in the face. Both the deputy and the inmate sustained abrasions and scratches to their faces.

Kicks or knee strikes delivered to a person's head or neck: 0

Striking a person's head against a hard, fixed object: 0

Skeletal fractures caused by any Department member, with the exception of minor fractures of the nose, fingers, or toes: 5

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01/01/23	Lancaster Station	Fractured Kneecap/Takedown	Deputies responded to a domestic violence incident and contacted the female suspect as she sat in a parked vehicle in the driveway of the location. The suspect was sitting on the floorboard of the vehicle with her two young children. The suspect smelled of alcohol and was exhibiting signs of being under the influence. To prevent the suspect from operating the vehicle with the children inside, deputies decided to pull the suspect out of the vehicle using control holds. During the removal, the suspect's knee struck the bottom portion of the vehicle floorboard.
01/17/23	East Los Angeles Station	Orbital Fracture/Personal Weapons	Deputies responded to the location regarding a vehicle theft suspect. The informant relayed to deputies that the suspect was mentally ill and had locked himself in an office closet in the residence. The LASD MET team responded and established communications with the suspect who refused to exit the closet. Deputies decided to open the closet door, and the suspect became assaultive and kicked at the

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			deputies. A 40mm baton launcher was deployed, along with a taser, team takedown, and punches. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for medical treatment.
02/02/23	Century Station	Fractured Arm/Control Holds	A sergeant was sitting in his patrol vehicle when a man walked up to his vehicle and began to scream at him incoherently. The sergeant immediately recognized the signs of mental illness and intoxication and radioed for back up. The sergeant his vehicle door to exit, but the suspect quickly moved into the doorway, wedging himself between the door and the vehicle, extremely close to the sergeant. The sergeant grabbed the suspect to move him away from the vehicle and the suspect resisted. The sergeant held the suspect in a control hold until additional deputies arrived. Additional control holds were utilized to successfully handcuff the suspect. It was later determined at a hospital that the suspect's arm was fractured.
03/20/23	Men's Central Jail	Fractured Elbow/Takedown/Personal Weapons	Deputies removed intoxicated inmates from their cell. During the removal, one of the inmates grabbed the bars of the cell and refused to let go. Deputies performed a takedown and the inmate responded by placing the deputy into a headlock and punching him. The inmate was punched several times and placed into a control hold. Another inmate started to fight deputies and he was also taken to the ground. Upon medical examination, it was determined that one of the inmates had sustained a fractured elbow.
03/28/23	Industry Station	Fractured Wrist/40mm	Deputies responded to a call regarding a man swinging a crowbar at city workers. When they arrived, they gave the suspect commands to drop the crowbar. The suspect ignored them and walked toward a nearby residence. Fearing for the safety of the residents, deputies deployed a 40mm baton launcher which struck the suspect on the right chest and right wrist. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to a hospital for medical treatment.

Any Use of Improvised Weapons or Techniques: 0

All Canine Bites: 8

DATE	UNIT	TYPE
01/18/23	SEB	K9 Bite
01/22/23	SEB	K9 Bite
01/31/23	SEB	K9 Bite
02/01/23	SEB	K9 Bite
02/15/23	SEB	K9 Bite
02/22/23	SEB	K9 Bite
03/24/23	SEB	K9 Bite
03/28/23	SEB	K9 Bite

**Any force which results in a response from the IAB Force /
Shooting Response Team: 0**