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Use of Force Report

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Review of DOC Annual Report

The Norfolk Inmate Council (NIC) offers these observations of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) Annual Report for Use of Force and points of concern. This review commenced when the DOC began procedures to change the Use of Force Policy 103 CMR 505, in December 2022.

In the DOC Use of Force Annual Report the following observations are concluded :

Count By Race has been placed at Ø (zero) for Black Inmates. Reviewing the 370 total use of force packages for 2022 - other fields of data reveal Use of Force for 87 White Inmates, 126 Hispanic (Latino) Inmates and 1 American Indian Inmate, leaving a conclusion that 156 use of force involving Black Inmates occurred.

With approximately 6202 Inmates in MA-DOC (DOC Fact Sheet, July 2022) :

White Inmates , 2,546 , (41%) Use of Force (87), 3.4%

Black Inmates , 1,782 , (29%) Use of Force (156), 8.7% , (2.5 Times more than White Inmates)

Latino Inmates , 1,631 , (26%) Use of Force (126), 7.7% , (2.3 Times more likely than white)

Troubling in the report noted as Zero: Count by Race for Black Inmates section. Individual incident race left blank, Institutional where incident occurred left blank.

The report reveals that 370 Use of Force "packages" are contained within this data. 349 Spontaneous Use of Force, 21 Planned Use of Force.

Spontaneous Use of Force, resulted in 80 incidents that staff had injuries for a total of 129 total injuries (21.6%). While in the same 370 Use of Force incidents 105 inmates in 105 incidents resulted in inmate injury (28.3%) of the time. Inmates are 1.32 times more likely to suffer injury during use of force than staff.

Planned Use of Force totaled 21. Staff injuries reported resulted in 3 incidents with a total of 5 staff injuries or 14.2% of the time. Inmate injured in planned Use of Force Zero.

Unanswered questions and fields that don't exist: SMI or Open Mental Health, Use of Force utilized against. LGBTQ+ Inmates.


The NIC is in the process of filing appeals to the redactions of this Report, submit this report to Stakeholders, Legislators & Advocates.

Summary : With the DOC's hearing December 2022 for use of force there was no mention to better report on Mental Health & LGBTQ+ Use of Force. Neither was there any discussion on how to decrease Use of Force, reduce injury to inmates. There was no mention as to the clear disparity in use of force for Black & Brown People. Providing concern as to the structural racism in these practices. It appears as though the DOC intends to utilize Use of Force in an ongoing and concerning manner.

The Norfolk Inmate Council (NIC) respectfully requests regulatory and legislative review of these practices and to provide corrective actions.

On behalf of the Norfolk Inmate Council, Executive Board and population.

Respectfully,


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Race
 B = Black
 W = White
 H = Hispanic
 I = American Indian/Native Alaskan
 A = Asian
 O = Other
 U = Unknown

Stat
 A = Accepted
 NC = Non-Compliant
 UI = Under Investigation
 OP = In Special Ops
 IP = In Progress
 C = Corrections Needed

Total Packages: 370 (Spontaneous: 349 Planned: 21)				Count by Race								S-Inj = Staff Injury I-Inj = Inmate Injury						
Case#	Incident Date	Institution	Inmate Name	Commit#	B	W	H	I	A	O	U	Stat	4PT	Chem	SID	S/P	S-Inj	I-Inj
9219	09/09/2022					X						OP				S	0	1
8936	01/10/2022											A				S	0	0
8993	03/08/2022											A				S	0	0
9040	04/03/2022											A				S	0	0
9042	04/03/2022											A				S	0	0
9073	05/01/2022											A				S	0	0
9102	05/24/2022											OP				S	0	0
9116	06/02/2022											A				S	2	0
9131	06/25/2022											A		X		S	2	1
9130	06/25/2022											A		X		S	2	1
9148	07/17/2022											A		X		S	0	1
9149	07/17/2022											A		X		S	0	1
9150	07/18/2022											OP		X		S	0	0
9159	07/30/2022											OP				S	1	1
9237	09/24/2022											OP				S	0	0
9256	10/17/2022											OP		X		S	0	0
9272	11/03/2022											OP				S	0	0
9304	11/26/2022											C				S	0	1
9309	11/27/2022											IP				S	0	0
8985	02/23/2022											A				S	0	1
8995	03/08/2022											A		X		S	0	0
8994	03/08/2022											A		X		S	0	0
8997	03/09/2022											A				S	0	0
9023	03/19/2022											A		X		S	0	0
9022	03/19/2022											A		X		S	0	0
9033	03/29/2022											NC				S	0	0
9050	04/13/2022											A		X		S	0	0
9051	04/13/2022											A		X		S	0	0
9054	04/14/2022											A				S	0	0
9059	04/15/2022											A				S	0	1
9060	04/19/2022											A				S	0	0
9077	05/04/2022											A				S	2	1
9118	06/03/2022											A		X		S	0	0
9146	07/14/2022											OP				S	0	1
9165	08/03/2022											OP				S	0	0
9172	08/08/2022											OP		X		S	0	1
9173	08/08/2022											C		X		S	2	1
9174	08/10/2022											IP		X		S	0	1
9179	08/15/2022											A				S	1	1
9199	08/31/2022											IP				S	2	0
9229	09/14/2022											OP				S	0	1
9227	09/14/2022											C				S	0	0
9247	10/10/2022											OP		X		S	0	0
9263	10/22/2022											OP		X		P	0	0

