

Annual Pursuit Report and Analysis

2022 Calendar Year



Statistics

For the calendar year of 2022, our department was directly involved in a total of 4 vehicle pursuits. For the previous calendar year, 2021, our department was directly involved in a total of 2 vehicle pursuits. These figures represent an increase of 2, or 100% increase over the 12-month period. The following table represents certain critical information captured from each individual pursuit report:

Month	Number of pursuits	Total time of pursuits	Initiated for felony offense	Initiated for misdemeanor offense	Initiated for other reason	Injuries as result of pursuit	Speed under 50 mph	Speed over 50 mph
Jan.	1	1 min		1		0	1	
Feb.	0							
March	0							
April	0							
May	1	4 mins	1			1	1	
June	1	21 min			1	0		1
July	0							
Aug.	1	24 mins		1		0		1
Sept.	0							
Oct.	0							
Nov.	0							
Dec.	0							

Total	4	50 min.	1	2	1	1	2	2
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Analysis

In the pursuits listed above, it is important to note that no injuries were reported to any party as a result of the pursuit in 3 of the 4 incidents. In the one incident where there were injuries, prior to the pursuit beginning, the driver was driving on the wrong side of a 4 lane highway, and had struck a construction worker. An officer was approaching the direction of the wrong way driver when the person was struck. The Officer then attempted to stop said vehicle and it continued to drive the wrong way until colliding with vehicles stopped at an intersection, causing minor injuries.

Vehicle pursuits can be dangerous, not to just the officer and suspect, but also people on or around the roadways of which they travel on. While any pursuit can cause a risk to others, that risk can be raised even higher by the actions of the fleeing subject. Our officers and supervisors alike have received training on the policy regarding vehicle pursuits. They are further tasked with weighing the dangers of the pursuit to offense itself, and then making a determination if one outweighs the other. In each of the 4 pursuits this year, the supervisor, and/or officer was found by the command staff to have used proper judgment. In 1 of the 4 pursuits, our agency was requested by DPS to assist in stopping a vehicle that they had initiated a pursuit with.

No policy or procedure changes are being recommended to the command staff at this time. Each future pursuit should continue to be evaluated by the command staff on a case-by-case basis, and any deficiency noted addressed at that time.

I, Lt. Brian Massey, preparer of this report, state that to the best of my findings the information above is a true and accurate account of the information available for this report.



Preparer

1/18/23

Date

I, Lance Richburg, Chief of Police, acknowledge that I have received and reviewed this annual pursuit report.



Chief of Police

1/18/23

Date