

Community Action Groups (CAG)
 Policy Recommendations presented to Board of Public Safety,
 16 October 2019

Executive Summary and Additional Notes
VEHICULAR PURSUIT

- Main concern is that officers in pursuit should be aware of their surroundings and population density before initiating a pursuit
- Lights and sirens must absolutely be ON during any pursuit; clear communication with dispatch, supervisor and other officers is imperative in a safe execution of pursuit
- Seriousness of offense should also be considered before initiating pursuit. This is stated in the current policy, 306.3 c (4), however, a clear definition of what is serious and what is not, needs to be included in frequent training
- Frequency of training in a variety of weather conditions should be done numerous times throughout the year for new officers, and as a refresher for those with more experience and years on the job
- School zones should be a no pursuit areas. Additional tactics and training should clearly dictate what to do in case a vehicle in pursuit enters a school zone
- The current policy is robust and covers most of what was discussed at the tables during the vehicular pursuit meeting
- The following notes are what was gathered during this meeting for additional information and consideration.

Recommendation relative to policy	Overall policy recommendations	Commentary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly favor not to engage in rapid pursuit, safety over pursuit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The culture and training needs to be the focus • Incentives • Important to increase accountability 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public needs to be better educated 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property crimes should not have high speed involved during a pursuit– dangerous to public for a minor offense • Define population density, seriousness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforce no more than three vehicles during pursuit, specially when speeds increase dangerously • Routine number of vehicles should be determined by the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The more officers in the department will lead to having more officers on patrol, better able to interact with the public and build positive relationships

<p>of offense to determine whether to pursue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate undocumented training policies, such as, no pursuit in a school zone • Officers need to be 100% sure that cameras, lights, and sirens are ON/follow the policies and guidelines 	<p>incident/call</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability and proper coaching is imperative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pursuit in school zone • cameras/sirens ON • Place undocumented rules in policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to educate the public • Get public to attend meetings 	<p>School zones require public, school officials and police department to have clarity and an agreement for any issues that may arise in the area</p>