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Vehicular Pursuit Investigations		



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I. General

Vehicular pursuits, and the use of stopping tactics during a pursuit, are high-profile incidents that have the potential to be scrutinized by the public and in court proceedings and have the possibility of resulting in serious injury or death to Division personnel and/or the public. Lieutenants shall conduct a thorough and objective administrative investigation of each incident (excluding incidents investigated by CIRT **or an independent agency**) and include sufficient detail and information to ensure the incident can be fully evaluated for compliance with Division policy. Stopping tactics (excluding Precision Immobilization Technique) used independently of a pursuit shall be investigated in accordance with the "Stopping Tactics" directive.

II. Procedures

A. Investigating Lieutenant

1. Obtain and review the following:

a. The Cruiser Video System (CVS) and BWC recordings from each marked unit that:

- (1) Actively participated in the pursuit;
- (2) Followed the suspect vehicle;
- (3) Was involved in the use/attempted use of a stopping tactic; and
- (4) Responded to or assisted with the pursuit, stopping tactic, or apprehension.

Note: Request copies of CVS and BWC recordings from involved foreign agencies as applicable.

- b. Copies of applicable OH-1 Traffic Crash Report(s)
- c. A copy of all radio transmissions regarding the pursuit or incident, including back channels
- d. A printed map showing the path of the pursuit (for example, a Mapquest map or copied map)
- e. Copies of any Citizen Ride Along Request/Release, form U-10.119, as appropriate

- f. Copies of applicable electronic report(s)
- g. Copies of any applicable Arrest Information, form U-10.100
- h. CAD incident report
- i. Copies of the Stopping Tactic Report, form U-10.194, for stopping tactics used during a pursuit
- j. Copies of the Vehicular Pursuit Involvement Summary, form U-10.200, completed by the officer(s) and managing supervisor involved in the pursuit
- k. Global positioning system (GPS) data on the units involved if applicable

Note: This data may be requested from the **Headquarters Operations** Section. Forward an email to the "PatrolOffice@columbuspolice.org" email account with the cruiser brass tag numbers.

2. Forward an email about the incident to the "VehicularPursuits@columbuspolice.org" email account before the end of tour. This email should include the following information:

- a. Incident number
- b. Date and time of incident
- c. Location of initial incident
- d. Names and assignments of officers involved
- e. Suspect information
- f. Reason for the pursuit and any stopping tactic(s) used or attempted
- g. Traffic crashes, deaths, or injuries related to the incident

3. Interviews of involved personnel, suspects, and witnesses:

- a. Interview involved personnel in pursuing units when:
 - (1) Information necessary to the investigation was not obtained from the Vehicular Pursuit Involvement Summary, or
 - (2) There is a reasonable belief that the pursuit was not within policy and discipline may occur, which affords involved personnel the right to respond in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Note: Refer to the "Administrative Investigations" section of the Supervisor's Manual.

- b. If it appears involved personnel in non-pursuing units potentially violated Division policy, complete and forward a Non-Pursuing Units: Potential Policy Violations, form U-10.201, via email to the sergeant and lieutenant of the involved personnel for follow-through within 14 days of the incident.
- c. Interview suspects and witnesses as applicable.

4. Complete a Vehicular Pursuit Report, form U-10.114, to document the administrative investigation. Include the following information in the appropriate sections of the form:
 - a. Date, start time, and ending time of the pursuit
 - b. Circumstances and justification for the pursuit and/or use of stopping tactic
 - c. Managing supervisor and how the pursuit was managed
 - d. All involved Division personnel and units, foreign agency units, and any non-sworn personnel aboard any involved unit
 - e. Names and descriptions of suspects, occupants, and suspect vehicle
 - f. A description of the area where the pursuit occurred in the "Incident Summary" section, to include the starting location, ending location, and maximum speed
 - (1) For example, "The pursuit started at E. Broad St. and McNaughten Rd. and continued through various residential and arterial streets for approximately three minutes. The area where the pursuit occurred is bordered by E. Broad St. (North), E. Main St. (South), Rose Hill Rd. (East), and McNaughten Rd. (West). The maximum pursuit speed was 60 mph, and the posted speed limits in the area range from 25 mph to 45 mph."
 - (2) Include a more detailed description of the pursuit path when appropriate or otherwise directed by the chain of command.
 - g. Type of vehicles involved, details of the location, speed of vehicles, and roadway conditions
 - h. Offensive/defensive actions by the suspect and/or pursuing personnel
 - i. Helicopter Unit response
 - j. Use or attempted use of a stopping tactic and the result
 - k. Factors affecting a decision whether or not to terminate the pursuit and any additional information that became known during the pursuit affecting that decision
 - l. Address any unauthorized unit's participation in the pursuit, and any unit's failure to terminate, as applicable
 - m. The weather, roadway conditions, and pedestrian traffic
 - n. Address the presence and/or absence of any CVS, BWC, and/or helicopter recordings; include the corresponding filename(s)

Note: Refer to the "Body-Worn Camera (BWC)" and "Cruiser Video System (CVS)" directives regarding the retention and classification of recordings.

 - o. Traffic crash information, damage, or injuries associated with the pursuit and/or use of stopping tactic(s)
 - p. A synopsis of each involved or responding officer's actions in the "Incident Summary" section

- q. Address the presence and/or absence of any recorded interviews of involved personnel, suspects, and witnesses; include the corresponding filename(s)
 - r. Additional information, including the reports completed, incident report numbers, and the location where they can be accessed
 - s. Note in the conclusion of the "Incident Summary" section narrative that the investigation is being forwarded to the Pursuit Review Committee for review, but do not make a recommendation regarding compliance with Division policy
5. Complete a Data Processing Worksheet, form U-10.164, indicating an internal investigation.
 6. For incidents involving a pursuit and the use of a stopping tactic, ensure both the Vehicular Pursuit Report and Stopping Tactic Report are completed.
 7. Include the printed map referenced in Section II,A,1,d.
 8. Forward the original investigative packet and two copies through the chain of command to the Pursuit Review Committee Chairperson. If an accident involving a Division vehicle or personnel occurred, forward a copy of the administrative investigation with a routing sheet to the Fleet Safety Committee Chairperson.