



Memorandum

To: Chief Billy Grogan
CC: Deputy Chief David Barnes
From: Major Mike Carlson
Date: 01/19/2021
Re: Pursuit Review 2020

Summary

In 2020, the department reported twelve vehicle pursuits. This is a 140% increase from 2019 with only 5 pursuits. Suspected felonies were found to be the cause of nine pursuits with shoplifting in progress accounting for another two incidents. The last incident was for a minor traffic violation. Pursuits were terminated by the pursuing officer or a supervisor in ten of the twelve reported pursuits. No officer's were injured in any of these pursuits.

S.O.P. P-3 Pursuits was reviewed and no recommendations for change to this policy are made.

Review

The primary causation factor for nine of these pursuits were for suspected felonies that occurred. They were as follows: Burglaries in Progress (3), Stolen Tag-Flock Hit (2), Carjacking-Flock Hit (1), Mail Theft BOLO-Flock Hit (1), Felony Warrants-Flock Hit (1) and Entering Auto Suspects (1). Two pursuits involved misdemeanor Shoplifting in Progress (2), and the last pursuit was initiated for misdemeanor Speeding (1).

Three of these pursuits involved the same officer. The remaining incidents involved separate officers and two supervisors. Ten of these pursuits were terminated by the officer or a supervisor due to the nature of the pursuit and in compliance with S.O.P. P-3. The remaining two pursuits were not cancelled and violated policy P-3 since they were not forcible felonies. One pursuit involved an accident where the supervisor intentionally rammed the suspect vehicle at a low speed.

Vehicle pursuits remain an issue of critical importance to the department and the City of Dunwoody. It is recommended that we maintain officer awareness and due regard via on-line training and policy review.