



# Memorandum

To: Chief Billy Grogan  
CC: Deputy Chief Mike Carlson  
From: Major William Furman  
Date: 01/12/2021  
Re: Pursuit Review 2021

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## Summary

In 2021, the department reported ten vehicle pursuits. This is an approximate 10% decrease from 2020 with 12 pursuits. Suspected felonies were found to be the cause of seven pursuits with traffic charges accounting for another three incidents. Pursuits were terminated by the pursuing officer or a supervisor in eight of the ten 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 seven of these pursuits were for suspected felonies that occurred. They were as follows: Stolen vehicle (3), armed robbery (2), and aggravated assault (2). Three pursuits were briefly initiated due to minor traffic violations.

The 10 pursuits involved 13 officers. One officer was involved in 2 of the pursuits in 2021. The remaining incidents involved separate officers and one supervisor. Eight of these pursuits were terminated by the officer or a supervisor due to the nature of the pursuit and safety concerns, which is in compliance with S.O.P. P-3. The remaining two pursuits were not cancelled but did not violate policy P-3 since they were forcible felonies.

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.