

CITY OF DUNWOODY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Summary

In 2022, the department reported seven vehicle pursuits. This is an approximate 30% decrease from 2021 with 10 pursuits. Suspected felonies were found to be the cause of two pursuits with traffic charges accounting for another four incidents. Stolen vehicle was the cause of the seventh chase. Pursuits were terminated by the pursuing officer or a supervisor in all six of the seven 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 four of these pursuits were for suspected felonies that occurred. They were as follows: Stolen vehicle (1), felony wanted person (2), aggravated assault (1). Three pursuits were briefly initiated due to minor traffic violations.

The 7 pursuits involved 7 officers. One officer was involved in 2 of the pursuits in 2022. The remaining incidents involved separate officers. Five of these pursuits were terminated by the officer or a supervisor due to the nature of the pursuit and safety concerns, which complies with S.O.P. P-3. The remaining pursuit was not cancelled but did not violate policy P-3 due to the brevity and the suspect pulling over on their own. One pursuit was found to be in violation of S.O.P. P-3.

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.

Tables





