



2023 PURSUITS REPORT

CITY OF DUNWOODY POLICE DEPARTMENT



2023 Pursuit Analysis

Summary

In 2023, the department reported five vehicle pursuits. This is an approximate 30% decrease from 2022 with seven pursuits. Forcible felonies were the cause of two pursuits, with suspected felony being the cause of a third pursuit. Traffic charges accounted for the fourth pursuit and a stolen vehicle was the cause of the fifth pursuit. One pursuit was terminated by the pursuing officer and two pursuits were terminated when the offender wrecked their vehicle. Two pursuits ended with the suspect voluntarily stopping. One officer sustained a knee injury after the vehicle pursuit during the foot pursuit.

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

Fleeing – No Chase

In 2023 the department report 25 incidents where a traffic stop was initiated, but the vehicle fled. The officer chose not to pursue due to policy. The break down for those incidents are: 17 attempted stops for traffic violations, 3 attempted stops for entering auto suspects, 2 attempted stops for shoplifting suspects, 1 attempted stop for suspicion of marijuana, 1 attempted stop on a stolen dirt bike, 1 attempted stop on a stolen vehicle from a FLOCK hit.

Review

The primary causation factor for four of these pursuits were for suspected felonies and forcible felonies that occurred. They were as follows: Armed robbery (1), burglary (1), aggravated assault (1), stolen vehicle (1), traffic violations (1).

The 5 pursuits involved 9 officers. Two officers were involved in two pursuits each. Three of the pursuits had multiple officers participating. The remaining incidents involved separate officers. One of these pursuits was terminated by the officer due to safety concerns, which complies with S.O.P. P-3. The remaining pursuits were not cancelled but did not violate policy P-3 due to the brevity or the initial charges and the suspect pulling over on their own.

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.

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Tables

