

# 2022 Annual Pursuit Analysis

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Albany Police Department

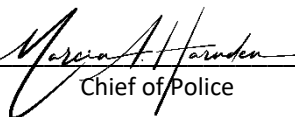
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## **Introduction**

The 2022 Albany Police Department Pursuit Analysis uses data from the past three years to compare trends. In 2022, Albany Police Department officers were involved in twelve vehicle pursuits. Information in this analysis reviews and compares the pursuits from the current year to the two previous years. The data is broken down into sections, which include specific analysis of speed, distance, road conditions, pursuit termination, outcome of pursuits, and reasons for the elude. Each section will describe details surrounding the pursuits the department was involved in.

## **Policy Review**

The Vehicle Pursuit Policy 280 was reviewed by Operations Captain Jerry Drum. No discrepancies were found in the policy relating to our procedures. No changes were recommended at the time of this report. The pursuit reporting procedures outlined in section 280.8 were reviewed and remain accurate. On August 29, 2022, the pursuit policy was reviewed and revised. The revision included policy language regarding officers reporting pursuits and the division captain conducting an administrative review of each occurrence.

In 2021, the policy was revised to include strict language requiring officers to deactivate their overhead lights and sirens, and immediately pulling to the side of the road upon termination of a pursuit. APD began tracking vehicle eludes as a part of this change. An elude is when an officer initiates a traffic stop with lights and siren and the vehicle does not comply. In 2022, there were 63 eludes, which means there were 75 total incidents when vehicles did not comply with officers' overhead lights and sirens, and officers continued to pursue in twelve (16%) incidents. In circumstances where the traffic stop was initiated due to a traffic violation, officers are not permitted to pursue.

In accordance with the Vehicle Pursuit Policy 280, every pursuit and elude is reviewed by the involved officer's sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and an EVOC (emergency vehicle operator course) instructor. The pursuit review contributes to the creation of safer strategies for employees and citizens. The pursuit review includes policy adherence, training needs, equipment status, and corrective action.

Vehicle pursuits pose a high risk for the community and the pursuing officers. It is the policy of the Albany Police Department to exercise good judgement and consider public safety in the decision to pursue, continue, or terminate vehicle pursuits and to use sound tactics during those pursuits to ensure safe resolution. The policy is consistent with law enforcement best practices across the United States.

## **Training**

Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) training was conducted for all sworn employees in November 2022. The training consisted of policy review, refresher training on defensive driving, drive time, parking scenarios, and spike strip deployment. This training is conducted at least once every two years. It is valuable to have the officers drive the patrol vehicles in a secure environment where they can learn and improve their driving techniques. Officers train in roadblocks and slalom courses as well.

## **Overall Summary of Data**

Due to the relatively low number of pursuits each year, small differences can indicate a large percentage change in the data. This is especially true with only twelve pursuits this year. Changes in the data, positive or negative, are not always an accurate indicator of a trend or a result of our actions.

The following statistics are important to note from our pursuit data:

- 92% of the pursuits were terminated within five miles.
- 92% of the pursuits were terminated within five minutes.
- 67% of the pursuits resulted in the suspect being arrested.
- 75% of the eludes were due to the suspect being related to a crime. (DUII, suspect of a crime, stolen vehicle, warrants, or having a suspended, revoked, or no license)

### Cause of Pursuit Initiation

There was not a significant trend for reasons of pursuit initiation. Traffic related incidents combined include traffic infraction, traffic crime, DUII, and stolen vehicle, all of which accounted for 67% of the pursuits in 2022.

Initiating Event	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Traffic Infraction	0	4	4	0%	33%	33%
Traffic Crime	1	2	1	33%	17%	8%
Other Agency Initiated	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Suspicious Incident	0	0	1	0%	0%	8%
DUII	0	2	2	0%	17%	17%
Stolen Vehicle	0	3	1	0%	25%	8%
Person Felony	0	0	1	0%	0%	8%
Other Non-Person Felony	1	0	2	33%	0%	17%
Misdemeanor Crime	1	1	0	33%	8%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Total Distance of Pursuits

In 2022, 92% of the pursuits were terminated within five miles. There is an increased opportunity for crashes, injuries, or property damage to occur the longer the pursuit is engaged.

Distance	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
1 Mile or Less	1	9	9	33%	75%	75%
1.1 - 5 Miles	1	2	2	33%	17%	17%
5.1 - 15 Miles	1	1	1	33%	8%	8%
15.1 Miles or More	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Total Duration (Time) of Pursuits

In 2022, 92% of the pursuits were terminated within five minutes. The longer the pursuit is engaged, the greater opportunity there is for an accident, injury, or property damage to occur.

<b>Pursuit Duration</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
1 Minute or Less	1	8	7	33%	67%	58%
1.1 - 5 Minutes	2	3	4	67%	25%	33%
5.1 - 10 Minutes	0	1	1	0%	8%	8%
10.1 - 15 Minutes	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
15.1 - 20 Minutes	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
20.1 Minutes or More	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Road Conditions During Pursuits

Road conditions are an important factor when determining whether to engage in a vehicle pursuit. Weather, traffic, and road conditions can substantially increase the danger of the pursuit, which can easily outweigh the worth of apprehending the suspect.

<b>Condition</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Dry	3	10	8	100%	83%	67%
Wet	0	2	4	0%	17%	33%
Snow	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Ice	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Fog	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Pursuit Top Speed

This section evaluates the top speed reported by the officer during the pursuit, which can be used to estimate the speed of the suspect vehicle. Speed continues to be a high-risk factor in the justification of terminating a pursuit.

Speed (mph)	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
0 - 45	0	3	5	0%	25%	42%
46 - 75	2	6	4	67%	50%	33%
76 - 100	0	2	3	0%	17%	25%
101 +	1	1	0	33%	8%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Pursuit Terminations

Termination of Pursuits	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
By Pursuing Officer	2	6	2	67%	50%	17%
By Supervisor	1	2	3	33%	17%	25%
By Collision	0	2	4	0%	17%	33%
Suspect Stopped/Pursuit Intervention	0	2	3	0%	17%	25%
Outside Agency	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Pursuit Collision Results

Collision Data	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Collision	0	2	4	0%	17%	33%
Non-Collision	3	10	8	100%	83%	67%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Outcome of Pursuits

In 2022, 67% of the pursuits resulted in the suspect being arrested. On February 1, 2021, the pursuit policy was reviewed and revised. The revision included strict policy regarding officers deactivating their overhead lights and siren, and immediately pull to the side of the road upon termination of a pursuit. This action is likely related to the reason suspects fled and no arrest was made.

Pursuit Outcome	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Arrested	1	4	8	33%	33%	67%
Suspect Fled on Foot (No Arrest)	0	0	1	0%	0%	8%
Suspect Fled in Vehicle (No Arrest)	2	8	2	67%	67%	17%
Fatality	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Hospitalized - Unable to Arrest	0	0	1	0%	0%	8%
Outside Agency Took Over	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Suspect Reason for Elude

Suspects elude police officers for various reasons. When the suspect successfully flees, it is usually unknown to the officer as to why the suspect eluded unless the vehicle was reported as stolen. In 2022, 75% of the eludes were due to the suspect being related to a crime through DUII, suspect of a crime, stolen vehicle, warrants, or having a suspended, revoked, or no license.

Suspect Reason for Elude	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
DUII	0	1	2	0%	8%	17%
Suspect of Crime	1	1	2	33%	8%	17%
Suspended, Revoked or No License	0	0	1	0%	0%	8%
Parole, Probation or Violation	1	0	0	33%	0%	0%
Stolen Vehicle	0	2	2	0%	17%	17%
Warrants	1	1	2	33%	8%	17%
Unknown	0	7	3	0%	58%	25%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>