



Greenbelt Police Department

2020 Pursuit Analysis



In accordance with Department policy and CALEA Standard 41.2.2, the Agency's Command Staff met to review all reported motor vehicle pursuits.

The pursuits were broken out by the day of the week and the time period in which they began in an effort to identify and track any possible trends. The following two tables show the dispersion of the pursuits by day and time.

Pursuits by day of the week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Pursuits by time of day:

0000-0300	0300-0600	0600-0900	0900-1500	1500-1800	1800-2100	2100-0000
1	0	0	0	0	0	0

It should be noted pursuits have remained the same over the last four years with one pursuit per year. In 2017 there was one for armed carjacking, in 2018 there was one for 1st Degree assault, in 2019 the only pursuit was for a Home Invasion Robbery and in 2020, the only pursuit was for Armed Carjacking.

In the only pursuit of the year the officer assisted an allied agency that was pursuing a carjacking suspect. Our agency's pursuit involvement started when the pursuit entered the City and was terminated by the Sergeant when additional allied agency units arrived. Agency personnel discontinued the pursuit at the Prince Georges County/Montgomery County Line.



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The below matrix depicts the originating officers involved in pursuits and the shift supervisors, as well as the pursuit distance, location of origin, and reason for the pursuit.

Date of Pursuit	Day of Week	Time of Pursuit	Primary Officer Involved	Supervising Officer	Distance (miles)	Reason	Location Pursuit Began
05/18/20	Mon	0144	Apgar	Apgar	8.6 miles	Armed Carjacking	Greenbelt at Mandan Road

Findings

After reviewing the Audio recordings and back-up officers Body Worn Camera footage, the Patrol Commander and the Chief of Police all found this pursuit to be within policy.

Analysis

It is difficult to analyze just one pursuit again this year. One hypothesis could be that the number of crimes that would allow for pursuits are at a historical low level. Another could be that the CALEA standard and Department policy governing pursuits is well known by the officers which results in a high degree of compliance.

Recommendations

The Pursuit Committee had no recommendations for any changes. They found the agency's policy, their reports and reporting procedures were solid. The changes to the policy were to bring the directive into compliance with CALEA 6th edition.