



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
POLICIES & PROCEDURES**



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**SUBJECT: VEHICULAR PURSUITS**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for making decisions with regard to vehicular pursuits.

**2.0 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to conduct vehicular pursuits in the safest manner possible. DPS recognizes that vehicular pursuits are a necessary component of the law enforcement function. Vehicular pursuits are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving. The safety of the public, officers, and fleeing suspect is of paramount importance. All employees involved should consider voluntary termination of a pursuit when the danger to citizens and officers outweighs the need to stop the fleeing suspect.

**3.0 APPLICABILITY**

This policy is applicable to all commissioned officers and communications specialists of the Department of Public Safety.

**4.0 REFERENCES**

- A. **DPS Policy - OPR: 05 Hollow Spike Belt, Stop Sticks, P.I.T. and Other Forcible Stops**
- B. **DPS Policy - ADM: 04 Internal Investigations**
- C. **§29-20-1 to §29-20-4, Law Enforcement Safe Pursuit Act, NMSA 1978**
- D. **§66-7-6, Authorized Emergency Vehicle, NMSA 1978**

**5.0 DEFINITIONS**

- A. **Aircraft Monitoring** – Observe and check the progress over a period of time, to keep under systematic review, and/or maintain regular surveillance with updates of a suspect vehicle involved in a pursuit with ground law enforcement motor vehicles.
- B. **Boxing-In** – The surrounding of a pursued vehicle with police units and/or privately owned vehicles, which are then slowed gradually to a stop. This technique shall not be used.
- C. **Certified Pursuit Vehicle (CPV)** – Vehicle designated by the manufacturer as a certified pursuit vehicle (CPV), and properly equipped for pursuit activities.
- D. **Channelization** – The deliberate directing of a vehicle onto another roadway or traveling surface by the use of stationary objects (pylons, barricades, vehicles), placed in its current path of travel. Channelization may also include situations requiring a vehicle to continue and maintain a particular direction of travel. In situations such as this, stationary objects are strategically placed, prohibiting the vehicle from changing

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direction of travel. This technique requires supervisory authority, unless the situation requires the officer to take immediate action to prevent injury.

- E. Commander** – Person in command of employees involved in the pursuit, typically the captain of the district.
- F. Containment** – A technique that may be used involving the use of department vehicles, hollow spike belt/stop sticks, or other department equipment to prevent a stopped vehicle from beginning or continuing to flee from law enforcement.
- G. Department Aircraft** – a department owned helicopter or fixed winged airplane. A department aircraft is **not** considered a motor vehicle.
- H. Immediate Threat** – For the purposes of this policy, an immediate threat is defined as a threat of death or great bodily harm requiring immediate action to stop the threat.
- I. Marked Patrol Vehicles** – A vehicle displaying a specialized New Mexico State Police, Motor Transportation Police Division, or Special Investigation Division registration license plate and is designated by the New Mexico State Police Chief as an authorized emergency vehicle. The vehicle shall be equipped with red flashing lights and a siren and may be one (1) solid color without decals or painted to the division's specified paint scheme with division identifying decals affixed on the exterior.
- J. Municipality** – As used in this policy, a "municipality" means the actual initiation of a pursuit or the movement of a pursued vehicle into or within an urban area, town, village, reservation, pueblo, or city. While the department does not specifically prohibit pursuing a vehicle within a municipality, special consideration shall be given to the inherent elevated risks upon entering or pursuing within any "municipality," congested, or populated area. Considerations shall include, but not be limited to, vehicular and pedestrian traffic, proximity to school zones, public events, proximity to residential areas and business districts, road design, as well as weather and road conditions.
- K. Non-Pursuit Vehicle (NPV)** – Vehicle not designated by the manufacturer as a certified pursuit vehicle and/or improperly equipped for pursuit activities.
- L. Primary Pursuit Officer** – Normally the initiating officer of the pursuit, unless relieved by another officer. They are in immediate field command of the pursuit, and are the leading unit in the pursuit. In the absence of a pursuit supervisor, or until relieved by one, they also have supervisory responsibilities pertaining to the pursuit.
- M. Pursuit** – An active attempt by a law enforcement officer in a motor vehicle to apprehend one (1) or more occupants of another moving motor vehicle. The driver of the fleeing vehicle is aware of the attempt and is actively resisting apprehension by ignoring the officer's attempt to stop the vehicle, and/or displaying driving behavior to indicate knowledge of the apprehension attempt.
- N. Pursuit Critique** – A constructive critique of the pursuit by employees involved, the supervisory chain, and the commander. This critique is mandatory after every pursuit where any property damage or physical injury occurs, and is conducted at the commander's discretion for all other pursuits. It is to be held within seven (7) days of the pursuit, unless the zone commander grants a waiver.
- O. Pursuit Intervention Technique (P.I.T.) Maneuver** – A technique used by an officer to forcibly stop a suspect vehicle by utilizing their patrol vehicle. The forced stop occurs when the pursuing officer makes contact with the side of a suspect's vehicle, causing the suspect's vehicle to rotate into a stopped position.

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- P. Blue Team Incident Entry** – An entry made in the department’s Blue Team Database containing the details of a pursuit and all attached supporting documentation, photographs, and audio/video recordings to be started by the Primary Pursuit Officer in DPS initiated pursuits and the Secondary Pursuit Officer when assisting other agencies with their pursuits. They are to be forwarded to the district commander as a complete “Pursuit Packet”. A Blue Team incident entry will be completed on all pursuits and a copy of all submitted materials retained in the district.
- Q. Pursuit Supervisor** – Commissioned officer, usually a sergeant, assigned as shift supervisor at the time a pursuit is initiated; may also be a patrolman who has been assigned as shift supervisor during a shift. The pursuit supervisor is generally the central authority during pursuits. The pursuit supervisor’s duties may fall on the primary pursuit officer until he/she is relieved of those duties.
- R. Reactive Control Model (RCM)** – A color coded chart illustrating the use of force continuum. It is a tool that guides an officer’s use of force actions in response to a subject’s behavioral and criminal activity cues.
- S. Roadblock Class "A"** – Approved driver’s license, registration check, DWI roadblock, or escaped fugitive checkpoint.
- T. Roadblock Class "B"** – A blockage of the road accomplished with material or equipment; i.e., lightweight road barricade devices, pylons, flares, stop sticks, hollow spike belt, etc., causing little or no damage to any vehicle striking it. Refer to *OPR: 05 Hollow Spike Belt, Stop Sticks, the P.I.T. Maneuver, and Other Forcible Stops* for additional information.
- U. Roadblock Class "C"** – A physical blockage of a roadway with material or equipment, which prohibits any avenue of escape upon the roadway. This is done for the purpose of stopping an individual posing an immediate threat of great bodily injury or death to officers, other motorists, or pedestrians. State owned equipment shall be used for this technique. Privately owned material or equipment may only be used as a last resort in an immediate emergency situation. A Class "C" Roadblock is considered deadly force and is not to be used unless the elements of deadly force are present; specifically, when immediate action is required to stop an individual posing an immediate threat of great bodily injury or death to officers, other motorists, or pedestrians. (Refer to RCM).
- V. Secondary Pursuit Officer** – Second or following unit in the pursuit; backs up primary pursuit officer, takes over communications once involved in the pursuit and provides updated information to dispatch.
- W. TACTICAL FLIGHT OFFICER (TFO)** – See OPR.49 State Police Aircraft Section.
- X. Unmarked Patrol Vehicle** – A vehicle displaying a standard State of New Mexico registration license plate and designated by the New Mexico State Police Chief as an authorized emergency vehicle. Vehicle shall be equipped with red flashing lights and a siren and shall not have any decals affixed to the exterior. This does **not** include department aircraft.
- Y. Vehicle-to-Vehicle Contact** – The intentional contact by a police unit with a fleeing vehicle for the purpose of stopping the vehicle. This technique is only to be used as a last resort, when the elements of deadly force are present; specifically, when immediate action is required to stop an individual posing an immediate threat of great bodily injury or death to officers, other motorists, or pedestrians (Refer to RCM).
- Z. Voluntary Termination** – Department terminology used to describe the primary pursuit officer’s decision to discontinue a pursuit or the order to discontinue a pursuit

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by a pursuit supervisor. The actions that an officer will take when conducting a voluntary termination are: emergency equipment on all pursuing units will be turned off and the units will either stop, resume posted driving speed and/or turn around.

### 6.0 PROCEDURE

- A.** An officer may initiate a high speed pursuit to apprehend a suspect who the officer has reasonable grounds to believe poses a clear and immediate threat of death or serious injury to others or who the officer has probable cause to believe poses a clear and immediate threat to the safety of others that is ongoing and that existed prior to the high speed pursuit. An officer shall also consider if to initiate a pursuit when, in the officer's opinion, an individual clearly exhibits intent to avoid arrest by using a motor vehicle to actively flee.
- B.** If the driver of a vehicle fails to stop as required, officers may continue to follow, until:
  - 1. Relieved by another officer.
  - 2. Aircraft takes over monitoring of the motor vehicle being pursued.
  - 3. The violator voluntarily stops.
  - 4. The violator is forcibly stopped.
  - 5. The pursuit is voluntarily terminated by the officer or pursuit supervisor.
  - 6. When the immediate danger to the officer and the public created by the high speed pursuit exceeds the immediate danger to the public if the occupants of the motor vehicle being pursued remain at large.
- C.** Unless approved by the pursuit supervisor, only two (2) pursuit units shall be utilized. This does not preclude officers not directly involved in the pursuit from positioning themselves at strategic locations along the anticipated route in order to be available, if necessary.
- D.** When pursuing a wrong-way driver, commissioned personnel are discouraged from driving their patrol vehicles the wrong way on any divided highway unless articulable circumstances make it necessary to do so (e.g. conducting vehicle-to-vehicle contact in order to stop pursuit). Otherwise, commissioned personnel should pursue in the correct lane of travel or median.
- E.** Department aircraft may monitor fleeing suspects and provide a detailed description of their driving behavior to ground supervisors and personnel. Department aircraft may assist ground units as a platform from which to monitor, observe, track, and illuminate people or places on the ground. Flight Crews may provide a perspective that cannot be achieved on the ground. They can communicate with ground units and provide information to direct them toward an intended position or away from a dangerous one.
- F. Primary Pursuit Officer**
  - 1. Shall consider the following factors, when making a decision to pursue a violator:
    - a. The seriousness of the offense for which the high speed pursuit was initiated.
    - b. Whether a suspect poses a clear and immediate threat of death or serious injury to others.
    - c. Road, weather, environmental, and vehicle conditions, to include but not limited to:

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- i. Population density in the area.
    - ii. Officer familiarity with the area.
  - d. The amount of motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
  - e. Knowledge of the suspect's identity, possible destination, and previous activities that may make apprehension at a later time feasible
  - f. Patrol vehicle capability.
  - g. If non-commissioned persons are passengers, or a person is in custody, in the patrol vehicle, a pursuit shall not be initiated or participated in.
2. Upon initiating a pursuit, shall engage emergency lights, siren, and video camera to include audio if equipped.
  - a. The operator of an unmarked unit, whether it is a CPV or NPV, may initiate a pursuit only when an officer has reasonable grounds to believe the offender presents a clear and immediate threat to the safety of other motorists or the public or if the offender committed, or is committing, a violent felony.
  - b. The operator of an unmarked unit may initiate a pursuit only if the unit is equipped with a siren and red flashing lights. The operator of an unmarked unit shall make an immediate request for a marked unit, preferably a CPV, to take over the pursuit. When a marked unit becomes available, the unmarked unit shall withdraw from the primary pursuit position and assume the position of a secondary pursuit unit. When a second marked unit engages in the pursuit, the unmarked unit will immediately withdraw, allowing the two (2) marked units to actively pursue.
  - c. Motorcycle units are strongly discouraged from initiating pursuits unless the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the offender presents a clear and immediate threat to the safety of other motorists or the public or if the offender committed, or is committing, a violent felony. The motorcycle operator, upon initiating a pursuit will immediately request a marked unit, preferably a CPV, to take over the pursuit. When a marked CPV unit becomes available the motorcycle unit shall withdraw from the primary pursuit position and assume the secondary position. When a second marked unit engages in the pursuit, the motorcycle unit will immediately withdraw, allowing the two (2) marked units to actively pursue. Due to the inherent dangers associated with motorcycle operations, motorcycle operators will exercise due diligence during pursuit operations.
  - d. Marked NPV units are discouraged from initiating pursuits; however, officers who initiate a pursuit with these vehicles shall use due care while in pursuit and shall relinquish primary pursuit responsibilities when a marked CPV unit becomes involved in the pursuit.
3. Upon initiating a pursuit:
  - a. Shall assume a pursuit supervisor's responsibilities until relieved of those duties.
  - b. Shall request that a supervisor be notified of the pursuit.
  - c. Shall provide the telecommunications specialist with the following pertinent information regarding the pursuit:

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- i. Reason for pursuit.
  - ii. Present location, direction, and speed of the pursuit.
  - iii. Description of pursued vehicle, including the license plate number, if known.
  - iv. Description and number of occupants.
  - v. Update the telecommunications specialist, as often as possible, as to direction, speed, location, dangerous activity by pursued driver, and any other factors that could be dangerous to the public or pursuit participants.
4. The use of firearms, vehicle-to-vehicle contact, the P.I.T. Maneuver (above 35 MPH), and Class "C" roadblocks during pursuits are authorized when the elements of deadly force are present. When an immediate action is required to stop an action posing an immediate threat of great bodily harm or death to officers, other motorists, or pedestrians, the officer shall determine the level of force required and if deadly force is objectively reasonable; refer to *OPR: 01 Use of Force* for further information.

### G. Telecommunications Specialist

1. Shall "clear the air" by notifying units of the pursuit and designating a channel for pursuit use. At the end of the pursuit, shall notify units to resume normal traffic.
2. Locate a back-up or secondary pursuit vehicle to join the pursuit.
3. Notify a supervisor and provide the initial pursuit information.
4. Alert police authorities in the apparent path of the pursuit.
5. Obtain file and registration checks.
6. Continually update the supervisor and officers as to the pursuit direction, speed, location, and dangerous circumstances involved in the pursuit by repeating back information received over the air on the pursuit channel.
7. Should a pursuit be terminated, the telecommunications specialist shall notify local law enforcement agencies by teletype or other means of communication informing them of pursuit termination. In instances of voluntary termination, they shall pass on detailed information relating to the pursuit, including pertinent vehicle information, route of travel, etc.

### H. Pursuit Supervisor

1. Assumes overall responsibility for controlling the pursuit tactics, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Requesting other departmental assistance.
  - b. Ordering other units to assist in the pursuit or discontinue the pursuit, as the situation dictates. Should the pursuit be terminated, ensure the telecommunications specialist has informed local law enforcement agencies.
  - c. Establishing roadblocks.
  - d. Deploying "controlled tire deflation devices" where applicable. (Refer to DPS Policy *OPR: 05 Hollow Spike Belt, Stop Sticks, the P.I.T. Maneuver, and Other Forcible Stops*).
  - e. Request aircraft as soon as possible.

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2. Order the termination of a pursuit if it is believed the continuation will be more dangerous to the public, officers, and/or the person being pursued than the necessity to capture the suspect. Items to analyze when considering terminating a pursuit include:
  - a. Duration of pursuit.
  - b. Entering into a municipality.
3. Shall ensure the pursuit is entered into the Blue Team database by the primary pursuit officer and includes all supporting documentation.
4. At the conclusion of a pursuit, for administrative purposes, the supervisor will attach any relevant documentation and all audio/video recordings to the Blue Team Entry, to include CAD logs, dispatch recordings, and offense incident reports.re

### I. Secondary Pursuit Officer

In pursuits initiated by DPS, the following actions shall be taken:

1. Notify telecommunications specialist of presence and involvement. Assist the Primary Unit in the apprehension of the fleeing vehicle, and should the Primary Unit experience equipment failure, the Secondary Unit may continue the pursuit.
2. Assume the primary communications role, and periodically update the telecommunications specialist with all pertinent information such as direction, speed, location, dangerous activity by pursued driver, and any other factors that could be dangerous to the public or pursuit participants.
3. When actively participating in a pursuit, shall engage emergency lights, siren, and video camera to include audio.

### J. Department Aircraft

1. If aircraft is utilized in a pursuit, the TFO/pilot will notify the respective communications center, upon positioning to follow the pursued vehicle. The pilot or crew may assist in any way possible. At no time will a department aircraft be a considered a pursuit vehicle. The role during any incident is to monitor and support ground operations.
2. Once Aircraft has responded and has a visual on the pursued vehicle, the Aircraft shall monitor and relay the progress of the vehicle to ground units. This will apply only to pursuits that fall within department policy.
  - a. All ground units involved in the pursuit will shut down emergency equipment and cease emergency driving activities and cease following the vehicle.
  - b. The supervisor will determine how many units are needed to track the vehicle based upon the information from the Aircraft.
  - c. With direction from the Aircraft, the supervisor will direct and control ground units in a manner that increasingly constricts the perimeter surrounding the vehicle to apprehend the offenders.
  - d. The Aircraft will monitor and broadcast the direction of travel of the offender.
  - e. The Aircraft will notify the supervisor in charge if units are still following the suspect vehicle. The police units following the vehicle will be identified by unit number/call sign, by Aircraft when possible.

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3. If an officer is attempting to stop a vehicle that he/she knows is involved in a criminal act, and the circumstances of the situation do not comply with this policy (not a pursuit), and Aircraft is available, the officer, with approval of a supervisor, may request Aircraft to monitor the vehicle in order for the officer to have an opportunity to apprehend the offenders. The officer should pull back a sufficient degree so that the officer is not a factor in the driving behavior of the offender.
  - a. Aircraft will broadcast specific direction of travel. Aircraft will notify original officer/supervisor of where the vehicle stops. The notified officer/supervisor will determine the appropriate response.
  - b. Officers will not follow the suspect.
4. The Aircraft will notify the supervisor in charge if units are still following the suspect. The police units following the vehicle will be identified by unit number/call sign, when possible.

### **K. Assists to Other Agencies.**

1. The department originating the pursuit will remain in control and be responsible for the outcome unless turned over to another department. An officer representing a particular agency requesting assistance in the vehicle pursuit will remain the Primary Pursuit Officer.
2. DPS personnel will refrain from assuming the role of Primary Pursuit Officer in pursuits originating from other agencies, unless specifically authorized by a supervisor.
3. Commissioned personnel assisting another agency in a pursuit shall terminate involvement in the pursuit if the other agency's actions are contrary to any part of this policy.
4. When actively participating in a pursuit, shall engage emergency lights, siren, and video camera to include audio.

### **L. Reporting Requirements**

1. At the conclusion of a pursuit, the supervisor will ensure the Blue Team pursuit entry is complete and all supporting documentation is attached. This is to include:
  - a. All police reports related to the pursuit.
  - b. Recording of all radio transmissions during the pursuit (if applicable).
  - c. Copies of all audio and visual recordings.
  - d. A summary of the incident and findings in the comments section of the Blue Team entry providing any and all relevant information concerning the pursuit and whether the supervisor was notified immediately or not.
  - e. Entry of the pursuit into the Blue Team database.
  - f. Entry of the any force used into the Blue Team database (if applicable).
2. The district commander is responsible for the submission of a complete Pursuit Packet through the chain of command within twenty-one (21) days of the pursuit.
3. The reporting requirements for a pursuit resulting in death or great bodily harm will require a pursuit packet as outlined above.



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- a. The Investigations Bureau will be responsible for coordinating the investigation as outlined in DPS policy *OPR: 29 Investigation of Use of Force Incidents Resulting in Death or Great Bodily Harm*.
  - b. All use of force incidents must be documented and submitted as outlined in DPS policy *OPR: 01 Use of Force*.
4. Reporting requirements for Primary Pursuit Officer
- a. Shall complete an offense/incident report.
  - b. Shall enter into Blue Team a Use of Force Report (if applicable).
  - c. Entry of the pursuit into the Blue Team database within three (3) days of the pursuit
  - e. This will serve as the initial Blue Team entry to be forwarded through the chain of command to the Office of the Chief.
5. Reporting requirements for Secondary Pursuit Officer
- a. The secondary pursuit officer shall complete a supplemental offense/incident report within three (3) days of the pursuit.
  - b. This will be incorporated into the Blue Team entry prepared by the Primary Pursuit Officer.
6. Reporting Requirements for Assists to Other Agencies
- a. When assisting in pursuits initiated by another law enforcement agency, officers will adhere to the Secondary Pursuit Officer procedures listed in this policy, but will take alternative reporting actions.
    - i. If the officer actively becomes involved in the other agencies pursuit, the following items shall be completed for the Pursuit Blue Team entry:
      - a. An offense/incident report detailing their involvement in the other agency's pursuit and entry of the pursuit into the Blue Team within three (3) days. The Blue Team entry will contain all information available to the Secondary Pursuit Officer. The name of the agency being assisted will be noted in the comments section.
      - b. All DPS audio, visual and dispatch recordings of the incident.
      - c. A summary of the findings in the comments section of the Blue Team pursuit entry by a supervisor.
      - d. Entry of any force used into the Blue Team database (if applicable).
    - ii. If the officer's only role is the deployment of the hollow spike belt or stop sticks they will not complete a Blue Team entry; however, the following items will be completed for the Pursuit Packet:
      - a. An offense/incident report detailing their involvement in the other agency's pursuit.
      - b. A diagram showing the location and set up of stop sticks.
      - c. All DPS audio, visual, and dispatch recordings of the incident.

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- d. A summary of the findings in the comments section of the Blue Team pursuit entry by a supervisor.

**NOTE:** This documentation will be completed whether the offender strikes the stop sticks or is able to avoid them. This does not include the deployment of hollow spike belts or stop sticks solely to prevent vehicles from leaving the immediate area. Refer to *OPR: 05 Hollow Spike Belt, Stop Sticks, the P.I.T. Maneuver, and Other Forcible Stops* for further information.

- iii. If the officer attempts to assist another agency with their pursuit, but never actively becomes involved (e.g. pursuit terminated prior to their involvement) then no reporting is necessary other than documentation on the CAD.
- b. The timeline for pursuit critiques and a Pursuit submission to zone commanders will remain the same as for DPS initiated pursuits.

### M. Pursuit Termination

1. All personnel shall terminate participation in a pursuit, even in the event damage to the vehicle has occurred as a results of our interaction (i.e. stop sticks, pit maneuver, traffic accident or other), when:
  - a. Ordered to do so by a supervisor.
  - b. The identity of the driver is known and there is no longer a need for immediate apprehension.
  - c. Weather and/or traffic conditions substantially increase the danger of pursuit beyond the worth of apprehending the suspect.
  - d. Visual contact with the suspect vehicle is lost and it is unlikely that contact will be immediately re-established.
  - e. The danger posed by continued pursuit to the public, the officers, or the suspect is greater than the value of apprehending the suspect.
  - f. The pursuit is entering a municipality and the only known offense is a misdemeanor or non-violent felony.
  - g. The actions of any commissioned officers, including other law enforcement agencies, participating in the pursuit are contrary to this policy.
2. When the decision to terminate a pursuit has been made, officers will deactivate all emergency equipment on all pursuing units and the units will either stop, resume posted driving speed and/or turn around. Officers will not continue to exceed to posted speed limits or violate any other traffic laws in an attempt to regain contact with the suspect vehicle.

### N. Investigations Bureau

1. The Investigations Bureau is responsible for the criminal investigation of all use of deadly force incidents involving departmental personnel and/or vehicles in which the application of deadly force has, or reasonably could have, resulted in a physical injury or death to any person, or as directed by the Chief of the New Mexico State Police. For further information refer to *OPR: 29 Investigation of Use of Force Incidents Resulting in Death or Great Bodily Harm*.
2. Evidence retained as a result of the investigation will be maintained in accordance with Investigations Bureau procedures. Therefore, evidentiary items, such as

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cassette tapes of all radio transmissions, audio and visual recordings, etc., will be collected and preserved by the agent assigned to the investigation.

### O. Commander

1. The commander of the Primary Pursuit Officer shall:
  - a. Review the Blue Team entry and all documents to ensure accuracy and compliance with departmental rules, regulations, policy and procedure.
  - b. Forward the Blue Team incident to the zone commander within twenty-one (21) days of the pursuit.
  - c. Conduct a pursuit critique, if necessary, within seven (7) days of the pursuit. The open critique session is intended as a constructive assessment of the pursuit emphasizing both the positive and negative aspects of the pursuit, for training purposes.
2. Pursuit Review
  - a. All pursuits will be reviewed by the supervisors in the chain of command for compliance with this policy. If possible misconduct is discovered, the supervisor will recommend that an inquiry be conducted by the Standards Bureau, or file an internal complaint in accordance with DPS Policy *ADM: 04 Internal Investigations*. The case will be handled in accordance with that policy.
  - b. The Standards Bureau will conduct the Final Review for compliance with this policy, along with any necessary statistical data collection.
  - c. The DPS Pursuit Review Committee shall conduct an annual review and analysis of all Law Enforcement Program vehicle pursuits. The committee chairperson will be responsible for completing an annual report, based on the committee's analysis. The analysis shall minimally focus on patterns or trends that could indicate training needs, equipment upgrades, or policy modifications. The completed analysis will be submitted to the Office of the Chief no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> following the year being evaluated.

### 7.0 ATTACHMENTS

NONE

### 8.0 APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: s/Mark R. Shea DATE: January 7, 2020  
DPS Cabinet Secretary