

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE  
OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER 9212

TO: All Sworn Personnel

SUBJECT: Vehicle Pursuits

EFFECTIVE DATE: 16 Dec 22

TERMINATION: Upon revision of Departmental General Order (DGO) J-04, *Pursuit Driving*; or at the direction of the Chief of Police

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**Scope and Purpose**

Vehicle pursuits involve significant risk. Finding that the current situation constitutes an emergency, the Chief of Police hereby orders the following requirements regarding vehicle pursuits, pursuit supervision, and pursuit investigations:

**Termination of Vehicle Pursuits Above Specified Speeds**

Vehicle pursuits shall be terminated<sup>1</sup> if the speed of the pursued or pursuing vehicles reaches or exceeds 50 miles per hour (mph) on *any roadway or off-road area that is not a controlled access freeway* (hereafter “city streets”) unless permission to exceed 50 mph is given by a watch commander or command officer.

Involved personnel may request, and watch commanders or command officers may provide, pre-approval for speeds in excess of 50 mph.

**Involved Personnel – Supervisors and Commanders**

Any supervisor or commander who authorizes or monitors a pursuit, or who provides permission to exceed 50 mph on city streets (hereafter “authorizing supervisors”), is considered “involved personnel.”

All authorizing supervisors shall complete a supplemental report following any pursuit. Authorizing supervisors shall include in their report an analysis of the risk factors they considered during the pursuit and an explanation of their decision to authorize or allow the pursuit to continue, or their decision to provide permission to exceed 50 mph on city streets.

**Pursuit Investigations – Reporting and Investigation Responsibilities**

Authorizing supervisors shall not report, investigate, or review pursuit reports for incidents in which they were involved.

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<sup>1</sup> Reference DGO J-04, IV, B, 2

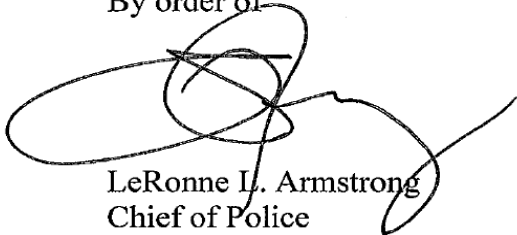
Level 2 and 3 pursuits shall be reviewed via the chain of command up through Captain. If an authorizing supervisor is a watch commander or a lieutenant, that commander shall not be a part of the review chain.

**Pursuit Investigations – Level 3 Pursuits**

Supervisors reporting Level 3 pursuits shall complete a pursuit report narrative which minimally includes the following:

1. A brief summary of the pursuit, including the events that led to engaging in the pursuit;
2. Documentation of any discrepancies in reports of involved personnel;
3. Analysis of relevant evidence including BWC video;
4. A determination as to whether the pursuit was in compliance with Departmental policy, based on the analysis of the facts revealed by the investigation; and
5. Documentation of any relevant training issues revealed by the investigation.

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LeRonne L. Armstrong  
Chief of Police