

## **ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTION – PURSUIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Omaha Police Department (OPD) to establish a Pursuit Review Committee (PRC) to review Vehicle Pursuit incidents and Vehicle Fled/Non-Pursuit incidents. If a Response to Resistance - Use of Force incident, Damage to Police Property, or Injury on Duty (IOD) occurs during a pursuit, the PRC will make a finding on those elements as well.

### **PROCEDURE:**

#### **I. Responsibility**

- A. The PRC will consist of the following:
  - 1. The Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) Deputy Chief, who will serve as Chairperson on a permanent basis.
  - 2. All UPB Precinct Captains.
  - 3. The Special Operations Section Captain.
  - 4. The UPB Administrative Assistant, a non-voting member, who will serve as Secretary for the Committee.
- B. The PRC will meet weekly, with the schedule set by the Chairperson, to review and make findings on Omaha Police Vehicle Pursuits and selected Vehicle Fled/Non-Pursuits.
  - 1. Vehicle Fled/Non-Pursuits will only be reviewed by the PRC if the Precinct/Section Captain has first reviewed them and found that possible violations have occurred.
- C. The Chairperson will be responsible for reviewing Vehicle Pursuit data monthly and will provide a report of Vehicle Pursuit activity to the Chief of Police on a quarterly basis.

#### **II. Review of Reports**

- A. The UPB Administrative Assistant will prepare report packets for each incident for members to review at scheduled meetings.
  - 1. The Precinct Captain where the incident occurred and/or the Section Captain who commands the primary officers involved in the incident will be responsible for presenting the incident to the Committee.
- B. The PRC will review all Vehicle Pursuit and selected Vehicle Fled/Non-Pursuit incidents.
  - 1. The Committee will review the reports and determine whether the incident under review was “within policy” or “not within policy.”
  - 2. Members will advise the Secretary for the Committee if there is disagreement with the review of other members.
  - 3. Vehicle Fled/Non-Pursuits that have been reviewed by the Precinct/Section Captain and have been found to have no violations will not be reviewed by the PRC.

#### **III. Discipline**

- A. The PRC will handle incidents in which an employee's actions were found not to conform to policy on a case-by-case basis.
  - 1. If counseling or a reprimand is warranted, the PRC's recommendation will be forwarded to the employee's Supervisor, who will be responsible for preparing the documentation per the Omaha Police Officers Association (OPOA) [Collective Bargaining Agreement](#) (CBA) and Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM).
  - 2. If a suspension is recommended, the case will be forward to the Internal Affairs Unit for continued investigation per the OPOA [CBA](#).
  - 3. The Committee members may take note of secondary policy or procedural violations and may make recommendations concerning the secondary violations.
  - 4. The Committee may find a particular action within policy, but may still order that the employee receive instruction on best practices.
- B. Attendance at the Vehicle Crash Aversion Training (VCAT) class will be determined by the PRC on a case-by-case basis. If approved by the Chief of Police, any employee deemed to have been negligent, at fault, or responsible in a vehicle crash may be required to participate in this class in accordance with the OPD "[Vehicle Crash Aversion Training \(VCAT\)](#)" policy.
  - 1. Officers may also be ordered to attend the "At What Cost?" course, which is a pursuit decision-making and evaluation training course.
- C. The PRC may require other remedial training as part of the case disposition. The employee's immediate command will be responsible for ensuring that the training is conducted and for providing documentation to the PRC upon completion of the training. Remedial training will generally be conducted on-shift if less than one full day of training is ordered.

## REFERENCES:

### I. Previous OPD Orders

- A. Previous General Orders: #10-12, 90-18, and 77-22.

### II. Accreditation Standards

- A. CALEA Accreditation standard 41.2.2 is relevant to this policy.

### III. Other

- A. PPM Monthly Updates: #12-2014 and 4-2021.