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POLICY

The use of Department issued tire deflating devices (Stop Sticks) to terminate pursuit will be governed by sound professional judgment and the procedures outlined in this order. Prior to utilizing the Stop Sticks, all officers must receive Department approved training. Extreme care should be exercised during deployment to reduce the possibility of personal injury and/or damage to uninvolved vehicles. All members' actions that are deemed reasonable in retrospect will be considered to be within policy and regulation even if the specific action and/or operation is not specifically addressed here.

PROCEDURE

1. Stop Sticks should not be used to stop the following vehicles unless continued movement of the suspect vehicle would result in an extreme hazard to others:
 - 1.1. Any vehicle transporting hazardous materials.
 - 1.2. Any passenger bus transporting passengers.
 - 1.3. Any school bus transporting pupils.
 - 1.4. Any vehicle that would pose an unusual hazard to innocent parties.
 - 1.5. Any vehicle, with less than four wheels, unless lethal force is justified.
2. Close coordination between the pursuing officer and the officer deploying the Stop Sticks is essential.
 - 2.1. Whenever possible, a supervisor's permission should be obtained prior to deployment. The decision to deploy must take into consideration the position and vulnerability of the public, private property, and other assisting units and equipment.
 - 2.2. When the decision is made to deploy the Stop Sticks, the pursuing officer will notify the officer deploying the Stop Sticks as far in advance as possible.
 - 2.3. The officer deploying the Stop Sticks should be in position at a predetermined location in sufficient time for proper deployment and, if possible, should advise all units when it is in place.
 - 2.3.1. Deployment locations should have reasonably good sight distances which enable the officer deploying the Stop Sticks to observe the pursuit and other traffic as it approaches.
 - 2.3.2. Stop Sticks shall not be used in locations where geographic configurations increase the risk of injury to the suspect, e.g., on roadways bounded by steep descending embankments, curves, or at any location where the safety of proceeding or opposing traffic cannot be assured.
 - 2.3.3. Patrol vehicles are not adequate cover for deploying Stop Sticks.
3. Stop Sticks will be deployed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Any officer authorized to deploy Stop Sticks must be properly trained before use. 'Pre-load' is the sole recommended method of deployment.

3.1. Deployment

- 3.1.1. At the time of deployment, use the red handles to remove the sleeved Stop Sticks from the mounting tray.
- 3.1.2. Unlock the cord reel. When all lanes of traffic are clear, use the red handles to throw the sleeved Stop Sticks to the opposite side of the road (grass, shoulder, median, etc.).
- 3.1.3. Communicate to the pursuing officers that Stop Sticks are in position.
- 3.1.4. Once the sleeve Stop Sticks are on the opposite side of the road, position yourself in a safe location for the impending deployment, while using your peripheral vision to monitor approaching traffic. While waiting for the target vehicle to arrive, reel in any slack with the cord reel. Keep the cord line flat on the road surface allowing non-target vehicles to drive over the dispensed cord, without interfering with the impending deployment of the sleeved Stop Sticks.
- 3.1.5. Lock the cord reel and hold it by the handle with both hands while awaiting the target vehicle. Never wrap the cord around your hand or any portion of your body.
- 3.1.6. As the target vehicle approaches, carefully step backward with the cord reel in hand, to pull the sleeved Stop Sticks into the path of the target vehicle. Before pulling the sleeved Stop Sticks into position, ensure there are no other vehicles between the target vehicle and the point of deployment.
- 3.1.7. After the sleeved Stop Sticks have been struck, remove them from the roadway by pulling the cord reel, with both hands, down and away from your body.
- 3.1.8. Inspect the immediate area for Stop Sticks debris that may pose a hazard and remove debris from the area.

3.2. Post Deployment

- 3.2.1. If Stop Sticks were struck by any vehicle: the device is no longer fully functional. The deploying officer shall turn the tire deflating device into his/her supervisor who will ensure it is inspected and replaced. An online "Pursuit Reporting Form" will be completed by the Traffic Supervisor.
- 3.2.2. If Stop Sticks were not struck by any vehicle: inspect the sleeved Stop Sticks for damage and if undamaged, return sleeved Stop Sticks to the tray for the next deployment situation.
- 3.2.3. The deploying officer and his supervisor shall complete a Use of Force report.

BY ORDER OF

CHIEF OF POLICE