

Ferndale Police Department
MEMORANDUM

Date: January 14, 2023
To: Lt. John VanderYacht
From: Sgt. Kevin Davis
Subject: 2022 Pursuit Review

I have reviewed all cases from 2022 that involved the pursuit of a vehicle that was attempting to elude a Police vehicle. All reports articulated reasonable explanations for the pursuits. I did not see any indication that Officers acted outside of policy or standard operating procedures.

There were two cases in 2022 that involved the pursuit of a vehicle that was attempting to elude a City of Ferndale Police vehicle. Per standard operating procedure, pursuit reports are flagged as "use of force" reports so that they can easily be queried. I also queried RCW 46.61.024 Attempting to elude a Police vehicle as a cross check. Finally, I searched reports between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022 with the words "pursuit", "elude" or "eluding" in the narratives.

Both pursuits in 2022 ended with the fleeing vehicle being spike stripped. After the vehicles came to a stop, in both cases, the driver fled on foot. In one, the driver was captured and in the other, the driver got away.

2023 Training recommendations:

All pursuits that the Ferndale Police Department were involved in in 2022 were looked over and were both found to be within policy.

I recommend that during our yearly EVOC training, we go over the current Washington State laws to remind everyone when we can and cannot pursue a vehicle.

2023 Policy revision recommendations:

I have no policy revision recommendations at this time.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Narratives for 22F3713

Attachment 2: Narratives for 22F11613