



**COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE**



## LESSON PLAN

### 2022 Multiagency PIR EVOC Fast Track Pursuit Skills Course (Portland International Raceway, Portland, OR)

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#### Course Overview:

In this training, we will practice pursuit driving. We will use department owned vehicles that each officer drives while on duty. A designated course has been designed to help improve pursuit skills and vehicle dynamics.

**Scenario:**

Officers dispatched to an assault call where the victim is shot and the suspect fled in a vehicle. Dispatch is able to get a description of the vehicle, license plate, and suspect. Dispatch is unable to obtain further information from the RP.

Officers arrive on scene to investigate the shooting. At the same time, the suspect vehicle swerves in front of you and the driver matches the description given to dispatch. The officer waits for a second unit or a third unit (depending on how many students) to arrive to initiate a traffic stop. Suspect flees when emergency lights are activated. The officer will give the reason for the pursuit over the air and the license plate.

Scenario #1: The pursuit will discontinue when the investigating officers on scene advise over the air when they know the identity of suspect, and the capture of the fleeing suspect can be done at a later time safely.

Scenario #2: The officer will terminate the pursuit when the suspect is not known, but the suspect shows a wanton disregard towards the public, and the officer displays good judgement to terminate the pursuit.

**Course Objective:**

To develop within the student the confidence to apply the learned pursuit skills, and vehicle dynamics during a simulated pursuit.

The student is to complete the Pursuit Course in a controlled manner, by applying all the techniques taught in the Precision Driving Program.

**Procedure:**

Instructor:

- Explains purpose of exercise and key factors of the exercise
- Demonstrates exercise at moderate speed (drive the course with no chase car) to familiarize the student with the track.

Student:

1. Demonstrates knowledge of agency pursuit policy.
2. Demonstrates knowledge of the police radio procedures.
3. Successfully completes the course with 100% techniques.

Improve and build upon their knowledge of when to engage in a pursuit and disengage a pursuit within policy, which will reduce liability for the student's agency.

1. Officers will drive their assigned patrol vehicle through the pre-determined course two separate times, as shown by the instructor.
2. Each officer must complete the course one time as the lead pursuing vehicle, then second as the backup officer calling out the pursuit. The third officer will assist, if a third student is present.

### **Background Information:**

As police officers we will be driving police cars for the majority of our shift/career. Yet, the majority of officers are rarely involved in pursuits. These incidents typically occur on city streets at moderate to high speeds. During a pursuit, the officers involved must regularly make lane changes or always be ready to make sudden lane changes to avoid a collision or obstructions. The officer must also remain calm to ensure good radio traffic.

When driving in neighborhoods we must be mindful of the traffic and our surroundings. Officers must know policy, and determine when to disengage a pursuit if it becomes too dangerous for public safety, or enough information obtained to capture the fleeing suspect at a later time safely.

### **Driving Course Elements:**

- Engage in pursuit within policy
- Evasive
- Brake and Steer
- Terminate the pursuit properly

(Course Diagram attached)

### **Summary/Review:**

Each officer will work to improve their pursuit driving skills while driving at moderate to high speeds. Officers will also learn how vehicle placement can set them up for success when entering and exiting corners.

Liability to the officer and their agency will be greatly reduced by practicing Pursuit driving skills.