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INTRODUCTION

HB1054 took effect July 25, 2021 restricting vehicle pursuits to specific crimes. Since then, there has been an increase in traffic stops where the offender refuses to comply increasing safety risk for those involved and offenses going unresolved.

PURPOSE

To provide the Department a means for evaluating the frequency and circumstances when a motorist is legally signaled to stop and chooses not to.

DEFINITIONS

1. Eluding - An attempt by a uniformed officer in a vehicle equipped with emergency lights and a siren to stop a moving vehicle. The operator appears aware that the officer is signaling them to stop. The operator is willfully resisting or ignoring the officer's attempt by increasing vehicle speed, making evasive maneuvers, or operating the vehicle in a reckless manner that endangers the safety of the community; *and the officer terminates further investigation because the originating offense does not meet statutory authority or Department policy (Chapter 9) to pursue.*
2. Pursuit - A motorist eludes a uniformed police officer and the decision to continue the pursuit is justified because there is probable cause to believe a person in the vehicle has committed or is committing crimes authorized by law, Department policy (Chapter 9) and other continuation criteria has been met.

ELUDING/PURSUIT REPORTING & REVIEW

Officers will document all Eluding and Pursuit offenses in an incident report making sure the nature states Eluding and using the E-Care Circumstance Code regardless if criminal charges are filed. Supervisors will review all eluding cases for performance, training, and policy compliance purposes. Division Commanders of the involved officer(s) will review all pursuits. Eluding data may be included in the annual Analysis of Vehicle Pursuits report.

Please contact myself or a Division Commander if you have questions.

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