




**MARYSVILLE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**  
Erik Scairpon, Chief of Police



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Chief Erik Scairpon  
**From:** Commander Adam Vermeulen   
**Date:** January 4, 2023  
**Reference:** 2022 Annual Review of Vehicle Pursuits

I completed a review of vehicle pursuits recorded by the Marysville Police Department in 2022. I reviewed each pursuit in IAPro to reveal any evident patterns or trends that would suggest a need for policy and/or training modification.

Marysville Police Officers documented 10 vehicle pursuits in 2022 as compared to 13 in 2021 and 23 in 2020. In July 2021, new State legislation went into effect that changed the rules of engagement for officers to initiate a vehicle pursuit. This explains the significant decrease in vehicle pursuits from 2020 to 2022.

Of those 10 vehicle pursuits, four were documented as assists to Snohomish County Sheriff's Office which was the initiating agency, and Marysville officers deployed tire deflation devices. These were documented as vehicle pursuits because it was required by the policy since tire deflation devices were deployed. On December 15, 2022, the policy was changed and the use of tire deflation devices (spike strips) became a less-lethal use of force and will be documented as such going forward.

Overall, Marysville Police Officers initiated six vehicle pursuits in 2022. Of those six, five (83.33%) were initiated for reasonable suspicion of DUI, and one (16.66%) was initiated for a felony person crime. All were found to be within policy and State law.

The supervisor terminated two of the six pursuits (33%) and in the other four (66%), the suspect driver was captured.

A review of the time of day when the pursuits occurred showed 40% occurred between 0001 – 0600 hours followed by 30% that occurred between 1201 – 1800 hours and 30% that occurred between 1801 – 2400 hours. No pursuits occurred between 0601 – 1200 hours.

None of the pursuits ended with a documented injury to a citizen or officer.

**Conclusion:**

1. MPD officers and supervisors followed policy and Washington State Law for when to initiate a pursuit.
2. 83.3% (five of six) of the vehicle pursuits in 2022 were for reasonable suspicion of DUI.
3. The significant decrease in vehicle pursuits in 2022 from 2020 can be directly linked to the change in legislation related to pursuits.
4. No patterns or trends that would suggest a need for policy and/or training modification were revealed. However, continued training is always recommended.