

MEMORANDUM

Police Department



City of Bothell™

DATE: May 13, 2022

TO: Ken Seuberlich, Chief of Police
Clint Beck, Deputy Chief
Bryan Keller, Captain

FROM: Dave Nelson, Sergeant

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Pursuit Audit (January through December)

Per Policy BPD – 0212, the Risk Management Division is responsible for reviewing all pursuit review forms as well as the associated pursuit review summaries for analysis at the end of each year. For 2021 there were four Vehicular Pursuit Review forms submitted by officers/supervisors. The pursuits were documented in the following case report:

1. 21-18654 – Pursuit of a burglary 2nd degree. The pursuit was discontinued at the direction of the on-duty supervisor.

Findings: This pursuit was out of policy. The commander review determined the pursuit was out of policy at initiation. The officer did not notify communications when the pursuit was initiated, making it necessary for the sergeant to assess and determine the officer was in pursuit. The suspect was “spiked” by Lake Forest Park Police, but continued. The supervisor terminated the pursuit. The review recommended both the supervisor and officer for remedial training. I confirmed with the training sergeant remedial training was conducted with both the officer and the supervisor.

2. 21-22144 – Pursuit of a suspected DUI. The pursuit concluded when the suspect’s vehicle developed mechanical issues and stopped. The suspect was subsequently arrested.

Findings: This pursuit was within policy.

3. 21-22334 – Pursuit of a suspected DUI. The pursuit was discontinued at the direction of the on-duty supervisor.

Findings: This pursuit was within policy.

4. 21-23047 – Pursuit of a suspected DUI. This pursuit was discontinued by the pursuing officer when he determined the risk to the public was too significant.

Findings: This pursuit was within policy.

Finally, I reviewed all 2021 cases (19 in total) with the incident type Eluding. The review of those incidents did not reveal any additional pursuits. Except where noted, officers and supervisors followed policy and exercised good judgement. No trends or training issues have been identified.