



Vehicle Pursuits – Annual Report

Year Ending 2022

Each January, the Deputy Chief shall review vehicle pursuits and submit an overview. This report is the overview of the department's effort and compliance within department policy.

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Introduction

The 2022 Monroe Police Department Pursuit Analysis uses data from the past three years to compare trends. In 2022, Monroe Police Department officers were involved in one vehicle pursuit. Information in this analysis reviews and compares the pursuits from the current year to the two previous years.

The following is a brief description of the pursuit:

February 17, 2022 – Monroe PD was dispatched to assist the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) with a residential burglary. Call details indicated that the suspect tried to hit the reporting party with a vehicle and took guns. The suspects fled the scene prior to the officers arriving. Probable cause was developed for residential burglary. A short time later the suspect vehicle crashed on SR 2 and one of the suspects was located and taken into custody. The remaining suspect fled the scene in a stolen vehicle. The pursuit began when the officer located the stolen vehicle in Monroe traveling westbound on SR 2. The pursuit lasted approximately 3 minutes and was terminated per the SCSO on-duty supervisor. Shortly after terminating the pursuit the driver was involved in a single-vehicle collision. The suspect bailed out of the stolen vehicle fleeing on foot and was taken into custody without incident. The pursuit was found to be outside of policy as probable cause was not established for a crime justifying a pursuit, even though initial call details indicated it was an applicable crime. Remedial training occurred.

Policy Review

The Vehicle Pursuit Policy 307 was updated on December 8, 2021, to reflect a referenced law that was codified. The previous and updated Policy was reviewed by Deputy Chief Irving. No discrepancies were found in the policy relating to our procedures. No changes were recommended at the time of this report. The pursuit reporting procedures outlined in section 307.12 were reviewed and remain accurate.

Vehicle pursuits pose a high risk for the community and the pursuing officers. It is the policy of the Monroe Police Department to exercise good judgment and consider public safety in the decision to pursue, continue, or terminate vehicle pursuits and to use sound tactics during those pursuits to ensure safe resolution.

Training

With pursuit policy updates occurring in July and December of 2021, all sworn employees were required to review and acknowledge the updated policies.



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Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) training was conducted for sworn employees in 2022. This training is conducted every year and is valuable as officers are required to apply policy and law to emergency vehicle driving scenarios in a secure environment. During this training they learn and improve their application of policy and safe driving techniques.

Overall Summary of Data

The following statistics are important to note from our 2022 pursuit data:

- The pursuit was initiated under dry road conditions.
- One pursuit ended in collisions in 2022.
- The pursuit was terminated within five minutes.
- The pursuit resulted in apprehension and arrest of the suspect.

Cause of Pursuit Initiation

Initiating Event	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Traffic Infraction	2	1	0	66.67%	16.67%	0%
Other Agency Initiated	1	2	0	33.33%	33.33%	0%
Felony Warrant Traffic Stop	0	2	0	0%	33.33%	0%
Stolen Vehicle	0	1	1	0%	16.67%	100%
Total Pursuits	3	6	1	100%	100%	100%

Total Duration (Time) of Pursuits

The pursuit in 2022 was terminated within five minutes. The longer the pursuit is engaged, the more opportunity there is for an accident, injury, or property damage to occur.

Pursuit Duration	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
1 Minute or Less	2	4	0	66.67%	66.67%	0%
2 – 5 Minutes	1	2	1	33.33%	33.33%	100%
6 – 10 Minutes	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Total Pursuits	3	6	1	100%	100%	100%

Road Conditions During Pursuits

Road conditions are an important factor when determining whether to engage in a vehicle pursuit. Weather, traffic, and road conditions can substantially increase the danger of the pursuit, which can easily outweigh the worth of apprehending the



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suspect. The pursuit in 2022 was initiated under dry road conditions, which is consistent with the two previous years.

Road Conditions	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Dry	3	4	1	100%	66.67%	100%
Wet	0	2	0	0%	33.33%	0%
Snow	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Ice	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Fog	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Total Pursuits	3	6	1	100%	100%	100%

Pursuit Terminations

In 2022, the pursuit was terminated per the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office on-duty supervisor.

Termination of Pursuits	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
By Pursuing Officer	0	4	0	0%	66.67%	0%
By Supervisor	0	0	1	0%	0%	100%
By Collision	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Suspect Stopped/Pursuit Intervention	2	1	0	66.67%	16.67%	0%
Outside Agency	1	1	0	33.33%	16.66%	0%
Total Pursuits	3	6	1	100%	100%	100%

Outcome of Pursuits

The pursuit resulted in an arrest.

Pursuit Outcome	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Arrested	3	3	1	100%	50%	100%
Suspect Fled on Foot (No Arrest)	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Suspect Fled in Vehicle (No Arrest)	0	1	0	0%	16.67%	0%
Fatality	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Hospitalized – Unable to Arrest	0	1	0	0%	16.67%	0%
Outside Agency Took Over	0	1	0	0%	16.66%	0%
Total Pursuits	3	6	1	100%	100%	100%

Pursuit Collision Results



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The pursuit resulted in a single-vehicle collision which occurred after the pursuit had been terminated by the on-duty supervisor.

Collision Data	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Non-Collision	3	4	0	100%	66.67%	0%
Collision	0	2	1	0%	33.33%	100%
Total Pursuits	3	6	1	100%	100%	100%