

MEMORANDUM
Police Department



City of Bothell™

DATE: July 7, 2021

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

FROM: Dave Nelson, Sergeant *DN*

SUBJECT: 2020 Annual Pursuit Audit (January through December)

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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 2020 there was one Vehicular Pursuit Review forms submitted by officers/supervisors. That pursuit was documented in the following case report:

1. 20-24237 – Pursuit of a stolen vehicle. This 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 supervisor terminated the pursuit “at his earliest opportunity.” The officer was recommended for remedial training and a copy of the review was placed in his performance file.

Additionally, the following cases were subject to a commander case review:

1. 20-8682 – Officer attempts to stop a suspended driver. The on-duty supervisor instructs the officer to discontinue prior to initiation of a pursuit.

Findings: The commander’s case review determined this incident was not a pursuit according to our policy and definition.

2. 20-9606 – Officer attempts to stop driver registration violation. The suspect vehicle failed to yield but was not attempting to elude officers.

Findings: The commander’s case review determined this incident was not a pursuit according to our policy and definition.

Finally, I reviewed all 2020 cases 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.