

# MEMORANDUM

## Police Department



City of Bothell™

**DATE:** February 13, 2023

**TO:** Ken Seuberlich, Chief of Police  
Susy Johnson, Deputy Chief  
Bryan Keller, Captain

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**FROM:** Dave Nelson, Sergeant

**SUBJECT:** 2022 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 2022 there were five Vehicular Pursuit Review forms submitted by officers/supervisors. The pursuits were documented in the following case report:

1. 22-903 – Pursuit of a robbery (carjacking) suspect. Officer terminated the pursuit.

**Findings:** This pursuit was within policy.

2. 22-2635 – Pursuit of a suspected DUI. The pursuit was terminated by the on-duty supervisor.

**Findings:** This pursuit was within policy.

3. 22-4135 – Pursuit of a suspected DUI. The pursuit was terminated by the on-duty supervisor.

**Findings:** This pursuit was within policy.

4. 22-11997 – Pursuit of a possible robbery suspect. Officer was waved down and informed by a subject who pointed out a vehicle and told him it had been involved in a robbery. That information was obtained shortly after the officer learned the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office was investigating a possibly robbery and the officer believed he had probable cause for robbery. After a short pursuit it was terminated by the on-duty supervisor.

**Findings:** Pursuit was outside of policy. Commander Review recommended the primary and secondary officers receive remedial Pursuit Policy training as well as a review of Probable Cause vs. Reasonable Suspicion. Memo has been forwarded to Training Division.

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5. 22-12246 – Pursuit of a suspected assault on an officer. Officer believed suspect attempted to assault him by steering his motorcycle at him despite other possible escape routes. Pursuit was authorized by the on-duty supervisor. Pursuit was later terminated by the on-duty supervisor.

**Findings:** Pursuit was within policy with a training issue identified. Commander Review recommended involved officer “receive remedial training relative to notifying the Communications Center of the pursuit, and waiting for authorization prior to engaging in pursuit.” Memo has been forwarded to Training Division.

Finally, I reviewed all 2022 cases (26 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.