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MASON COUNTY SHERIFF



To: Chief Spurling
From: Cpl. M.A. Sargent #1334
Date: 1-19-22
RE: 2021 Pursuit Review

The following is a breakdown and summation of vehicle pursuits conducted by the Mason County Sheriff's Office between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

There was a total of 25 incidents reviewed and ultimately labeled as pursuits/elude incidents.

- 68% of pursuits occurred during typical hours of darkness (1800-0600 hours)
- 60 % of pursuits occurred in the 1st and 4th quarter of the year
- 64 % of pursuits ended in an arrest
- 12 % of the incidents did not have a report written

- 20 % of incidents had a collision involved
- 16% of the incidents ended with some sort of equipment damaged
- 28 % of the incidents had property damage
- 36 % of the incidents had a pursuit intervention involved
- 28 % of the incidents had a K9 deployment
- 16 % of the incidents had a Use of Force

- 2 Incidents led to a Deputy Injury
- 2 incidents led to suspects with an injury

14 different Deputy's initiated these incidents

- 60% of the incidents were not documented on the supervisor log
- 12 % of the incidents did not have an ELUD code on the Spillman incident report

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This is a compilation of separate reports due to continued coding/reporting errors in Spillman and the supervisor elude log.

Reports used and are attached; 2021 Supervisor Pursuit log,
Spillman report rplwizr.x4 w/nature code "28A Eluding",
Spillman report rplwizr.x4 w/circumstance code "ELUD".

Items of note are:

Arrests again increased to 64% from 50% in 2020

60% of pursuits were not documented by Supervisors in the pursuit log.

The other categories have no significant statistical change.

Pursuit laws changed in July 2021 that prohibit most pursuits by law enforcement agencies. RCW 10.116.060

Items to address:

Better reporting by supervisors in supervisor log. For at least the 3rd year in a row this has been a documented issue.

Review on 2021 law changes will occur again in 2022.