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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Review of Pursuits by the Lake Forest Park Police Department

Review of 2021

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2021 Lake Forest Park Police Overview

2021 Pursuits:	2
2021 Traffic Stops:	1837
2021 Arrests:	146

2021 Injury, Damage, and Collision Overview

Pursuits resulting in an injury	0
Pursuits resulting in property damage	2
Pursuits resulting in a collision	0

Review of Incidents

There were two pursuits by Lake Forest Park Officers in 2021

Pursuit #1 occurred on 07/06/2021 at approximately 1706 hours. The involved officer was investigating a suspicious vehicle that ultimately returned as a stolen vehicle. As the officer approached the vehicle its engine turned on, revved, and rapidly shifted into drive. The vehicle accelerated forward, directly towards the involved officer who was barely able to get out of the way prior to being struck. (An attempted Assault 1st degree) The vehicle then struck another parked vehicle and fled. After a short pursuit the vehicle stopped and the driver attempted to flee, when he saw the involved officer behind him, he again fled in his vehicle. The pursuing officer lost sight of the vehicle which crashed into the yard of a residence a short time later. A K9 track was unsuccessful. There were no injuries to the officer and unknown injuries to the driver. The pursuit was determined to be within policy and current legislation.

Pursuit #2 occurred on 11/09/2021 at 1913 hours. The involved officer and Sergeant responded to a subject passed out behind the wheel of a running vehicle parked at the mall. When contacted the subject was slumped over, apparently unconscious. Officers opened the vehicle door to check the subject welfare and immediately detected the odor of intoxicants and observed drug paraphernalia in plain view. Officers woke the subject who immediately turned the vehicle back on, ignoring officers commands. The subject then backed up, striking a patrol vehicle, pulled forward onto the sidewalk, then backed up again, striking two parked vehicles before speeding out of the parking lot. Officers pursued the vehicle on reasonable suspicion of DUI. A short time later the suspect crashed into a creek and was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect complained of rib pain and was transported to Evergreen hospital by AMR. No other involved subjects or officers were injured. The pursuit was determined to be within policy and current legislation.

Pursuits by officer

The Lake Forest Park Police Department employed 21 commissioned officers during 2021 that included the Chief of Police, two detectives and two Lieutenants. Also employed by the department was one specially commissioned Police Support Officer.

One pursuit involved one officer, and one pursuit involved one Sergeant and one officer.

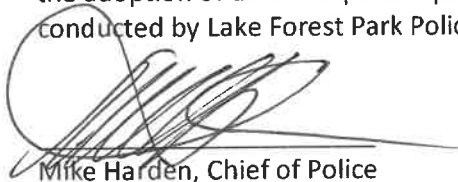
Change from previous year.

There were two pursuits in 2020 and two pursuits in 2021

Conclusion

Pursuit monitoring is a critical function that provides opportunities to evaluate specific personnel in various situations and determines whether training and policy compliance standards have been met. In addition, it permits analysis of data to identify trends that may or may not be indicative of the need for training intervention. Pursuit monitoring allows an assessment of the appropriateness of officer actions.

Given the information and analysis in this report, pursuits by Lake Forest Park Police Officers are very rare, Since the adoption of a limited pursuit policy, pursuits are almost non-existent in this jurisdiction. Both pursuits conducted by Lake Forest Park Police Officers were found to be within policy.


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