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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Review of Pursuits by the Lake Forest Park Police Department

Review of 2023

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Mike Harden:	Chief of Police
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2023 Lake Forest Park Police Overview

2023 Pursuits: 2
 2023 Traffic Stops: 2593
 2023 Arrests: 201

2020 Injury, Damage, and Collision Overview

Pursuits resulting in an injury	1
Pursuits resulting in property damage	2
Pursuits resulting in a collision	2

Review of Incidents

There were two pursuits by Lake Forest Park Officers in 2023

Pursuit # 1

04/26/23 at approximately 0255 hours. Around this time, the involved Sgt. was given information via dispatch reference multiple armed robberies involving a grey SUV. One of the robberies involved shots being fired during its commission by three male subjects who were all reported to be armed. A short time later Bothell PD observed the vehicle in its jurisdiction and quickly became involved in a pursuit with it. The pursuit headed towards LFP, the involved Sgt. entered the pursuit as it passed by NE 175th and Ballinger Way NE.

During this pursuit shots were fired from the suspect vehicle at the Bothell PD units. The suspect vehicle crashed just outside of LFP, in Shoreline. The involved Sergeant provided tactical assistance to the Bothell units until additional resources arrived, then stayed on scene providing cover for a K9 track.

Pursuit # 2

04/28/23 at approximately 0154 hours. Around this time the two involved Sergeants were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle at the LFP Arco. The caller reported a vehicle was parked at the pumps with its engine running. Both Sergeants arrived, locating a driver passed out behind the wheel with obvious signs he was likely intoxicated due to drug usage. Due to the high likelihood the driver may flee, tire deflation devices were deployed. One involved Sergeant woke the driver, who immediately put the vehicle in drive and fled. Two of the vehicles' tires were punctured by the devices. Both Sergeants pursued the vehicle until it crashed. The driver fled on foot and was later taken into custody after being located by a King County K9 unit.

Pursuits by officer

The Lake Forest Park Police Department employed 19 commissioned officers during 2023 that included the Chief of Police, one detective and two Lieutenants. Also employed by the department was one specially commissioned Police Support Officer.

The two pursuits involved two Sergeants.


Change from previous year.

There were 6 pursuits in 2022 and 2 pursuits in 2023

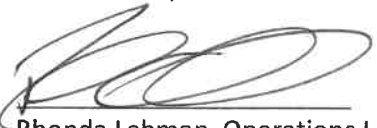
Conclusion

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.


 Mike Harden, Chief of Police

2-22-24
 Date


 Rhonda Lehman, Operations Lieutenant

3/19/24
 Date


 Diego Zanella, Administrative Lieutenant

3/14/2024
 Date

