

Ferndale Police Department
MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2024

To: Lt. T. Card

From: Sgt. M. Healey

Subject: 2023 Pursuit Review

I have reviewed all cases regarding possible pursuits or eluding cases from 01-01-2023 to 12-31-2023 for the Ferndale Police Department. I have also queried any reports that are flagged as "use of force", which also resulted in no applicable cases. Finally I have searched for the words "pursuit", "elude" and "eluding" in narratives.

One pursuit occurred within the City of Ferndale in 2023.

23F08140: In this case an officer as well as myself contacted a driver who was extremely intoxicated. The driver had already crashed their vehicle and then began to flee. The driver had extremely erratic driving that was endangering the public. Due to the danger to the public, the reasonable suspicion for DUI, and the fact that I as the supervisor monitored and approved the pursuit, of the listed vehicle, this case does qualify as a pursuit. However, based on meeting all state law criteria for that pursuit, this case can be seen as justified.

At this time all cases for the 2023 year are within both policy and Washington State law.

2024 Training Recommendations:

Based on the fact that all cases are within policy, training is at an adequate level. The department has selected a new EVOC instructor (Officer Litovchenko), who will receive updated EVOC training this year to further keep the department at a high level of training.

2024 Equipment Recommendations:

Due to vehicle constraints, I recommend that future EVOC training courses be done with spare vehicles to reduce vehicle maintenance.

2024 Policy Revision Recommendations:

I have no policy revision recommendations.

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