

Bellingham

POLICE

BELLINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Chief Almer
FROM: Lieutenant A. Fountain
SUBJECT: 2021 Pursuit data
DATE: January 6, 2022

The Pursuit review for 2021 has been completed and the collected data is attached for your review. It should be noted that the law regarding pursuits changed halfway through 2021 (July 2021). Some of the data points represented occurred prior to the legal standard being changed.

The review indicated that any policy, equipment, or training issues that arose during 2021 were promptly examined and handled; officer discipline resulting from any incidents in 2021 consisted of remedial training and "coach/counseling."

At the bottom of this memorandum is a signature line for Chief Simon, and upon her acknowledgement, this report will be added to the Bellingham Police Accreditation File (WASPC Standard 4.3) to show our agency's proof of compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant A. Fountain

The 2021 Bellingham Police Pursuit data has been reviewed and accepted.

Accepted by me this 10th day of January 2022.



Chief of Police

Profile of Vehicle Pursuit Incidents received between Jan 01, 2021 and Dec 31, 2021

Total number of vehicle pursuit incidents: 23

Total number of employees involved: 48

Reason initiated:

	Count	Percent of total
Felony - Person Crime	6	26%
Felony - Property crime	1	4%
Misdemeanor - Person crime	1	4%
Traffic - Criminal	14	61%
Warrant	1	4%
Total	23	

Time of day:

	Count	Percent of total
0001-0200	7	30%
0201-0400	3	13%
0401-0600	1	4%
1201-1400	1	4%
1401-1600	2	9%
1601-1800	1	4%
1801-2000	3	13%
2001-2200	1	4%
2201-2400	4	17%
Total	23	

Initial violation:

	Count	Percent of total
Felony - Person crime	6	26%
Felony - Property crime	1	4%
Misdemeanor - Person crime	1	4%
Traffic - Criminal	12	52%

Traffic : Infraction	2	9%
Warrant	1	4%
Total	23	

Weather condition:

	Count	Percent of total
Clear/Overcast/Cloudy	20	87%
Rain	3	13%
Total	23	

Pursuit distance:

	Count	Percent of total
1 to 2 miles	3	13%
2.1 to 5 miles	5	22%
5.1 to 10 miles	4	17%
Beyond 10 miles	5	22%
Less than 1 mile	6	26%
Total	23	

Type of vehicle pursued:

	Count	Percent of total
Automobile	22	96%
Truck	1	4%
Total	23	

Pursuit beginning location:

	Count	Percent of total
Arterial street	12	52%
Interstate	5	22%
Parking lot	2	9%
Primary City Street	1	4%

Residential Street	3	13%
Total	23	

Pursuit ending location:

	Count	Percent of total
Arterial street	10	43%
Highway	2	9%
Interstate	5	22%
Parking lot	2	9%
Primary City Street	1	4%
Private property	1	4%
Residential Street	2	9%
Total	23	

Agency initiating pursuit:

	Count	Percent of total
Bellingham Police Department	18	78%
Outside agency	5	22%
Total	23	

Agency ending pursuit:

	Count	Percent of total
Bellingham Police Department	18	78%
Outside agency	5	22%
Total	23	

Event that concluded the pursuit:

	Count	Percent of total
Handed over to another agency	1	4%
Stop device was used sucessfully	1	4%
Supervisor Terminated	5	22%

Suspect stopped vehicle	3	13%
Suspect vehicle crashed	5	22%
Suspect vehicle eluded pursuit	8	35%
Total	23	

Driving under the influence factors:

	Count	Percent of total
[No Entry]	3	13%
Alcohol	2	9%
Alcohol and drugs	5	22%
Drugs	2	9%
None detected	11	48%
Total	23	

In-car camera available:

	Count	Percent of total
No	23	100%
Total	23	

In-car camera used:

	Count	Percent of total
No	23	100%
Total	23	

The pursuit was aborted:

	Count	Percent of total
No	9	39%
Yes	14	61%
Total	23	

An accident occurred during the pursuit:

	Count	Percent of total
No	18	78%
Yes	5	22%
Total	23	

Driver being pursued was arrested for DUI:

	Count	Percent of total
No	16	70%
Yes	7	30%
Total	23	

Aerial vehicle was available to assist:

	Count	Percent of total
No	23	100%
Total	23	

Aerial vehicle was used to assist:

	Count	Percent of total
No	23	100%
Total	23	

Stop device was used:

	Count	Percent of total
No	19	83%
Yes	4	17%
Total	23	

Type of stop device that was used:

Count	Percent of total
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[No Entry]	19	83%
Stop sticks	4	17%
Total	23	

Liability claim filed:

	Count	Percent of total
No	23	100%
Total	23	

Pursuit justified:

	Count	Percent of total
No	2	9%
Yes	21	91%
Total	23	

Pursuit within policy:

	Count	Percent of total
No	2	9%
Yes	21	91%
Total	23	

Citizen injury tally:

	Count	Percent of total
EMS Evaluation	2	15%
No injuries noted or visible	11	85%
Total	13	

Employee injury tally:

	Count	Percent of total
No injuries noted or visible	33	100%

Total,**33**

Report date range criteria: Received between Jan 01, 2021 and Dec 31, 2021

Report name: Vehicle pursuit stats (Improved in 5.6)

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