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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Review of Pursuits by the Lake Forest Park Police Department

Review of 2020

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2020 Lake Forest Park Police Overview

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| 2020 Pursuits: | 2 |
| 2020 Traffic Stops: | 2147 |
| 2020 Arrests: | 216 |

2020 Injury, Damage, and Collision Overview

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| Pursuits resulting in an injury | 1 |
| Pursuits resulting in property damage | 0 |
| Pursuits resulting in a collision | 1 |

Review of Incidents

There were two pursuits by Lake Forest Park Officers in 2020

Pursuit #1 occurred on January 8th at approximately 1944 hours. The involved officer observed a vehicle driving recklessly, running red lights, passing vehicles by crossing a double yellow and traveling in the oncoming lane and speeding. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle by activating the emergency lights and siren on his fully marked patrol vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued at a high rate of speed, weaving in and out of traffic, failing to yield to the officer's emergency lights. The officer continued to pursue the vehicle when it collided head on with a vehicle traveling in the opposite lane of travel. The vehicle then fled that collision then collided with three more vehicles approximately one block from the original collision. The suspect then attempted to exit the vehicle through the rear door when he was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect admitted to fleeing due to a warrant for his arrest. The driver was ultimately transported to the hospital by aid for a complaint of back pain. He left the hospital prior to officers arriving. No other involved subjects or officers were injured.

Pursuit # 2 occurred on July 27th at approximately 0139 hours. The involved Sergeant observed a vehicle at Arco gas station that matched the description of a recently stolen vehicle out of Shoreline approximately 30 minutes prior. The Sergeant observed the license plate was completely obscured. As he pulled in behind the vehicle it exited onto Bothell Way, turned off its headlights and rapidly accelerated. The Sergeant activated his emergency lights and sirens on his fully marked patrol vehicle. The vehicle failed to stop, speeding, and weaving in and out of its lane. The vehicle then pulled into an apartment complex where the driver fled on foot. Four passengers were detained without incident. The pursuit lasted approximately one minute and covered 0.87 miles. No injuries, collisions or vehicle damage occurred.

Pursuits by officer

The Lake Forest Park Police Department employed 21 commissioned officers during 2020 that included the Chief of Police, two detectives and two Lieutenants. Also employed by the department was one specially commissioned Police Support Officer and one limited commission reserve officer.

The two pursuits involved one Officer and one Sergeant.

Change from previous year.

There were 2 pursuits in 2019 and two pursuits in 2020

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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Date


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01/05/2021
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