



College Place Police Department

Memorandum

To: Chief Tomaras

CC: WASPC Accreditation File: 4.3, 15.4

From: Sergeant Schmick

Date: 3/3/2022

Subject: 2021 Pursuit Analysis per Policy 308.12 (e)

DETAILS:

HB 1054 drastically changed pursuit laws in Washington State. The new law ([RCW 10.116.060](#)) prevents law enforcement from engaging pursuits unless the following conditions are satisfied:

THE OFFICER HAS:

PROBABLE CAUSE THAT A PERSON IN THE VEHICLE HAS COMMITTED OR IS COMMITTING A VIOLENT OFFENSE, SEX OFFENSE, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN RCW 9A.030, OR ESCAPE UNDER CHAPTER 9A.76 RCW; OR

REASONABLE SUSPICION A PERSON IN THE VEHICLE HAS COMMITTED OR IS COMMITTING A DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OFFENSE PURSUANT UNDER RCW 46.61.502;

- THE PURSUIT IS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING OR APPREHENDING THE PERSON;
- THE PERSON POSES AN IMMINENT THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF OTHERS AND THE SAFETY RISKS OF FAILING TO APPREHEND OR IDENTIFY THE PERSON ARE CONSIDERED TO BE GREATER THAN THE SAFETY RISKS OF THE VEHICULAR PURSUIT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES; AND
- THE OFFICER RECEIVES AUTHORIZATION TO ENGAGE IN THE PURSUIT FROM A SUPERVISING OFFICER AND THE SUPERVISING OFFICER HAS SUPERVISORY CONTROL OF THE PURSUIT. (CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS EXIST FOR JURISDICTIONS WITH FEWER THAN 10 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS).
- DEFINES A VEHICULAR PURSUIT.
- PROHIBITS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM FIRING A WEAPON AT A MOVING VEHICLE, WITH ONE NARROWLY TAILORED EXCEPTION.
- PROHIBITS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM SEEKING, AND PROHIBITS A COURT FROM ISSUING, A NO-KNOCK WARRANT.



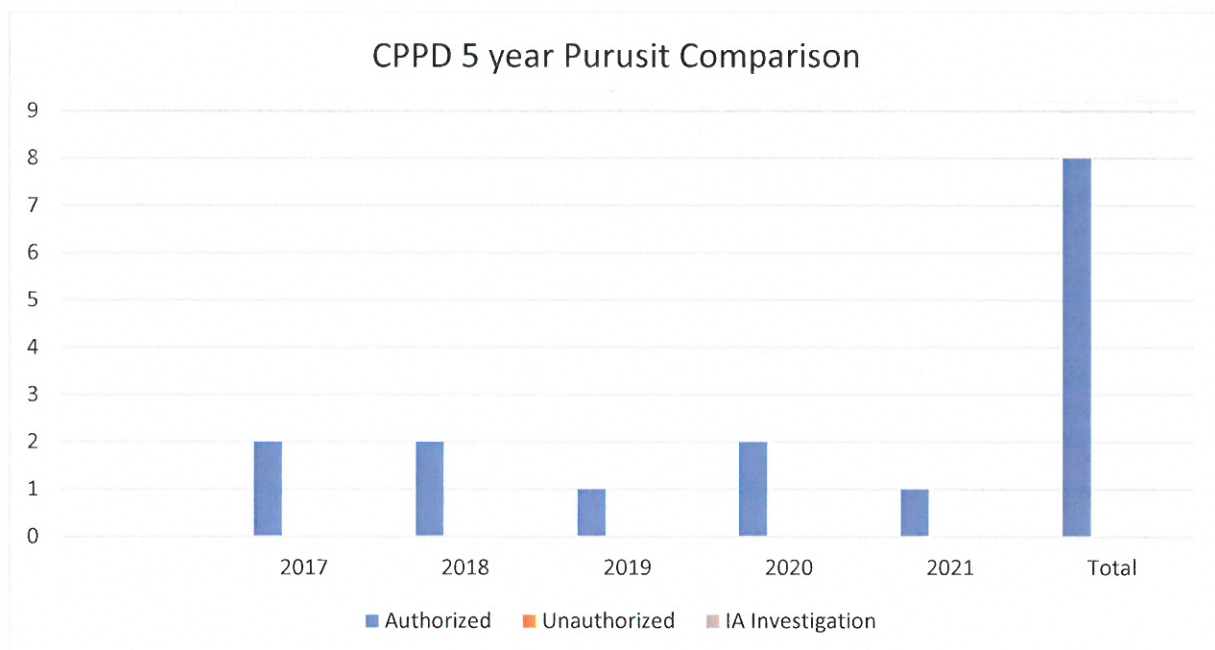
In 2021, the College Place Police Department (CPPD) was involved in one (1) pursuit as a primary unit. On December 5, 2021 Officer Eric Adams initiated a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle. The suspect immediately ran a red traffic light and accelerated away. Not meeting the requirements under the new law, Officer Adams appropriately did not pursue the fleeing suspect.

The CPPD was 100% trained under the new law and our Lexipol Policy for Vehicular pursuits was updated to reflect the new law (Lexipol 308).

The CPPD had 100% attendance of Emergency Vehicle Operators Course training in 2021. This involved a skills course set up at the Walla Walla Airport. The training syllabus is available for review on the Command drive.

All of the CPPD officers reviewed our Stop Stick policy (Lexipol 308.1.9) and watched a training video developed by Stop Stick. A copy of the training roster is available on the command folder for review.

CPPD Pursuit tracking: 5 year Comparison	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Authorized	2	2	1	2	1	8
Unauthorized	0	0	0	0	0	0
IA Investigation	0	0	0	0	0	0





Training recommendations: Ongoing EVOC training along with policy review and discussion to impress the importance of being selective in the reasoning and legal justification for pursuing a fleeing vehicle.

Equipment needs: There were no apparent equipment needs resulting from this analysis.

Policy revision recommendation: Policy revised with new law, July 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Dylan Schmitt #404".

Sergeant Dylan Schmitt

Attachments: NA

