



# Vehicle Pursuits – Annual Report

Year Ending 2020

Each January, the Deputy Chief shall review vehicle pursuits and submit an overview. This report is the overview of the department's effort and compliance within department policy.

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### Introduction

The 2020 Monroe Police Department Pursuit Analysis uses data from the past three years to compare trends. In 2020, Monroe Police Department officers were involved in three vehicle pursuits. Information in this analysis reviews and compares the pursuits from the current year to the two previous years.

### Policy Review

The Vehicle Pursuit Policy 307 was reviewed by Deputy Chief Irving. No discrepancies were found in the policy relating to our procedures. No changes were recommended at the time of this report. The pursuit reporting procedures outlined in section 307.12 were reviewed and remain accurate.

On November 4, 2020, the pursuit policy was reviewed and revised. The revision included adding language regarding when to initiate a pursuit. The new section (307.3.1) listed when an officer may initiate a pursuit and the reasons that they should not solely pursue for.

Vehicle pursuits pose a high risk for the community and the pursuing officers. It is the policy of the Monroe Police Department to exercise good judgment and give consideration to public safety in the decision to pursue, continue, or terminate vehicle pursuits and to use sound tactics during those pursuits to ensure safe resolution.

### Training

A review of the Monroe Police Department pursuit policy and a debriefing of previous pursuits and expectations took place for all sworn employees in the second quarter of 2020.

Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) training was conducted for all sworn employees in 2020. This training is conducted every year. It is valuable to have the officers drive the patrol vehicles in a secure environment where they can learn and improve their driving techniques.

### Overall Summary of Data

The following statistics are important to note from our 2020 pursuit data:

- Pursuits were initiated primarily under dry road conditions (100%).
- Zero pursuits ended in collision in 2020.
- All three of the pursuits (100%) were terminated within five minutes.
- All three pursuits resulted in apprehension and arrest of the suspect.
- One of the pursuits did not meet department policy guidelines. The officer received remedial training and a review of the policy as a result.





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### Cause of Pursuit Initiation

Traffic infractions were the top factor in the initiation of pursuits in 2020.

Initiating Event	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Traffic Infraction	0	0	2	0%	0%	66.67%
Other Agency Initiated	0	0	1	0%	0%	33.33%
Stolen Vehicle	1	0	0	100%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Total Duration (Time) of Pursuits

All three of the pursuits in 2020 were terminated within five minutes. The longer the pursuit is engaged, the more opportunity there is for an accident, injury, or property damage to occur.

Pursuit Duration	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
1 Minute or Less	1	0	2	100%	0%	66.67%
2 – 5 Minutes	0	0	1	0%	0%	33.33%
6 – 10 Minutes	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Road Conditions During Pursuits

Road conditions are an important factor when determining whether to engage in a vehicle pursuit. Weather, traffic and road conditions can substantially increase the danger of the pursuit, which can easily outweigh the worth of apprehending the suspect. Pursuits in 2020 were initiated under dry road conditions, which is consistent with the two previous years.

Road Conditions	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Dry	1	0	3	100%	0%	100%
Wet	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Snow	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Ice	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Fog	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>



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### Pursuit Terminations

In 2020, two of the pursuits were terminated by the suspect stopping and fleeing on foot. The other pursuit stopped when an outside agency took over the pursuit and used stop sticks to stop the fleeing vehicle.

Termination of Pursuits	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
By Pursuing Officer	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
By Supervisor	1	0	0	100%	0%	0%
By Collision	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Suspect Stopped / Pursuit Intervention	0	0	2	0%	0%	66.67%
Outside Agency	0	0	1	0%	0%	33.33%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Outcome of Pursuits

In 2020, 100% of the pursuits resulted in an arrest. One of these arrests was a K-9 assist to SCSO involving possession of a stolen vehicle and felony eluding police vehicle.

Monroe Police engaged in the last portion of the pursuit; the suspect then fled by foot and after a short K-9 track, Sergeant Southard and K9 Tango successfully apprehended the suspect.

Pursuit Outcome	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Arrested	1	0	3	100%	0%	100%
Suspect Fled on Foot (No Arrest)	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Suspect Fled in Vehicle (No Arrest)	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Fatality	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Hospitalized – Unable to Arrest	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Outside Agency Took Over	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Pursuit Collision Results

No pursuits in 2020 resulted in collisions.

Collision Data	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Non-Collision	1	0	3	100%	0%	100%
Collision	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total Pursuits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>