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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for making decisions with regard to vehicular pursuit.

2. PERSONS AFFECTED

Sworn personnel.

Dispatch personnel.

3. POLICY

The determination of whether to initiate, continue, or terminate a pursuit must take into consideration multiple factors. Vehicular pursuits may present a danger to the public, the officers involved, and to the occupants of the vehicle being pursued. Officers must balance the need to stop a vehicle against the risks created by the pursuit.

It is the policy of this department to regulate the manner in which vehicular pursuits are undertaken and performed and to guide its officers in the safe performance of their duties.

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1. **Attempt to Stop** – An attempt by an officer in an authorized emergency vehicle to stop a moving vehicle.

4.2. **Authorized emergency vehicle** – A fleet owned or subsidized vehicle equipped with blue emergency lights, police radio, and siren that is authorized and approved by the Police Chief for use as an emergency vehicle in accordance with General Order 807.

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- 4.3. **Vehicular Pursuit** – A continued attempt by an officer in an authorized emergency vehicle to stop a moving vehicle where the driver has resisted the officer’s directive to stop and is attempting to elude the police.
- 4.4. **Primary unit** – The police vehicle which initiates a pursuit, or other police vehicle which assumes control of the pursuit.
- 4.5. **Secondary unit** – Any police vehicle which becomes involved as a backup to the primary unit and follows the primary unit at a safe distance.

5. PROCEDURES

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5.3. Supervisory Responsibilities

5.3.1. When made aware of a vehicular pursuit, the appropriate supervisor shall:

- a. Monitor incoming information;
- b. Coordinate and direct activities as needed to ensure that proper procedures are used;
- c. Have the authority to terminate the pursuit at any time; and
- d. Respond to the location where a vehicle has been stopped following a pursuit whenever injury, vehicular crash, or a felony crime has occurred, or if ordered to do so by a superior ranking officer.

5.3.2. When there is no rank available the senior officer will assume responsibility until properly relieved.

5.3.3. In situations where the pursuit crosses over to another neighboring district, and there is no rank, the supervisor from the pursuing district will oversee the pursuit.

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5.3.4. In all cases where a pursuit occurs, there is to be a supervisory officer made available to oversee the pursuit and respond accordingly.

5.3.5. When there is no rank available to oversee the pursuit the following will take place:

- a. Area 1 Hilo Receiving Desk will oversee pursuits in PN, HM, and NH.
- b. Area 2 Kona Receiving Desk will oversee pursuits in SK, NK and KU.

5.4. Termination of the Pursuit

5.4.1. Once the pursued vehicle is stopped, officers shall utilize appropriate officer safety tactics and shall be aware of the necessity to utilize only reasonable and necessary force to take suspects into custody.

5.4.2. The decision to terminate the pursuit may be made by the primary unit or ordered by the supervisor at any time during the pursuit.

5.4.3. Once the decision is made to terminate the pursuit, the primary and any secondary unit will acknowledge via radio, and stop pursuing the vehicle. If the pursued vehicle crashes, prior to or immediately after termination, emergency response protocols will follow.

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5.7. Required Reporting

- 5.7.1. Whenever an officer engages in a pursuit, the officer shall file a written memorandum to the Police Chief detailing the circumstances prior to the end of the officer's tour of duty.
- 5.7.2. The Pursuits Field Data Form will be filled out and accompany the written memorandum.
- 5.7.3. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that an administrative review is completed in all motor vehicle pursuit incidents. This review shall be completed in a separate written memorandum by the appropriate supervisor or supervisors to determine if policy has been complied with, and to detect and correct any training deficiencies. All reviews are due within 5 working days of the incident to bureau assistant chiefs.
 - a. Exceptions can be made with permission from the bureau assistant chief or designee.

5.8. Training

- 5.8.1. The Captain of Administration shall ensure that sworn personnel receive initial and annual documented training on the department's pursuit policy. The training shall include a review of pursuit policy.

5.9. Annual Analysis, Policy Review, and Reporting Procedures Review

- 5.9.1. The Captain of Administration, or designee of the Police Chief, shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. Conducting an annual analysis on all pursuits that occurred each calendar year.
 - b. The annual analysis shall include:

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- Patterns;
- Trends;
- Training needs or recommendations;
- Review of pursuit policies;
- Review of reporting procedures; and
- Recommended policy modifications.

c. If no pursuit occurs during the calendar year:

- An analysis shall still be conducted, including a review of the pursuit policies and reporting procedures, and recommended policy modifications.

d. Ensuring that the annual analysis, policy review, and reporting procedures review, are completed and forwarded to the Police Chief for approval.

e. Retaining a file with the annual analysis, policy review, and reporting procedures review, for four (4) years.

5.9.2. Respective Bureau Assistant Chiefs shall ensure that:

a. Pursuit reports are reviewed, forwarded through proper channels, and copy filed. A copy of the pursuit reports shall also be forwarded to the Captain of Administration, or designee of the Police Chief.

b. Any other information required to complete the annual analysis, policy review, and reporting procedures review, are forwarded to the Captain of Administration, or designee of the Police Chief.

5.9.3. The Police Chief shall review the annual analysis, policy and reporting procedures review, and any recommended policy modifications.