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**SUBJECT: INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
PURSUIT ANALYSIS FOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

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In 2011 the Allen Police Department had six documented vehicle pursuits. This is a decrease from 2010 when there were ten (10) documented pursuits. Below is a brief description of each pursuit.

Pursuits

Pursuit 11-001

Officers gave chase to vehicle containing suspect from fresh Aggravated Robbery at a local jewelry store. Subjects were wearing ski masks. The pursuit was very brief, lasting less than two miles. However, vehicle speeds reached were approximately 108 miles per hour. The vehicle stopped and officers conducted high-risk traffic stop. Several subjects were taken into custody. Charges included Aggravated Robbery, Evading Arrest, and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle as the getaway car was stolen.

Pursuit 11-002

Officers gave chase to a freshly stolen vehicle out of Allen. The vehicle was observed immediately after being reported stolen. Officers attempted traffic stop and the driver fled. The pursuit was very brief, lasting approximately two miles. Vehicle speeds reached approximately 102 miles per hour. The vehicle wrecked out and the driver fled on foot. He was apprehended after a brief foot pursuit. Charges were Evading Arrest and Theft.

Pursuit 11-003

Narcotics officers were in Wylie, Texas, utilizing the Allen Police Department SWAT Team to effect the arrest of several subjects on a "Buy-Bust" operation. During the transaction, the suspect vehicle fled. Officers from Allen (marked units) and Wylie Police Department gave chase. The suspect vehicle turned down a dead-end street. Occupants escaped on foot. The pursuit was brief in that it lasted for approximately 5 miles. Vehicle speeds were estimated at 76 miles per hour. Unknown suspects remain at large. Charges included Delivery of Marijuana under 5 Pounds and Evading Arrest.

Pursuit 11-004

Officers were on routine patrol in a residential area at approximately 0116. They observed a vehicle driving through the neighborhood "blacked-out." When the officer attempted to make a traffic stop, the vehicle fled. Officers gave chase. The vehicle wrecked out approximately five miles into the pursuit. The vehicle speeds were estimated from 30-105 miles per hour. Post crash, suspects fled on foot and were apprehended after short foot pursuit. Charges included Evading in a Vehicle, MISD Possession of Marijuana.

Pursuit 11-005

Officers were dispatched to local pharmacy in reference to subjects passing forged prescriptions. When officers arrived, the suspects fled the area in a vehicle. The officer gave chase. The pursuit was brief, lasting for approximately three miles. The vehicle speeds were estimated at approximately 95 miles per hour. The suspect vehicle pulled into the parking lot of the police station and a high-risk traffic stop was conducted. Charges included Forgery and Evading Arrest.

Pursuit 11-006

Officers observed a vehicle traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of Bethany Road. Officer attempted to alert vehicle by paralleling it eastbound. It was approximately 0147, and traffic was light. Officer briefly pulled in behind vehicle in an attempt to get it to stop. The vehicle accelerated and fled. Officer returned to the correct lanes of traffic and gave chase attempting to warn oncoming traffic. Approximately 1.5 miles later, the vehicle erratically jumped the median moving back into the eastbound lanes. The driver lost control of the vehicle and slammed into a brick wall. The vehicle caught fire, officers removed the driver. Vehicle speeds were estimated at 74 miles per hour. The driver was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Evading Arrest.

Analysis:

Internal Affairs reviewed all pursuit summaries for 2011. The total number of vehicle pursuits was down 40% from last year. Internal Affairs found no major policy violations during the review of these incidents.

General Order 500: Emergency Vehicle Operations was enacted in December of 2008 and was scheduled for review in December of 2010. Internal Affairs recommends that this policy be reviewed and disseminated as soon as practical.

Internal Affairs also recommends continued training in the operation of emergency vehicles at the Allen Police Department Driving Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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