



MEMORANDUM

To: Ray Smiley, Chief of Police
From: Thomas Claunch, Deputy Chief
Date: January 23, 2012
Reference: Annual Pursuit Analysis - 2011

In 2011 there were a total of eight (8) pursuits that the Webster Police Department was involved in. This number is down (20%) from 2010, when we had ten (10) pursuits. The following table provides a descriptive overview of several critical variables associated with the pursuits.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number per Year</u>	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<u>Pursuit Justification:</u>		
• Fleeing suspect	5	5
• Traffic Violation	3	4
• Driving while Intoxicated	0	1
 <u>Terminating Events:</u>		
• Supv/Officer called off	1	1
• Suspect lost control	0	0
• Suspect wrecked out	2	3
• Suspect fled on foot	1	2
• Voluntary stop by suspect	4	3

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After reviewing several of the pursuits that occurred in 2011, it was decided that we wanted to be somewhat more restrictive when it came to initiating a vehicular pursuit. The Command Staff decided that the threshold for initialing a pursuit needs to be based upon more than just a traffic violation. As a result General Order 5.0, "Vehicle Pursuits", was revised by adding Section 5.3.1, which states "Fleeing from an officer who is attempting to make a traffic stop absent of reasonable suspicion of any additional criminal activity (Class B Offense or above) does not constitute grounds to initiate a pursuit". It should be noted that since making this change, we haven't had a vehicular pursuit.