Annual Pursuit Analysis Report

Instructions

This report form was developed to guide the analysis of Vehicle Pursuits. The entire document may be edited and no portion is specifically required. The requirement for an Annual Analysis is found in Texas best Practice 7.14 but is designed to facilitate Continuous Improvement within a department. The more information collected and analyzed the greater benefit to the department.

The person doing the analysis should review a number of annual pursuit reports from other agencies to clearly understand how to conduct these analyses. This report is designed in the same way that the Sample Policy manual is designed.

The portions in **RED** are instructional and are intended to be deleted prior to finishing the report.

The portions in **BLUE** require the person doing the report to edit or complete that part.

The portion in **BLACK** is provided to assist with the writing of the narrative, but may also be edited or changed if it does not assist in making the report easier to read or more complete.

If this is the first time an agency is conducting this type of analysis, then you will not have a prior year for comparison.

If you are a small agency and have fewer than five or six pursuits in a year, a much simpler analysis report can be done and often is just a one page memo with a summary of each event and any recommendations. Agencies who have few pursuits in a year may want to consider reviewing multiple years together in order to develop meaningful recommendations for continuous improvement.

Once a complete Analysis is done the first time, it will be easy to modify it with new numbers and new information each year.

XXXX Police Department

(Year)

Department Vehicle Pursuit Analysis

Vehicle Pursuit Analysis for (Year)

This analysis was conducted for the purpose of reviewing the XXXX Police Department's Vehicle Pursuits for calendar year (Year). Vehicle Pursuits are inherently dangerous to both the officers involved and the public. The XXXX Police Department takes its obligations seriously to provide the most effective and efficient police service with the least adverse impact on our citizens. The XXXX Police Department is committed to protecting our citizens but at the same time ensuring the manner in which we do so does not place the public at risk of greater harm. This process requires continuous evaluation of the risks and benefits of each action. This analysis is conducted each year to comply with Texas Law Enforcement Best Practice 7.14 and to attempt to identify methods for reducing the number of vehicle pursuits and the inherent risks involved.

Officers are trained by the department in pursuit tactics and emergency driving. However¸ as skilled as an officer might be in these situations, the vehicle being pursued may not have a competent driver and many times the driver may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

(This paragraph is an introductory and may be modified to the Departments Specifications)

Vehicle Pursuit Reporting Requirements

Texas Law Enforcement Best Practice 7.13 and XXXX Police Department General Order XXXX, requires a written report be completed anytime an officer pursues a vehicle. Summarize your department's Policy requirements for when Vehicle Pursuits are allowed and when they are to be reported.

Any time an officer calls a pursuit, department policy requires a Supervisor be immediately notified by the Dispatch center. The supervisor is required to monitor the pursuit and act as an uninvolved decision maker regarding the danger of the pursuit. Both the officer and Supervisor are charged with continuous evaluation of the pursuit as it occurs and are required to call off the pursuit when wither believe the risks to the officer or public outweigh the need for immediate capture of the suspect.

Each individual Pursuit Report is immediately reviewed by the Officer's Supervisor, and through the Chain of Command to the Chief of Police. At the time of the incident, the Pursuit is reviewed to ensure the use was appropriate and within the guidelines of Department Policy. If the officer initiated a pursuit inappropriately, a departmental investigation is required and the officer may receive additional training or in some cases discipline up to and including termination from employment. This annual analysis is not intended to determine if an officer

acted inappropriately, but to identify department wide trends that may suggest changes in policy, training, equipment or supervision.

Add a paragraph here about how the data is collected or stored and if any software program is used to assist in the analysis of the data.

You should state here if you made any changes this year in policy or in any reporting requirements which might influence the comparison from last year.

Vehicle Pursuit Comparison Year/Year

There were a total of ____ Reported Vehicle Pursuits this year compared to ____ last year. This represents a difference of ____ or a ____ percent reduction increase.

The reasons for Pursuit initiation are listed below by type with comparison to the previous year.

	2010	2011	Difference
Traffic Violation only	23	20	-3
Misdemeanor Offense	6		
Felony Offense	2		
Outstanding Warrant	2		
Suspicious Activity	8		
Suspected Intoxication	0		
Total	41		

Use a + or – and the actual numbers in the Difference column instead of percentages.

This table can be edited as needed, however if additional categories are needed, delete this table and build another in Excel and cut and paste it into this document. Once done it can be used from year to year.

Comment here on the types of Pursuits that increased during the year and the types that decreased. If you are aware of any department activities during the year that may have attributed to these increases or decreases (such as training or new equipment) discuss that here.

You can also add a chart or graph that shows the comparison of this year to last by type of pursuit. The use of bar charts is preferred as opposed to pie charts which are hard to read and interpret.

Individual Officer Analysis

A number of officers were involved in pursuits more than the average and these officer's activities and actions were reviewed immediately following the incident by the department for appropriateness. While each individual vehicle pursuit is reviewed immediately after the event to ensure it is in compliance with department policy and law, patterns of behavior can also indicate the need for additional training or supervision. Officers can be involved in pursuits at significantly different rates depending on the crime activity in the part of the city where they are assigned, their type of assignment, the time of day they work and their experience level.

Individual officers in the department which had significantly higher number of pursuits were reviewed and found to be in compliance with department directives and their pursuit appropriate under the circumstances.

If any officer was found to have violated policy, during the year, consider discussing that incident in general terms (without officer names) and indicate what training or discipline was enacted.

Reasons for a Pursuit

Now we begin a short discussion of each of the reasons for a pursuit, describing what is included in that category. Then we summarize the numbers and difference between the two years. Also discuss anything that may have influenced the numbers during the year such as new training or equipment. You may choose to put each of these categories on a separate page for ease of reading and reference.

In 2011, there were ____ vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer observed the driver commit a traffic violation and then failed to stop when signaled by the officer. Failure to stop for an officer is a separate violation and fleeing from an officer in a vehicle is a State Jail Felony. (The reviewer should state here if this felony is justification for continuing a pursuit by department policy. Some departments allow it but some do not.)

This number is up/down from the ____ pursuits initiated for traffic violations last year. (Add any information here about policy changes, training or other activities this year that may have affected these numbers.)

In 2011, there were ____ vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer became aware the driver was wanted for a Misdemeanor Offense and then the driver failed to stop when signaled by the

officer. This number is up/down from the ___ pursuits initiated for traffic violations last year. (Add any information here about policy changes, training or other activities this year that may have affected these numbers.)

In 2011, there were ___ vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer became aware the driver was wanted for a Felony Offense nt and then failed to stop when signaled by the officer.

This number is up/down from the ___ pursuits initiated for traffic violations last year. (Add any information here about policy changes, training or other activities this year that may have affected these numbers.)

In 2011, there were ___ vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer became aware that the driver was wanted on an outstanding Misdemeanor or Felony Warrant and then the driver failed to stop when signaled by the officer.

This number is up/down from the ___ pursuits initiated for traffic violations last year. (Add any information here about policy changes, training or other activities this year that may have affected these numbers.)

In 2011, there were ___ vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer observed the driver in suspicious circumstances and then failed to stop when signaled by the officer. Officers have the authority to stop and question persons who are found in suspicious circumstances and the officer has reasonable suspicion to suspect criminal activity. (The reviewer should state here if this felony is justification for continuing a pursuit by department policy. Some departments allow it but some do not.)

This number is up/down from the ___ pursuits initiated for traffic violations last year. (Add any information here about policy changes, training or other activities this year that may have affected these numbers.)

In 2011, there were ___ vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer had reasonable suspicion to suspect the driver may be impaired due to alcohol or drugs and the drive then failed to stop when signaled by the officer. (The reviewer should state here if this felony is justification for continuing a pursuit by department policy. Some departments allow it but some do not.)

This number is up/down from the ___ pursuits initiated for traffic violations last year. (Add any information here about policy changes, training or other activities this year that may have affected these numbers.)

Pursuit Terminations

Pursuits can be terminated at any time by the pursuing officer or any Supervisor when they believe the danger posed to the citizens is greater than the need to apprehend the offender. This "voluntary termination" may better protect the citizens than the continuation of a dangerous pursuit for minor offenses. The table below provides information on how pursuits were terminated.

Type Termination	2010	2011	Difference
Voluntary Termination - Officer			
Voluntary Termination - Supervisor			
Stopped - Arrested			
Stopped - Fled on foot - Escaped			
Stopped - Fled on foot - Captured			
Accident - Violator Involved in Accident			
Accident - Police Involved in Accident			
Spike Strips			
PIT Maneuver			
Rammed			
Firearm			
Roadblock			
Escaped - Not Located			
Escaped - Captured Later			

(This table may be edited to add or delete, or build a new table in Excel and copy it here.

Damage and Injury

In 2011, there were ___ pursuits which had some damage or injury associated with the incident as a result of the pursuit. These pursuits are summarized below:

(Discuss here each pursuit where there was any damage or injury to an officer, violator or citizen or any property damage, and add any estimated damage amount if possible.)

Policy Violations

The department policy on Pursuits is reviewed periodically with officers to ensure they are aware of when they should or should not pursue a vehicle. After each pursuit, the pursuit must be reported on the Pursuit Report Form which is forwarded through the officer's Supervisor, through the Chain of Command to the Chief. If a violation of policy is identified, the Chief may decide on an appropriate response, which may include additional training or even disciplinary actions if necessary.

In 2011, there were ___ policy violations identified in regards to pursuit initiation or termination.

(Without using officer names, discuss each one, including what the violation was and what remedial action was taken.)

Summary and Recommendations

(Provide a summary of the pursuit activity here and develop recommendations for consideration of the chief. Include recommendations for any additional or continuing training, policy changes, or equipment changes.)

Command Review:

Any Actions to be Taken:

The Chief should order any actions to be taken in writing here with personnel assigned for follow-up.

_____   _____

Chief of Police   Date