



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

660 – VEHICLE PURSUITS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS

GENERAL ORDER: 2024-10
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REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Craig Sarnow
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ACTION: Amends General Order 2022-27 (July 22, 2022)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 6.1.3, 6.1.4, 6.2.11

ROLL CALL VERSION

**Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.**

660.20 VEHICLE PURSUITS (WILEAG 6.1.4, 6.2.11)

- C. Vehicle pursuits are justified when the police member knows or has probable cause to believe:
 - 4. The occupant(s) of the vehicle are engaged in drug dealing proximate in time to the initiation of the vehicle pursuit.

Note: This subsection is limited to only incidents in which the observed drug dealing is directly related to a substantive drug investigation or long term investigation. Members may initiate a vehicle pursuit under this subsection if the suspect flees while driving in a reckless manner after an attempted traffic stop or for a “refusal to stop” pursuit, as previously defined within this policy.

J. PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITIES

Any officer ~~involved as~~ who is a passenger in the ~~primary unit of~~ involved in a vehicle pursuit or engaged in emergency vehicle operations (in accordance with SOP 660.10 and 660.35) who personally observes the driver of the department vehicle they are in to not be in compliance with this policy shall reasonably attempt to convey this concern to the driver, if the observing officer is in a position to do so, and if any such intervention does not jeopardize safety. Any such passenger officer shall promptly report their observations, along with his/her own intervening actions to a supervisor. A failure to intervene when a member observes a violation of this policy, when there is an opportunity to do so is a violation of the Code of Conduct.

P. VEHICLE PURSUIT REPORT REQUIRED

- 1. The pursuit report shall be completed by a supervisory officer of a higher rank than the member(s) engaged in the pursuit, except for supervisors assigned to the Internal Affairs Division —~~Risk Management~~ who can investigate and complete a *Vehicle Pursuit Report* for any department member.

4. *Vehicle Pursuit Reports* are to be completed and tracked to the appropriate supervisor/shift commander within ~~3~~ 8 days of the incident.
5. ~~Each subsequent review by the shift commander/commanding officer shall be completed and tracked.~~ The *Vehicle Pursuit Report* shall be reviewed by the supervisor / shift commander within 10 days following the receipt from the supervisor who completed the report (within 18 days of the incident). The *Vehicle Pursuit Report* shall then be tracked by the supervisor / shift commander to their commanding officer.
6. The *Vehicle Pursuit Report* shall be reviewed by the commanding officer within 17 days following the receipt from the supervisor / shift commander (within 35 days of the incident).
75. Reports shall be thoroughly completed and reviewed within ~~thirty (30) days~~ 35 days following the date the incident occurred and then tracked to the Internal Affairs Division—~~Risk Management~~.
86. Internal Affairs Division shall review the reports within ~~fourteen (14)~~ 21 days following the receipt from the commanding officer of the work location.
97. In addition to completing the *Vehicle Pursuit Report*, it is the field supervisor's responsibility to address any deficiencies in a timely manner in accordance with SOP 870.45 (Non-Disciplinary Corrective Action).
108. The supervisor shall ensure the body worn camera and mobile data video / audio recording video is categorized as a "Vehicle Pursuit" in the Axon system.

Q. COMMANDING OFFICER'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

1. The member's commanding officer shall review the AIM System *Vehicle Pursuit Report* and enter a recommendation under "Incident Tracking". These reports shall be forwarded through "Incident Tracking" and general information "Status" directly to the appropriate supervisor of the Internal Affairs Division —~~Risk Management~~.

R. VEHICLE PURSUIT REPORT REQUIRED FOR CRITICAL INCIDENTS

A ~~lieutenant~~ supervisor from the Homicide Division will determine if the *Vehicle Pursuit Report* related to a critical incident will be filed by a Homicide Division supervisor or a district/division supervisor.
(WILEAG 6.1.4.7)

660.25 DECISION NOT TO PURSUE

- B. In such instances where a stop is attempted, the vehicle continues, and a pursuit is not initiated, members shall do the following:
 1. Immediately notify the dispatcher of the non-pursuit circumstances, to include a detailed description of the vehicle, license plate number (if there is one), and description of the vehicle's driver if the member was able to observe the driver prior

to flight. TCD will update the CAD event type to Non-Pursuit;

3. If there is a license plate number obtained and it is a valid plate (not reported stolen), the officer will commence a full investigation within 72 hours for the violation of [Wis. Stat. § 346.175](#) (Vehicle Owner's Liability for Fleeing a Traffic Officer);

Note: ~~If the vehicle does not have a license plate or the officer is unable to obtain any portion of the license plate, the officer shall notify the dispatcher accordingly. TCD shall update the CAD code to "NPNP" (non-pursuit no plate) and the member does not need to complete the requirements listed below or file a report. Otherwise, TCD shall update the CAD code to "NP" (non-pursuit), which will auto generate a case number for the officer to file the non-pursuit incident report.~~

9. Officers shall document their investigation in a *Non-Pursuit Report* in TriTech Inform RMS the reason for the non-pursuit in CAD in the remarks field.

~~C. The Administration Bureau shall be responsible for conducting random audits of recordings made regarding non-pursuits by utilizing Evidence.com at the discretion of the commanding officer of the Administration Bureau or the Chief of Police.~~

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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