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Memorandum

To: Leon W. Todd, Executive Director

From: Barbara Cooley, Research and Policy Analyst

Date: January 15, 2026

RE: SOP 660 – Vehicle Pursuits and Emergency Vehicle Operations
SOP 960 – Correction Discipline
Camera Trailers SOI

SOP 660 – Vehicle Pursuits and Emergency Vehicle Operations

Procedural updates throughout the policy for filing Vehicle Pursuit reports due to the conversion from AIM to Benchmark.

Adding the following, which reflects a newly updated model policy for vehicle pursuits from the International Association of Chiefs of Police:

- Officers should take into consideration -
 - elevated risk vehicles when initiating or continuing a pursuit.
 - consideration if there are minor passengers present when initiating or continuing a pursuit.
 - the Airborne Assessment Team when initiating or continuing a pursuit.
- Officers must provide information to the dispatcher about the existence of firearms, overt threats of force, or other unusual hazards during the vehicle pursuit.
- Members will not face disciplinary action for deciding to terminate a pursuit if in their opinion the risk of pursuing outweighs the risk to public safety, other department members, and/or the suspect.

Additional requirements to vehicle speed for officers when initiating a vehicle pursuit for reckless driving. “Vehicle speed in and of itself is not enough for a member to initiate a vehicle

pursuit for reckless driving.” 660.20 (C) (5). At least one of the listed behaviors that show “substantial and unreasonable risk” is required as well:

- Collisions with other vehicles or objects;
- Forcing other vehicles to take evasive action to avoid collision;
- Failure to stop at controlled intersections without slowing or stopping.

Adding that a third or additional units may assist with a high-risk vehicle contact at the conclusion of a pursuit.

SOP 960 – Correction Discipline

The only recommended update to the SOP and associated form is adding that the Code of Conduct violation observed must be documented on the form (and if applicable the standard operating instruction or procedure) as this is required by the new Benchmark system.

Camera Trailers SOI

The only recommended update is removing reference to the use of camera trailers in cold weather as the batteries no longer hold up in freezing temperatures.