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Memorandum

To: Leon W. Todd, Executive Director

From: Barbara Cooley, Research and Policy Analyst

Date: March 25, 2026

RE: SOP 100 – Foot Pursuits
SOP 320 – Canines

SOP 100 – Foot Pursuits

This newly created SOP is intended to create guidelines regarding the use of foot pursuits as foot pursuits are inherently dangerous. The Milwaukee Police Department must establish a balance between protecting the safety of the public and officers during pursuits on foot and law enforcement's duty to enforce the law and apprehend suspects.

As the entire SOP is newly created, please refer to the SOP itself for details.

SOP 320 – Canines

- Adding the roles and responsibilities for the new electronic storage detection (ESD) canine.
- Adding requirements that shift commanders are to consult with HIDTA or the Sensitive Crimes Division supervisor when a search warrant may be required prior to a canine responding to a scene.