

Cedar Hill Police Department

2022



Pursuit Analysis

2022 Vehicle Pursuit Analysis

This analysis is being submitted to comply with Cedar Hill Police Department General Order 530.00 as well as to meet the standards for the Texas Police Chief's Association Best Practices State Recognition Program section 7.14, Annual Report of Agency Pursuits.

Cedar Hill Police Department General Order 530.00 requires the on-scene or controlling supervisor at the time of a vehicle pursuit to complete a Pursuit Report within forty-eight hours from the end of the pursuit. The report is required to contain a critique of the pursuit and is forwarded to the Field Operations Bureau Assistant Chief, through the chain of command, for review. All pursuit reports are maintained in Police Administration.

The analysis for this report was generated directly from the completed pursuit reports. There were 7 vehicle pursuits reported in 2022. This number represents a 36% decrease in the number pursuits from 2021. The total number of police personnel involved in pursuits in 2022 were 22. All but one was assigned to the Patrol Division. One supervisor assigned to the Professional Standards Division was involved in a pursuit while working a part time job in uniform.

Property Damage

There were two (2) pursuits that resulted in property damage due to crashes or intentional acts by suspects. During one pursuit, the suspect caused damage to his own vehicle after driving over a curb at a high rate of speed. The damage disabled the vehicle and there is no dollar amount listed for the damage. In a second pursuit, a suspect struck the rear end of an uninvolved vehicle causing approximately \$4,000 in damage and also struck several curbs causing approximately \$5,000 in damage to his own vehicle.

Pursuit Policy

There were no changes made to GO 530.00 VEHICLE PURSUIT OPERATIONS during 2021. This policy was last reviewed on February 10th, 2022 but was last revised on March 23, 2013.

Policy Violations

During the review of pursuit reports from 2022, there was one pursuit which resulted in identified policy violations and disciplinary actions.

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Profile of Pursuits between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022

CASE #	CAD ID#	INITIATION	TERMINATION	PROPERTY DAMAGE	POLICY VIOLATION
Case Number	Date	Officer's reason for the stop.	1. How did the pursuit end 2. Reason for termination 3. Pursuit resulted in	1. Property damage 2. Property damage cost	1. Policy violations 2. Policy violation type
CH220121010	01/21/22	Misdemeanor - Traffic	1. Vehicle stopped – mechanical 2. N/A 3. Driver arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. Yes 2. Pursuit oper.
CH220417001	04/16/22	Major Disturbance – Gun involved	1. Vehicle evaded officers 2. N/A 3. Driver eluded apprehension	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH220509013	05/09/22	Warrant Service – Felony Assault	1. Vehicle stopped – mechanical 2. Vehicle damaged during pursuit 3. Driver arrested	1. Yes 2. \$9000	1. No 2. N/A
CH220826001	08/26/22	Intoxicated Driver	1. Vehicle evaded officers 2. N/A 3. Driver eluded apprehension	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH220928001	09/28/22	Intoxicated Driver	1. Vehicle stopped – mechanical 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH221108012	11/08/22	Intoxicated Driver	1. Pursuit Terminated 2. Vehicle speeds 3. Driver Eluded Apprehension	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH221231006	12/31/22	Intoxicated Driver	1. Driver Stopped 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A

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REASON INITIATED:

REASON	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Felony	2	28%
Misdemeanor	1	14%
DWI	4	57%
Other	0	0%
	7	100%

PURSUIT DISTANCE:

DISTANCE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
< 1 mile	1	14.5%
1 to 2 miles	0	0%
2.1 to 5 miles	2	28.5%
5.1 to 10 miles	2	28.5%
>10 miles	2	28.5%
	7	100%

TIME OF DAY:

TIME	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
0000-0600	2	29%
0600-1200	0	0%
1200-1800	1	14%
1800-0000	4	57%
	7	100%

TYPE OF VEHICLE PURSUED:

TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Automobile	7	100%
Truck/SUV	0	0%
Motorcycle	0	0%
Other	0	0%
	7	100%

PURSUIT ABORTED:

	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
YES	3	43%
NO	4	57%
	7	100%

DID CRASH OCCUR:

	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
YES	1	14%
NO	6	86%
	7	100%

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Conclusion

Vehicle pursuits are low occurrence, high liability incidents which require careful and thorough examination to reduce future liability exposure. During 2022, Cedar Hill officers responded to 20,905 citizen-initiated calls for service and conducted 8,694 traffic stops. Of these 29,599 encounters, 7 resulted in vehicle pursuits. All but one of these pursuits were done in full compliance with policy. One pursuit resulted in disciplinary action.

During the review of the 2021 vehicle pursuits, five separate incidents were observed in which pursuing officers relied on supervisors to make the decision to pursue when the required policy criteria were not met, a decision which is clearly defined in policy. Upon the completion of the 2021 Vehicle Pursuit Analysis, a recommendation was made which required supervisors to hold in-depth discussions and training with their officers to provide a consistent understanding of the pursuit criteria including policy overview, decision making, and termination procedures. Of the seven (7) pursuits which occurred in 2022, only one failed to meet the criteria set forth in policy. In each of the other six (6) pursuits, the officers were able to properly determine the criteria for a vehicle pursuit and act accordingly.

A further review of our training records identified 2013 as the last year department-wide emergency vehicle operation training was conducted. Fortunately, crashes which occurred during pursuits in 2022 did not result in injuries to officers or suspects. New instructors have received instructor training and department wide training has been planned for mid-2023.