

# Cedar Hill Police Department

2019



## Pursuit Analysis

## 2019 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/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. The Chief of Police reviews all Pursuit Reports, and Police Administration maintains the reports.

The analysis for this report was generated directly from the completed pursuit reports. There were eighteen (18) vehicle pursuits in 2019. All were initiated by Field Operations Bureau personnel. The total number of patrol personnel involved in the eighteen pursuits in 2019 was thirty-three (33). There were no pursuits involving non-patrol personnel.

### **Property Damage**

There were two (2) pursuits that resulted in property damage due to crashes or intentional acts by suspects. The reported property damage is estimated to be \$6,000.00. These incidents involved a suspect vehicle striking the side of an outbuilding, and the other where the suspect vehicle wrecked. This estimate could be higher once final repair costs are sent to the police department.

### **Pursuit Policy**

There were no changes made to GO 530.00 VEHICLE PURSUIT OPERATIONS during 2018. This policy was last reviewed on August 31, 2017 but was last revised on March 23, 2013.

A comprehensive review of this policy should be completed before recommendations for possible changes are made.

### **Policy Violations**

During the review of pursuit reports from 2019, there were three (3) pursuit reports recording at least one policy violation during the pursuits; One (1) pursuit resulted in disciplinary action which resulted in being reduced to a Verbal Warning. The remaining two (2) pursuits were deemed justified due to various circumstances for each incident.

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### Profile of Pursuits between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019

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. Any property damage 2. Property damage cost	1. Any policy violations 2. Type of policy violations
19000318	01/19/19	Misdemeanor - Criminal Offense	1. Ended by Pursued Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. Yes 2. Did not meet GO. 530.004 Criteria to Pursue
19000998	03/02/19	Misdemeanor - DWI	1. Ended by Pursued Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19001478	03/28/19	Suspicious Activity	1. Ended by pursued driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19001575*	04/03/19	Misdemeanor - DWI	1. Ended by Pursued Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19001951	04/25/19	Felony - Criminal Offense	1. Ended by Pursued Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19001952	05/04/19	Felony - Criminal Offense	1. Ended by supervisor 2. Another agency's pursuit 3. N/A	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19002252	05/12/19	Misdemeanor - DWI	1. Ended by Pursued Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19003063	06/25/19	Felony - Criminal Offense	1. Ended by supervisor 2. Violate pursuit policy 3. Vehicle Escaped	1. No 2. N/A	1. Yes 2. Drove wrong way on highway
19004052	08/20/19	Suspicious Activity	1. Ended by Pursued Driver 2. N/A 3. Vehicle Escaped	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19004095	08/23/19	Misdemeanor - Criminal Offense	1. Crash 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. Yes 2. Did not meet GO. 530.004 Criteria to Pursue

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19004751	09/30/19	Misdemeanor - Criminal Offense	1. Ended by Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Escaped	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19004839	10/05/19	Felony - Criminal Offense	1. Crash 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. Yes 2. Have not received estimates	1. No 2. N/A
19005017	10/16/19	Misdemeanor - Criminal Offense	1. Ended by Pursued Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19005133	10/24/19	Misdemeanor - DWI	1. Ended by Pursued Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19005287	11/01/19	Felony - Criminal Offense	1. Ended by Officer 2. N/A 3. Vehicle Escaped	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19005642	11/26/19	Felony - Criminal Offense	1. Ended by Driver 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19006175	12/30/19	Felony - Criminal Offense	1. Vehicle tires spiked 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
19006201	12/30/19	Felony - Criminal Offense	1. Crash 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. Yes 2. Estimated @ \$6,000.00	1. No 2. N/A

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### REASON INITIATED:

REASON	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Felony	6	33%
Misdemeanor	5	28%
DWI	5	28%
Other	2	11%
	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>

### PURSUIT DISTANCE:

DISTANCE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
< 1 mile	2	11%
1 to 4 miles	4	22%
4 to 11 miles	3	17%
11 to 20 miles	5	28%
>20 miles	4	22%
	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>

### TIME OF DAY:

TIME	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
0000-0600	10	56%
0600-1200	1	5%
1200-1800	2	11%
1800-0000	5	28%
	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>

### TYPE OF VEHICLE PURSUED:

TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Automobile	15	83%
VAN	0	0
TRUCK	3	17%
Motorcycle	0	0
	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>

### PURSUIT ABORTED:

	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
YES	2	11%
NO	16	89%
Other	0	0
	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>

### DID CRASH OCCUR:

	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
YES	3	17%
NO	15	83%
Other	0	0
	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Conclusion

After reviewing the police pursuit data and reports from 2019, Felony Pursuits led with six (6) followed by misdemeanor offenses and DWI, both with five (5) were most of the reasons for initiating a police pursuit. Officers & supervisors alike must continue to review and digest the vehicle pursuit general order to maintain a firm grasp and comprehension of the policies. This knowledge will continue to aid in the decision to pursue or not to pursue.

Despite the risks inherent in operations of emergency vehicles, situations exist that require officers to engage in a pursuit of suspects committing criminal acts. We will continue to pursue criminals performing illegal activities in Cedar Hill, Dallas County, Tx but we will conduct this enforcement action with due care and caution. As a Department, we will continue to have ongoing discussions and reviews of the pursuit policy, along with debriefing of past vehicle pursuits for lessons learned.

In 2019, the Patrol Division initiated eighteen (18) pursuits for various reasons. All but four (4) were less than twenty miles in length; the majority were between one (1) and twenty (20) miles in length. Most of the pursuits were initiated between midnight and 0600, two (2) pursuits between 1200 and 1800 hours, and five (5) between 1800 and midnight.

Also, in 2019 supervisors allowed all but two (2) of the eighteen (18) pursuits to continue until the conclusion of the pursuit. The primary Officer terminated one (1) pursuit. The pursued driver ended eleven (11) pursuits, three (3) ended when the suspect's vehicle crashed, and Dallas County Sheriff's Office ended one (1) pursuit by spiking the suspect vehicle.

Police officers & supervisors are accountable for their actions. They have the responsibility to terminate a pursuit any time it becomes excessively dangerous to the officers, innocent citizens, or a direct violation of policy. There were no pursuits involving motorcycles initiated by Cedar Hill officers. There were no officers injured during a vehicle pursuit in 2019, nor did the department experience any significant damage, such as loss of a patrol vehicle during a pursuit.

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