



Channel Islands

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University Police Department



CSU Channel Islands Police Department Annual Pursuit Analysis January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Overview

At the request of Chief Drake Massey, I conducted an analysis of Vehicle Pursuits involving Police Officers (Officers) with the CSU Channel Islands Police Department (UPD) between the period of January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. The purpose of the analysis is to identify patterns or trends which may indicate a need for training, equipment, or policy modifications.

In 2022, Officers were involved in one (1) vehicle pursuit. Following careful review of the facts and information surrounding the reported vehicle pursuit, it was determined that the pursuit was justified under applicable Department Policy, as well as applicable California State Laws (See Lexipol Policy 308; California Vehicle Code § 17004.7(d), 21055, 21056 and California Penal Code §13519.8).

Definitions

By policy (Lexipol 308.1.1), a vehicle pursuit is defined as: “an event involving one or more law enforcement officers attempting to apprehend a suspect, who is attempting to avoid arrest while operating a motor vehicle by using high-speed driving or other evasive tactics, such as driving off a highway, turning suddenly, or driving in a legal manner but willfully failing to yield to an officer’s signal to stop.”

Policy

It is the policy of this department (Lexipol 308.2) to balance the importance of apprehending suspects who unlawfully flee from law enforcement against the risks associated with vehicle pursuits.

Pursuit Reporting and Review

At the conclusion of each vehicle pursuit, the initiating officer and shift supervisor are required to document the facts and circumstances surrounding the vehicle pursuit. The Chief of Police, or designee is responsible for completing a post-pursuit review of all reports, logs, or other pertinent information. The purpose of each review is to identify policy, procedure, training or equipment issues that may require further attention.

Number of Pursuits

During 2022, UPD police officers engaged in one (1) pursuit.

Pursuits by Month, Shift, Time, and Day

Pursuit #	Case #	Date of Incident	Day of Week	Time of Day
1	22-0008	01/10/2022	Monday	4:45 p.m.

In 2022, there was one (1) pursuit on a Monday during the 7:00am – 7:00pm work shift which included a use of force incident.

Information on Involved Suspects

Pursuit #	Age	Affiliation	Gender	Ethnicity	Race	Under Influence
1	45	None	Male	Not Hispanic or Latino	Black	Unknown

Information on Involved Officers

Pursuit #	Experience	Gender	Ethnicity	Race
1	1 Year	M	Hispanic or Latino	W

Personnel Summary

During 2022, one (1) officer was involved in a vehicle pursuit. Careful review was given to the background of the pursuit and in summary, no personnel concerns were identified relative to the distributed initiation of pursuit by the officer involved.

Pursuits by Original Violation, # of Involved Units, Collision Occurred and Forcible Stop Attempted

Pursuit #	Original Violation	# of Involved Units	Collision	Forcible Stop
1	Infraction	1	No	No

Of the one (1) pursuit in 2022, the original violation observed by the officer initiating the pursuit was an infraction. Only one unit was involved. Forcible stopping tactics were not attempted.

Pursuits by Concluded, Injuries, Apprehended, and Concluding Event

Pursuit #	Concluded Pursuit	Injuries	Apprehended	Concluding Event
1	Yes	No	No	Arrest warrant issued for known suspect

Background

Pursuit #1, Case # 22-0008

Officer was driving North on Camarillo Street approaching Chapel Drive when he observed the suspect vehicle travelling northbound directly in front of his patrol vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign as it turned right onto Chapel Drive. Officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but it failed to yield, and Officer initiated a pursuit. The suspect pulled his vehicle into his personal residential garage and refused to comply with the officer's commands. The suspect then closed the garage door on the officer. Officers ultimately disengaged and submitted a request for warrant declaration to the court for the known offender.

Administrative Review

UPD Command Staff reviewed the 2022 vehicle pursuit incident. All agreed that the incident was justified, and in compliance with all UPD policies/practices and applicable state statutes.

Impact of Findings on Policy and Practice

- Nothing Observed.

Impact of Findings on Training and Equipment

- Consistent format for verbally notifying the Dispatcher, other Officers, and the Supervisor when an Officer initiates a Pursuit.
- Review specific factors, strategies, and tactics for conducting traffic where the potential for high-speed violations is high.

Administrative Review

Analysis completed by Acting Lieutenant Garrett Brownfield on 2/22/23

Signature 

Analysis reviewed and accepted by Chief of Police:
Interim Police Chief Drake Massey

Signature 
Date: March 1, 2023