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## West Linn

Date:

January 3, 2022

To:

Chief Peter Mahuna

From:

Captain Oddis Rollins

Subject:

2021 Annual Vehicle Pursuit Review

I have completed the West Linn Police Department's 2021 annual review of all vehicle pursuit events. Below you will find a summary of the specific incidents that includes the date, case number(s) and policy finding. I have also included a section to discuss potential areas of development where focused training may be beneficial.

In 2021, the West Linn Police Department had three vehicle pursuit incidents. Those dates, case numbers and policy findings are as follows:

- 02/28/21 #21-001254 IN POLICY
- 04/21/21 #21-002489 IN POLICY
- 05/12/21 WLPD #21-003060, CSO #21-9833 OUT OF POLICY

Each vehicle pursuit incident was reviewed and documented in a West Linn Police After Action Report. All WLPD After Action Reports are maintained within the Guardian Tracking system. Two of the three vehicle pursuits were found to have occurred within WLPD policy. The third pursuit, case #21-003060 was found to have occurred outside of WLPD policy. Corrective counseling was provided to all officers involved in this out-of-policy pursuit. No disciplinary action was taken against any officer.

## **Areas for Development:**

In 2021, the West Linn Police Department made significant changes to its pursuit policy. West Linn officers would benefit from additional training and competency checks in various vehicle pursuit policy areas. Areas of specific focus should be: factors for initiating a pursuit, the skills to effectively and accurately weigh the risks versus the benefits for the continuation of pursuits, effective communication during pursuits, and supervisory responsibility at the onset of a pursuit and throughout.

WLPD will plan this training with the assistance of the EVOC teaching team. The curriculum will include a thorough review of WLPD Policy 314- Vehicle Pursuits, a case study of several recent pursuits, and driver training under stressful conditions.