



CITY OF West Linn

Date: February 8, 2023
To: Chief Peter Mahuna *PM*
From: Captain Oddis Rollins *OR*
Subject: 2022 Annual Vehicle Pursuit Review

I have completed the West Linn Police Department's 2022 annual review of all vehicle pursuit events.

In 2022, the West Linn Police Department had no vehicle pursuit incidents.

Areas for Development:

In 2022, the West Linn Police Department made additional changes to its pursuit policy, after the significant changes made in 2021. The changes in 2022 came, in part, due to Lexipol policy updates that the West Linn Police Department agreed to adopt. These specific policy changes included replacing the word "shall" with "should" when defining the three police vehicle limit to active vehicle pursuits. This change allows for more flexibility during vehicle pursuits whose circumstances may dictate that an increased vehicle number would be prudent due to safety or other operational factors. The words "if possible" were also added to the requirement that officers obtain approval from a supervisor before performing a PIT maneuver.

West Linn officers would continue to 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.

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