

Pearland Police Department

Pursuit Report

2022



Pursuit policy 504.3.12 Annual Report requires a summary of all vehicle pursuits for the prior year. Vehicle pursuits are inherently dangerous to both the officers involved and the public. The Pearland Police Department takes its obligations seriously to provide the most effective and efficient police service possible with the least adverse impact on our citizens. We are committed to protecting our citizens while ensuring the manner in which we do so does not place the public at risk of greater harm. This process requires continuous evaluation of the risks and benefits of each action.

Officers are trained by the department in pursuit tactics and emergency driving. However, as skilled as an officer might be in these situations, the vehicle being pursued may not have a competent driver and at times, the driver may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Both the involved officer(s) and the supervisor are charged with continuous evaluation of the pursuit as it occurs and are required to call off the pursuit when either believe the risks to the officer or the public outweigh the need for immediate capture of the suspect.

Texas Law Enforcement Best Practice 7.13 and Pearland Police Department Policy 504 require a written report be completed when an officer pursues a vehicle. Each individual report is immediately reviewed through the chain of command to ensure the action is within department policy. If the officer initiated or participated in a pursuit inappropriately, a departmental investigation is required and the officer may receive additional training or, in some case cases, discipline up to and including termination from employment.

The following is a summarized list of all 58 pursuits in RMS FY 2022:

- 1-21 Unknown driver initiated for traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 1-29 W/M driver initiated for traffic. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with eluding. Reviewed within policy.
- 2-7 W/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with UUMV. Reviewed within policy.
- 2-18 B/F driver initiated for criminal investigation. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with evading and endangering a child. Reviewed within policy.
- 2-27 B/M driver initiated for traffic. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with evading. Reviewed within policy.
- 3-20 Unknown driver initiated for traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 3-29 W/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with evading. Reviewed within policy.
- 4-11 B/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Supervisor terminated. Reviewed outside policy for unmarked vehicles involved as secondary units.
- 5-4 B/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Terminated as a known driver. Warrant obtained for evading and theft. Reviewed within policy.
- 5/8 Unknown driver initiated for traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 5-11 B/M driver initiated as wanted person/vehicle. Stopped voluntarily. Arrested for confirmed warrant. Reviewed within policy.
- 5-15 W/M driver initiated for traffic. Suspect crashed. Charged with evading. Reviewed within policy.
- 5-24 W/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Supervisor terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 6-1 W/F driver initiated for wanted person/vehicle. Suspect crashed. Charged with evading and fail to ID-fugitive. Reviewed within policy.
- 6-9 B/M driver initiated for wanted person/vehicle. Suspect crashed. Charged with evading, endangering a child, and UCW. Reviewed within policy.

- 6-12 B/M driver initiated for traffic. Suspect crashed and fled on foot. Charged with evading, fleeing. Reviewed outside policy as secondary units found to be traveling too fast through intersections.
- 6-13 B/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with UUMV, evading. Reviewed within policy.
- 6-22 W/M driver initiated for traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 6/23 B/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with UUMV, evading, criminal instruments. Reviewed within policy.
- 6-30 Unknown driver initiated for criminal investigation. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/1 Unknown driver initiated for traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/6 B/M driver initiated for traffic. Stopped voluntarily. Passenger arrested for Public Intoxication. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/12 Unknown/M driver initiated for traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/16 Unknown/M driver initiated on LPR FLOCK hit. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/18 Unknown driver initiated for criminal investigation. Supervisor terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/21 W/M driver initiated for traffic. Suspect crashed. Charged with evading. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/23 W/M driver initiated for traffic. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with evading and DWI. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/24 A/F driver initiated for traffic. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with speeding. Reviewed within policy.
- 7/25 B/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Suspect crashed/fled on foot. Charged with aggravated robbery, evading, fleeing. Reviewed outside policy as secondary units driving too fast with no equipment activated.
- 7/28 B/M driver initiated for wanted vehicle/driver. Suspect eluded. Reviewed within policy.
- 8/3 Unknown driver initiated for traffic. Suspect eluded. Reviewed within policy.
- 8/5 B/M driver initiated for traffic. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with evading, DWI, UCW. Reviewed within policy.
- 8/5 B/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 8/19 B/M driver initiated for traffic. Suspect crashed. Charged with evading and felony warrant. Reviewed within policy.
- 8/30 W/M driver initiated for DWI. Stopped by spike strip. Charged with evading, DWI, possession of marijuana. Reviewed within policy.
- 9/12 Unknown driver initiated for traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 9/16 B/M driver initiated for LPR FLOCK hit. Suspect crashed and evaded on foot. Reviewed within policy.
- 9/25 B/M driver initiated for traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 10/3 W/M driver initiated for criminal investigation. Supervisor terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 10/5 W/M driver initiated for traffic. Suspect crashed and fled on foot. Charged with evading and fleeing. Reviewed within policy.
- 10/7 W/M driver initiated for wanted vehicle/person. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with UUMV. Reviewed within policy.
- 10/13 B/M initiated for criminal investigation. Suspect crashed. Charged with UUMV and evading. Reviewed within policy.

- 10/17 B/F driver initiated for criminal investigation. Suspect crashed. Charged with evading and felony theft. Reviewed within policy.
- 10/20 B/M driver initiated for traffic. Suspect crashed and fled on foot. Charged with evading and fleeing. Reviewed within policy.
- 10/28 B/M driver initiated on LPR FLOCK hit. Suspect bailed and fled on foot. Charged with UUMV and evading. Reviewed within policy.
- 11/3 B/F driver initiated as a wanted person/vehicle. Officer terminated as driver ID known. Filed 5 felony warrants. Reviewed within policy.
- 11/6 B/F driver initiated as criminal investigation. Suspect eluded. Reviewed within policy.
- 11/14 B/M driver initiated on traffic. Supervisor terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 11/15 Unknown driver initiated on traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 11/19 W/M driver initiated on criminal investigation. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with evading, UUMV. Reviewed within policy.
- 12/3 Unknown driver initiated on traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 12/4 B/M driver initiated on traffic. Officer terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 12/6 B/F driver initiated as criminal investigation. Suspect crashed and fled on foot. Charged with evading and fleeing. Reviewed within policy.
- 12/10 W/M driver initiated on traffic. Stopped voluntarily. Charged with evading. Reviewed within policy.
- 12/11 B/F driver initiated as a criminal investigation. Supervisor terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 12/12 Unknown driver initiated on traffic. Supervisor terminated. Reviewed within policy.
- 12/21 A/M driver initiated as wanted person/vehicle. Officer terminated as driver ID known. Warrant for evading. Reviewed within policy,
- 12/30 W/M driver initiated for traffic. Driver stopped and fled on foot. Charged with evading. Reviewed within policy.

Of the three pursuits that included policy violations there were no injuries or property damage. Each was resolved through counseling or additional training for the officers involved.

28 pursuits originated as simple traffic violations. 19 began as criminal investigations such as when a citizen calls in a theft (as an example). 7 began as a known wanted person or vehicle. 1 began as a DWI. A new category LPR FLOCK hit resulted in 3 pursuits.

22 of the listed pursuits were terminated by either the officer or the supervisor. Pursuit termination is most often for safety reasons such as traffic conditions, weather, etc. 3 of the terminated pursuits were due to the identity of the fleeing driver being known.

15 pursuits ended by the fleeing driver ultimately stopping voluntarily. 13 ended by the suspect vehicle crashing. Of those that crashed two collided with other, uninvolved vehicles. 1 pursuit ended by use of a spike strip.

This summarizes police pursuit activity for the Pearland Police Department FY 2022.