**TO: JOHNNY SPIRES, CHIEF OF POLICE DATE: 2-13-23**

**MEMORANDUM**

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**SUBJECT: FY 22 FLEET CRASH REVIEW**

This analysis was conducted in order to review and evaluate the Pearland Police Department’s Fleet Crash incidents for the 2022 calendar year. Maintaining operational readiness through safe practices and resource management is of the utmost importance to the Pearland Police Department, as it affects our ability to provide timely, quality service to our citizens.

However, the department recognizes that vehicle crashes and damage are inevitable due to round-the clock operation of police vehicles. Analysis of these incidents can serve to guide policy and procedures that will lessen the impact of fleet crashes in the future. This analysis will be conducted yearly to comply with Pearland Police Department Fleet Crash Policy (505.3.6 Annual Report).

According to RMS there were 25 fleet crashes in 2022, that were reported and documented as required by Department policy. The table below lists the accidents as described in RMS.

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| DATE | DIVISION | MANEUVER/FAULT | ACTION |
| 1-5-22 | Animal Control | Citizen | Follow too close |
| 1-19-22 | CID | Braking | Fail to control speed |
| 2-3-22 | Patrol | Citizen | Follow too close |
| 2-12-22 | Patrol | Citizen | Follow too close |
| 3-4-22 | Patrol | Lane Change | Change lane when unsafe |
| 3-17-22 | CID | Auto. Gate | Gate damage |
| 3-23-22 | Patrol | Passing | Fail to pass safely |
| 4-8-22 | Patrol | Passing | Fail to pass safely |
| 6-24-22 | Commercial | Turning | Cut corner/struck object |
| 7-20-22 | K9 | Turning | Cut corner/struck object |
| 7/29-22 | Patrol | Backing | Back without safety |
| 7-29-22 | Patrol | Turning | Driver inattention |
| 8-18-22 | CID | Auto. gate | Gate damage |
| 9-1-22 | Spec. Ops | Turning | Driver inattention |
| 9-12-22 | Patrol | Braking | Fail to control speed |
| 9-28-22 | Patrol | Auto. gate | Gate damage |
| 9-28-22 | K9 | Backing | Back without safety |
| 10-13-22 | Spec. Ops | Pursuit | Uneven/offroad surface |
| 10-20-22 | Patrol | Pursuit | Uneven/offroad surface |
| 11-6-22 | Patrol | Backing | Back without safety |
| 11-9-22 | Patrol | Turning | Driver inattention |
| 11-24-22 | Commercial | Turning | Cut Corner/curb |
| 11-27-22 | Patrol | Other | Debris in roadway |
| 12-2-22 | Patrol | Citizen | Fail to control speed |
| 12-7-22 | Patrol | Citizen | Back without safety |

The information from RMS lists 5 of the 25 incidents as citizens at fault. Of the 20 faulted incidents few appear to a result of priority driving but seem to be a result of casual, inattentive actions. Backing without safety, being struck by automatic gates, cutting corners too short and striking curbs or poles in parking lots or picnic tables in parks are making this list longer than it needs to be.

Policy 505.3.6 requires an annual review of fleet crashes among command staff and the training unit to identify needed changes to policy, updates to training, or the acquisition of equipment which could be made to avoid or reduce future fleet crashes. A meeting was held to conduct this review on 02-13-23. A result of the meeting indicated a consensus on the need for further department-wide training targeted toward the primary cause of inattentive driving including backing. As a result, the following steps will be taken immediately:

* The Training Division will implement a department wide training cycle over 2 years to have every member concentrate on low speed, distracted driving training through the use of a recurring schedule (groups of 14) at the Pasadena drive track. Also included in the training will be instruction of rolling roadblock.
* The Training Division will also roll out LGU training on distracted driving obtained from the San Marcos Police Department along with recurring quarterly LGU driver safety training.
* A review of fleet vehicles will be conducted to ascertain which models have back up cameras.

This completes the fleet crash review and subsequent training division response required by Policy 505.3.6

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