

Fairfax County Police Department

Pursuit & PIT Policy Review Part II

Public Safety Committee

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Chief of Police



3 Prongs of Basis for Pursuit

- The officer has reasonable articulable suspicion that the driver, including passengers, has committed, has attempted to commit, is committing, or has threatened to use violence to commit a violent felony against a person; other criminal offense; or a traffic infraction; <u>AND</u>
- The driver refuses to stop when given the signal to do so; AND
- The need for immediate apprehension outweighs the danger created by the pursuit to the public, officers, and offender, including passengers.

ALL 3 elements must be present to pursue and the overall seriousness of the offense and the danger the offender poses to public safety are part of the considerations to pursue or not pursue within the entire policy



Pursuits

• Statistical Information

Total Pursuits	2015	2016	2017
Pursuits	118	134	149

Pursuit Related Injuries 2015 - 2017				
	2015	2016	2017	Total Pursuit Injuries
Suspect	9	9	7	25
Persons in Suspect Vehicle	2	2	1	5
Officer	0	0	1	1
Uninvolved Person	3	1	7	11
Total Injuries	14	12	16	42

Precision Immobilization Technique

Statistical Information

PIT Statistics 2015 - 2017					
	2015	2016	2017	Total PITS	
Successful PITS	6	13	7	26	
Unsuccessful PITS	5	4	8	17	
Total PIT Attempts	11	17	15	43	

PIT Related Injuries 2015 - 2017						
	2015	2016	2017	Total PIT Injuries		
Suspect	2	4	4	10		
Persons in Suspect Vehicle	0	0	2	2		
Officer	1	0	1	2		
Uninvolved Person	0	0	0	0		
Total Injuries	3	4	7	14		