

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Pursuit Training and Policy Review

Course Outline

Course Objective: The students will receive instruction in compliance with Vehicle Code 13519.8 and SB 719, which dictates the annual review of our agencies pursuit policy. This includes all of the topics listed in VC 13519.8(b). The students will also participate in review of pursuits that occurred within our agency to help them look at pursuits more critically. The goal is to help students better understand the balance test as well as tactics to reduce safety risks during pursuits.

- I. Introduction (5 min)
 - A. Course Goals
 - 1. Satisfy yearly pursuit policy review pursuant to VC 13519.8
 - 2. Cover tactics for safer pursuits
 - 3. Better understanding of agencies balance test

- II. General Order Requirements (15 min)
 - A. Primary unit
 - 1. Communications
 - 2. Reason for the pursuit
 - 3. Location and direction of travel
 - 4. Speed of fleeing vehicle
 - 5. Description of vehicle and license plate if known
 - 6. Number of known occupants
 - 7. The identity or description of known occupants
 - 8. Any information concerning the use of firearms, threat of force, or other unusual hazard
 - B. Secondary Unit
 - 1. Notify you are involved and when possible assume radio communications
 - C. Other General Order Considerations
 - 1. Number or units allowed
 - 2. Intervention tactics
 - 3. Inter-jurisdictional issues
 - 4. Reporting requirements
 - D. Balance Test Discussion

- III. Agency Specific Pursuit Review Form (15 min)
 - A. What is it used for?
 - B. Pursuit video review
 - a. Watch video and discuss:
 - i. Wants
 - ii. Use of balance test
 - iii. Radio Traffic
 - iv. Complete agency pursuit review as if student is a supervisor
- IV. Tactics (20 min)
 - A. Dealing with uninvolved vehicles
 - a. What policy says
 - b. What vehicle code says
 - B. Following distance
 - C. Offset
 - D. Outrunning siren
 - E. Suspect's actions
 - F. Video example
- V. Radio Traffic (10 min)
 - A. Critical information
 - B. Brevity
 - C. Open air
 - D. Video example
- VI. Helicopter Assistance (10 min)
 - A. Helicopter Policy
 - B. Video example
- VII. Pursuit review (20 min)
 - A. Watch video
 - B. Complete a pursuit review of the video
 - C. Discuss
- VIII. Pursuit Conclusion (10 min)
 - A. Policy verbiage
 - B. Things to consider
 - a. Adrenaline
 - b. Uncooperative suspects
 - c. Cooperative suspects
 - d. Injuries
 - C. Video of what not to do
- IX. Distribution of General Order (5 min)

A. Signing for General Order

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