

# Cedar Hill Police Department

2023



## Pursuit Analysis

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This analysis is being submitted to comply with Cedar Hill Police Department General Order 530.00 as well as to meet the standards for the Texas Police Chief's Association Best Practices State Recognition Program section 7.14, Annual Report of Agency Pursuits.

Cedar Hill Police Department General Order 530.00 requires the on-scene or controlling supervisor at the time of a vehicle pursuit to complete a Pursuit Report within forty-eight hours from the end of the pursuit. The report is required to contain a critique of the pursuit and is forwarded to the Field Operations Bureau Assistant Chief, through the chain of command, for review. All pursuit reports are maintained in Police Administration.

The analysis for this report was generated directly from the completed pursuit reports. There were 16 vehicle pursuits reported in 2023. This number represents a 128% increase in the number pursuits from 2022. The total number of police personnel involved in pursuits in 2023 were 57. In all but one pursuit, the personnel involved in pursuits were assigned to the Patrol Division. One detective from the Criminal Investigation Division was involved in a pursuit.

### **Property Damage**

There were seven (7) pursuits that resulted in property damage due to crashes or intentional acts by suspects. In three of the crashes, only the suspect's vehicle was damaged. In three pursuits the suspect and an uninvolved civilian vehicle were damaged. In one pursuit, the suspect's vehicle, one unmarked police vehicle and an uninvolved civilian vehicle were damaged. The estimated total amount of damage done to eleven vehicles involved in these incidents is estimated at \$122,000.

### **Pursuit Policy**

There were no changes made to GO 530.00 VEHICLE PURSUIT OPERATIONS during 2023. This policy was last reviewed on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 but was last revised on March 23, 2013.

### **Policy Violations**

During the review of pursuit reports from 2023, there was one pursuit which was not initiated within policy guidelines. Additional policy violations included an officer who failed to turn on their siren, an officer who drove the wrong way during a pursuit, and an officer who failed to properly clear intersections.



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## Profile of Pursuits between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023

CASE #	CAD ID#	INITIATION	TERMINATION	PROPERTY DAMAGE	POLICY VIOLATION
Case Number	Date	Officer's reason for the stop.	1. How did the pursuit end 2. Reason for termination 3. Pursuit resulted in	1. Property damage 2. Property damage cost	1. Policy violations 2. Policy violation type
CH230102001	01/1/23	Intoxicated Driver	1. Vehicle stopped – 2. N/A 3. Driver escaped on foot	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A.
CH230313017	3/13/23	Shooting with injury	1. Vehicle stopped 2. N/A 3. Driver arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH230323018	03/23/23	Warrant Service – Agg Assault	1. Vehicle evaded 2. Vehicle eluded officers 3. Termination	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH23046004	04/06/23	Agg Assault Suspect	1. Vehicle stopped 2. N/A 3. Driver arrested	1. Yes 2. \$200	1. No 2. N/A
CH230412001	04/12/23	Intoxicated Driver	1. Vehicle crashed 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. Yes 2. \$6000	1. Yes 2. Breaking Intersections
CH230416004	04/16/23	Intoxicated Driver	1. Vehicle crashed 2. N/A 3. Driver Eluded Apprehension	1. Yes 2. \$10,000	1. No 2. N/A
CH230422014	4/22/23	Stolen Vehicle	1. Vehicle Crashed 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. Yes 2. \$3,000	1. Yes 2. Pursuit Criteria
CH230429007	4/29/23	Intoxicated Driver	1. Driver Stopped 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH230604001	6/4/23	Intoxicated Driver	1. Driver Stopped 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH230618004	6/18/23	Felony-Persons	1. Vehicle Crashed 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. Yes 2. \$30,000	1. Yes 2. No siren usage



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CH230625015	6/25/23	Felony - Persons	1. Vehicle Crashed 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. Yes 2. \$2,000	1. Yes 2. Driving/Equip
CH230705008	7/5/23	Intoxicated Driver	1. Vehicle stopped 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH230725007	7/25/23	Agg. Assault Deadly Weapon	1. Vehicle Crashed 2. NA 3. Driver Arrested	1. Yes 2. \$70,000	1. No 2. N/A
CH230830003	8/30/23	Intoxicated Driver	1. Vehicle stopped 2. N/A 3. Driver Arrested	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH230901003	9/1/23	Suspected Robbery Offense	1. Vehicle Stopped 2. N/A 3. Driver escaped	1. No 2. N/A	1. No 2. N/A
CH231109010	11/9/23	Suspected Robbery Suspects	1. Vehicle Crashed 2. N/A 3. Suspects Arrested	1. Yes 2. \$400	1. No 2. N/A

### REASON INITIATED:

REASON	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Felony-Person	8	50%
Felony-Property	1	6%
DWI	7	44%
Other	0	0%
	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

### PURSUIT DISTANCE:

DISTANCE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
< 1 mile	2	12.5%
1 to 2 miles	2	12.5%
2.1 to 5 miles	4	25%
5.1 to 10 miles	3	19%
>10 miles	5	31%
	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

### TIME OF DAY:

### TYPE OF VEHICLE PURSUED:



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TIME	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
0000-0600	5	31%
0600-1200	1	6%
1200-1800	4	25%
1800-0000	6	38%
	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Automobile	12	75%
Truck/SUV	4	25%
Motorcycle	0	0%
Other	0	0%
	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

### PURSUIT ABORTED:

	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
YES	1	6%
NO	15	94%
	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

### DID CRASH OCCUR:

	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
YES	8	50%
NO	8	50%
	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Conclusion

Vehicle pursuits are low occurrence, high liability incidents which require careful and thorough examination to reduce future liability exposure. During 2023, Cedar Hill officers responded to 21,662 citizen-initiated calls for service and conducted 10,349 traffic stops. Of these 32,011 encounters, 16 resulted in vehicle pursuits. Four pursuits resulted in disciplinary action for reasons including unauthorized pursuit, breaking controlled intersections and equipment usage/failure.

2023 saw a 128% increase in the number of pursuits as compared to the seven pursuits that occurred during 2022. Seven pursuits resulted in vehicle crashes involving the suspect, police, or uninvolved vehicles. These crashes further emphasize the dangers of engaging in these types of enforcement actions. For these reasons, supervisors need to carefully scrutinize each pursuit to make certain that officers are adhering to the vehicle pursuit policy. A further review of our training records identified 2013 as the last year department-wide emergency vehicle operation training was conducted. Additional driving instructors need to be identified and trained as soon as feasible so a course may be presented as soon as practicable. The department is also requesting to purchase the Starchase vehicle tracking system that could be used to track fleeing vehicles from a safe distance instead of engaging in a high-speed pursuit.



Captain C. Chenault #069



Date



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## Command Review:

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## Assistant Chief

5-1-24

Date

Chief of Police

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