

## 41.2.2

### (M M M M) (LE1) Pursuit of Motor Vehicles

A written directive governs pursuit of motor vehicles, to include:

- a. *evaluating the circumstances;*
- b. *initiating officer's responsibilities;*
- c. *designating secondary unit's responsibilities;*
- d. *specifying roles and restrictions pertinent to marked, unmarked, or other types of police vehicle involvement in the pursuit;*
- e. *assigning dispatcher's responsibilities;*
- f. *describing supervisor's responsibilities;*
- g. *specifying when to terminate pursuit;*
- h. *engaging in inter and intrajurisdictional pursuits involving personnel from the agency and/or other jurisdictions;*
- i. *requiring a written report and an administrative review of each pursuit;*
- j. *conducting a documented annual analysis of pursuit reports; and*
- k. *conducting a documented annual review of pursuit policies and reporting procedures.*

#### Commentary

The agency should have clear-cut policies and procedures for pursuits. All sworn personnel should be provided with this written directive. Agencies may wish to consider frequent discussion and review of these policies/procedures during shift briefings and/or in-service training sessions.

A review of incidents involving vehicle pursuits may reveal patterns or trends that indicate training needs and/or policy modifications. The absence of pursuit reports does not remove the requirement of reviewing the policies, procedures and practices associated with the reporting process. (M M M M) (LE1)

### 41.2.3

#### (M M M M) (LE1) Roadblocks and Forcible Stopping

A written directive addresses roadblocks and forcible stopping, to include:

- a. describing circumstances warranting their use;*
- b. specifying procedures for implementation;*
- c. requiring training in the use of agency-authorized roadblocks and forcible stopping techniques;*
- d. defining supervisory responsibilities; and*
- e. requiring a written report and an administrative review of each such incident.*

#### Commentary

The extreme dangers inherent in the use of roadblocks and forcible stopping mandate guidelines for their use. The directive should specify the types of roadblocks or forcible stopping techniques authorized for use, e.g., moving, fixed, circle system, roadway barriers, "road spikes," pursuit interruption techniques, and the circumstances justifying their use, e.g., to stop a fleeing felon. Standard 1.3.2 is cross-referenced to this standard. Compliance with bullet e can be shown if the use of a roadblock or forcible stopping technique was reported and reviewed as part of pursuit pursuant to Standard 41.2.2, bullet (j). (M M M M) (LE1)