

LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

VEHICULAR PURSUIT

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Policy

- To perform vehicular operations as safely as possible;
- Keep the safety of the public as it's highest priority;
- To still effectively perform our Law enforcement function.

Purpose

The purpose of this order is to cover:

- Operation of emergency vehicles
- Reporting procedure
- Vehicular pursuits
- Inter-jurisdictional pursuits
- Review Policy
- Roadblock

Definition

Vehicular Pursuits - An active attempt by one or more officers to apprehend a suspect operating a motor vehicle while the suspect is knowingly trying to avoid apprehension by using high speed driving or other evasive tactics such as driving off the roadway, making sudden or unexpected movements and creating a situation that endangers public safety.

Emergency Vehicle Response (41.2.1)

- **Extreme caution must be exercised -**
- All signaling devices are to be activated
- Vehicles are to be operated as emergency vehicles;
Only in Lincoln,
Assisting in mutual aid,
- Intersections with signaling device or sign;
stop for sign or red light;
slow for green light to legal speed.
- Uncontrolled intersection – slow to maximum legal speed

Warning Devices

- Minimum use- consistent with the safe performance of police functions
- At scenes to provide warning signals
- As a visual sign to attract the attention of motorists being stopped
- On an emergency assignment to protect life
- All devices shall be deactivated when the need ceases

Vehicular Pursuit

A member shall only become engaged in a vehicular pursuit to affect the arrest or to prevent the escape of a felon who has committed a violent crime that has or could result in death or serious bodily injury of another. (41.2.2a)

Pursuits shall be discontinued if it becomes evident that the officer and public safety are seriously jeopardized. Officers and Supervisors need to take into account (41.2.2a)

- Road conditions
- Weather
- Traffic conditions- both vehicular & pedestrian
- Any other conditions they warrant serious

Marked units are the primary units to participate in a pursuit (41.2.2d)

Unmarked vehicles must let marked vehicles take over a pursuit if they initiate it. (41.2.2d)

Pursuits must be terminated if a supervisor orders it. (41.2.2f)

If a pursuit is initiated.

Position	Responsibilities
Primary Officer	Notify Dispatch of License & vehicle description Activate all emergency devices Maintain a safe distance to avoid hazards Evaluate & Terminate if unsafe (41.2.2a) (41.2.2b & 41.2.2g)
Secondary unit (41.2.2c)	Shall not enter the pursuit Follow and render assistance when it ends
Supervisor or Senior Officer (if not primary participant)	Shall monitor pursuit Terminate pursuit if safety is an issue (41.2.2f)
Dispatcher	Clear all non-essential calls Notify Grafton & State Police dispatch Obtain criminal & vehicle checks on suspects Notify a supervisor immediately (callback) (41.2.2e)

NO ROADBLOCKS ARE ALLOWED. (This includes rolling, stationary barriers and ramming) (41.2.3)

Low speed pursuits (vehicles that fail to stop but continue at the speed limit) (**NOTE:** women drivers have been advised to go to a safe area prior to pulling over for police officers).

- Notify dispatch

- Continue following vehicle at legal speed
- Outside of Lincoln allow State Police or that jurisdiction to take over as lead vehicle
- Follow vehicle to where it stops

Intra-Jurisdictional
(41.2.2h)

When pursuits are..	Officers shall...
Initiated outside of Lincoln by another agency	Obtain all in information from dispatch Not enter the pursuit, act as back up only Respond to area vehicle is stopped if in Lincoln Outside of Lincoln, only if cleared by Dispatch
Initiated in Lincoln to another jurisdiction	Must follow the guidelines of this order Should be broken off as soon as possible State Police should be allowed to take over or the jurisdiction they are in Respond immediately to the area the vehicle is stopped.

REVIEW

All vehicle pursuits shall be reviewed (41.2.2i)

Position	Shall..
Primary Officer	Vehicular Pursuit Report Dept. Narrative Report Accident or Damage Report if needed
Secondary Officer	Dept. Narrative Report
Dispatcher	Dept. Narrative Report
Supervisor – involved in pursuit	Dept. Narrative Report Vehicular Pursuit Report if officer cannot fill out due to injury
Sgt	Conduct investigation to see if it conforms with departmental orders Identify any safety issues Report to Chief within 72 hours
Vehicle Safety Committee Lt, Sgt, & FTO	Review all vehicle pursuits of previous Year – and:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify pattern or problems • Recommend any changes in training or policies • To Chief by February 1 (41.2.2j)
Chief	Review all vehicular pursuit investigations Review Vehicle Safety Committee Report Take whatever action is necessary to maintain standards of safety and

	effectiveness
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Reports

Vehicular Pursuit report Form 3.2.1	By any individual involved in a pursuit as a primary vehicle – end of tour
Officers Statement of Facts	Explanation of events in chronological order By end of tour
Analysis – yearly Form 3.2.2	Review of problems & suggestions by Safety Committee & Chief