

**Annual Pursuit Analysis**  
**2019**

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### **Annual Review**

The Burlleson Police Department, by policy (04-001) (CALEA Standard 41.2.2), conducts annual analysis of all pursuit reports in an effort to identify patterns or trends which may indicate a need for training, equipment, or policy modifications.

### **Policy**

By policy (04-001 IV), a motor vehicle pursuit is defined as:

*an active attempt by any law enforcement officer operating a motor vehicle and utilizing simultaneously all emergency equipment to apprehend on (1) or more occupants of another motor vehicle when the driver of the fleeing vehicle is aware or should be aware of the attempt and is resisting apprehension by maintaining or increasing his speed, ignoring the officer, or attempting to elude the officer while driving at speeds in excess of the legal speed limit.*

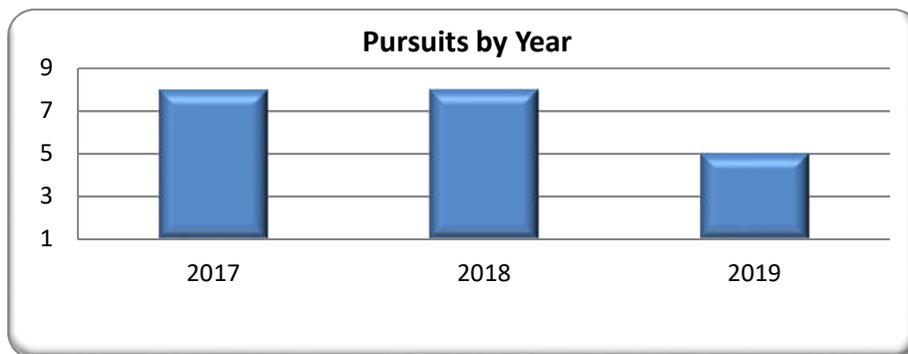
In addition, the policy describes the purpose of a motor vehicle pursuit as the apprehension of the violator.

### **Pursuit Reporting**

At the conclusion of each pursuit, the initiating officer is required to complete a pursuit report, which is forwarded through the chain of command documenting the events of the pursuit. The supervisor, after reviewing and signing the report, will forward the report to the appropriate bureau captain for a second level review. The administrative review process is to ensure the pursuit was within policy and to identify training needs.

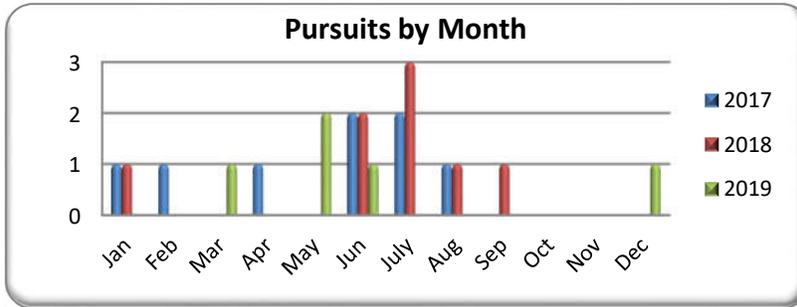
### **Pursuits by Year**

During 2019, Burlleson police officers engaged in five pursuits.

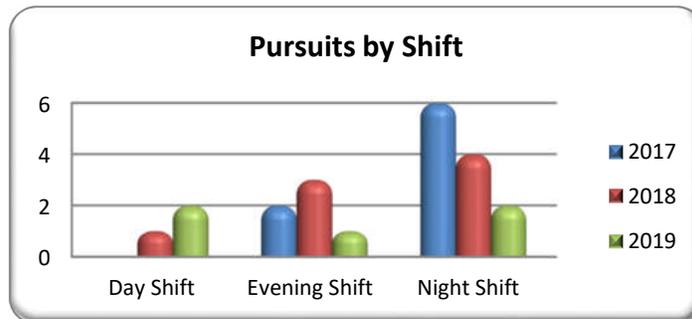


### **Pursuits by Month, Shift, Time, and Day**

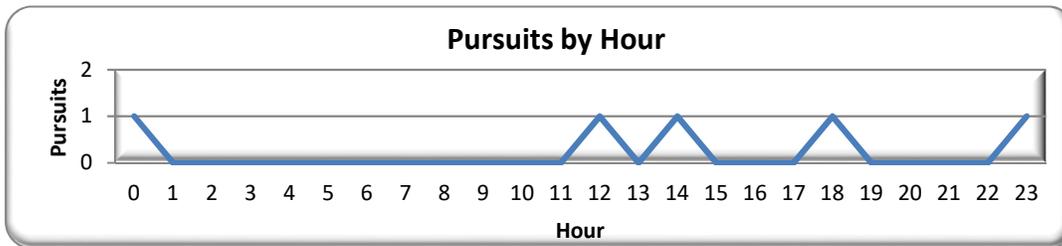
Pursuits, for the most part, were spread evenly throughout the year. A look at pursuits by month over a three-year period failed to reveal anything remarkable.



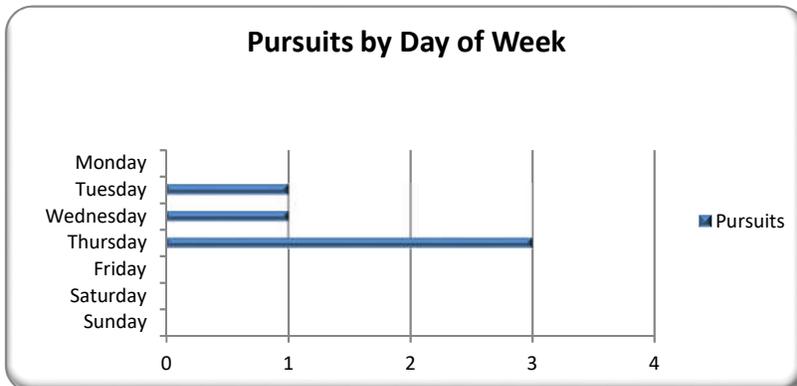
Pursuits in 2019 were spread evenly between Evenings and Day Shift.



In 2019, pursuit occurred mainly between 11am and 3pm and 10p and 1a.



The most common days for a pursuit in 2019 was Thursday, a change from 2018 which was Saturday and Wednesday and 2017's Sunday.



### **Pursuits by offense type**

Of the five pursuits in 2018, two were wanted violent felons, one was a DWI, one was a stolen vehicle, and the fifth was for a traffic violation. In both cases involving wanted felons, the suspect was considered armed and dangerous.

### **Pursuits by termination**

Two pursuits ended when the supervisor terminated the pursuit. One was for a class C offense involving a child not being in a child safety seat and the other was a juvenile driving a stolen vehicle. In both cases, the identity of the suspect was known. In the remaining three cases one suspect quit, one suspect crashed, and one suspect became stuck and fled on foot.

### **Pursuits by arrest**

Of the five drivers involved in pursuits, four were arrested and one eluded capture. Of the four arrested, three were arrested at the end of the pursuit, and one was arrested under warrant later.

### **Pursuit by officer and number of units**

In 2019, two pursuit involved one police unit, two involved two police units and one involved three police units. In all, but one, pursuit the police units involved were occupied by a single officer. Of the nine officers involved in pursuits during the year, (one officer was involved in two pursuits) all were white. Seven were male and two were female. The officer's average age was 37. Four of the pursuing officers had five or less years of service while three had six to ten years of service. Two officer had seventeen years of service. The average was eight years of service.

### **Pursuits by Injury**

There were no injuries because of pursuits in 2019.

### **Pursuits by Property Damage**

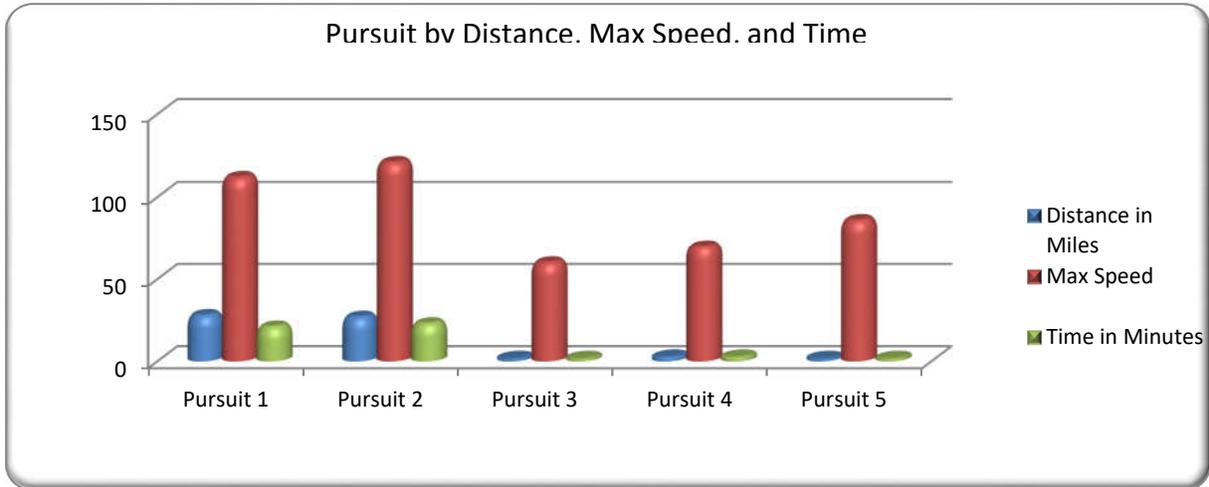
Two pursuits resulted in vehicle damage to the fleeing vehicle and one resulted in damage to a civilian vehicle. No police vehicles were damaged. Of the suspect vehicles damaged, one was damaged from crashing into an unoccupied parked vehicle; the other had the tires spiked.

### **Pursuits by Suspect**

Of the five suspects who fled in 2019, all where males ranging from 16 to 52 years of age. The driver's race was described as three white, one black, and one Hispanic.

### **Pursuit by Distance and Speed**

Pursuits 3, 4, and 5 lasted three minutes or less and spanned a distance of 3miles or less. Pursuits 1 and 2 lasted over 20 minutes and traveled over 20 miles. In addition, both of those pursuits reached speeds greater than 100 mph. All of the pursuits began in Burluson. One ended in Burluson and the remaining four ended in other jurisdictions. In 2019, there was a supervisor on duty during each pursuit.



**Summary**

During 2019, training and supervisor feedback as to the importance of following the pursuit policy continued to be a focus. In 2019, there was one pursuit initiated based on a traffic violations alone. In that instance, the supervisor quickly terminated the pursuit. The officer involved in that case had less than one year of experience. In addition, there was no discipline for violating the pursuit policy; however, there were several opportunities to provided training during the debriefing of those pursuits. Moving forward, we will continue to emphasize training, supervision, and the adherence to the pursuit policy.