

**Annual Pursuit Analysis**  
**2022**

Prepared by: Melvin McGuire  
April 10, 2023

### **Annual Review**

The Burleson 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.*

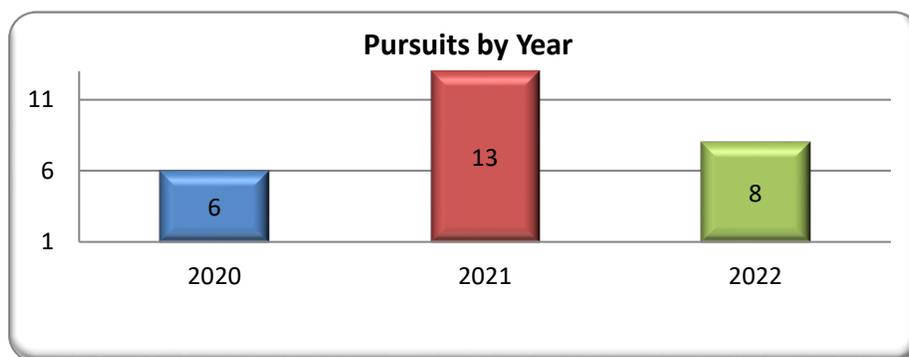
In addition, the policy describes the purpose of a motor vehicle pursuit as the apprehension of the violator.

### **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 the report, will forward the report to the appropriate midlevel manager with a recommendation for a second level review. The administrative review process is to ensure the pursuit was within policy and to identify training or equipment needs.

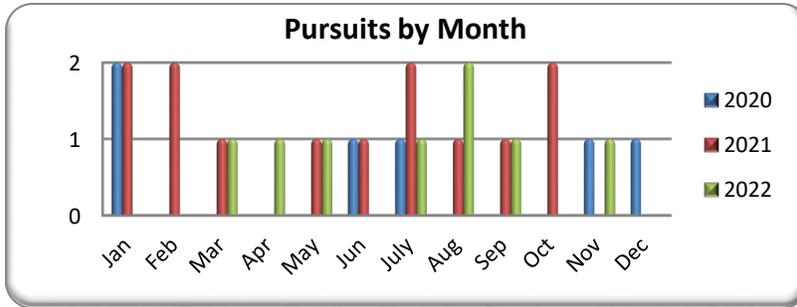
### **Pursuits by Year**

During 2022, Burleson police officers initiated eight pursuits.

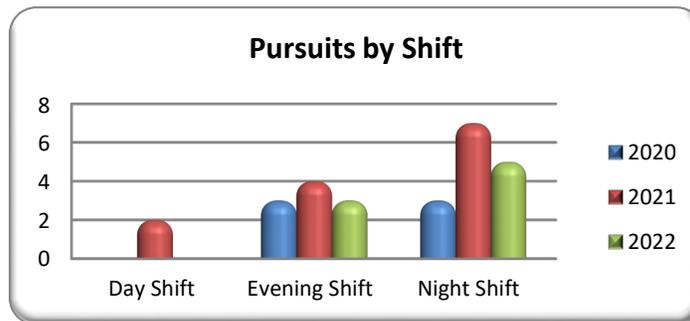


### **Pursuits by Month, Shift, Time, and Day**

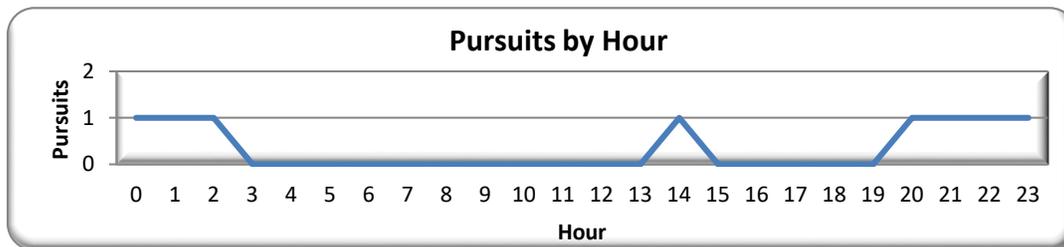
Pursuits, for the most part, were spread evenly throughout the year. A look at pursuits by month over a three-year period failed to reveal anything remarkable.



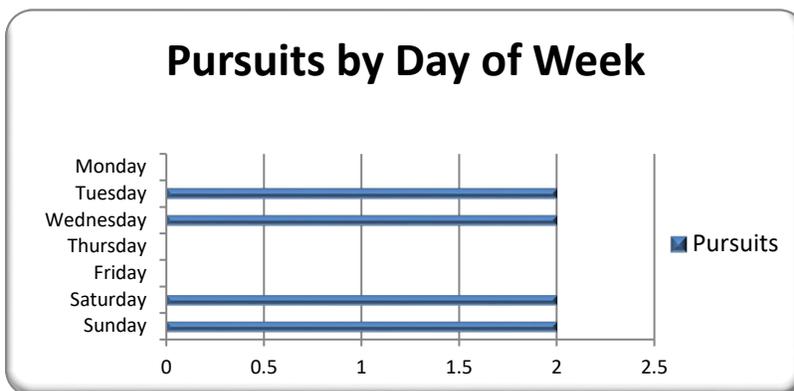
In 2022 more pursuits occurred on night shift than did on days or evenings, which was consistent with previous years.



In 2022, pursuit overwhelmingly occurred between 8 p.m. and 2a.m. which is consistent with previous years.

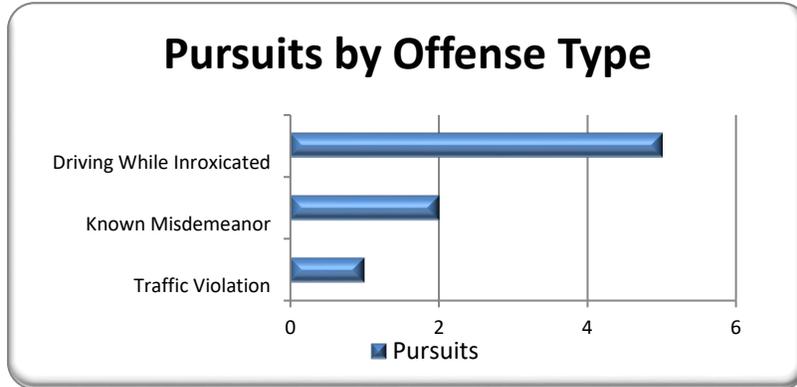


In 2022 pursuits occurred equally on Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.



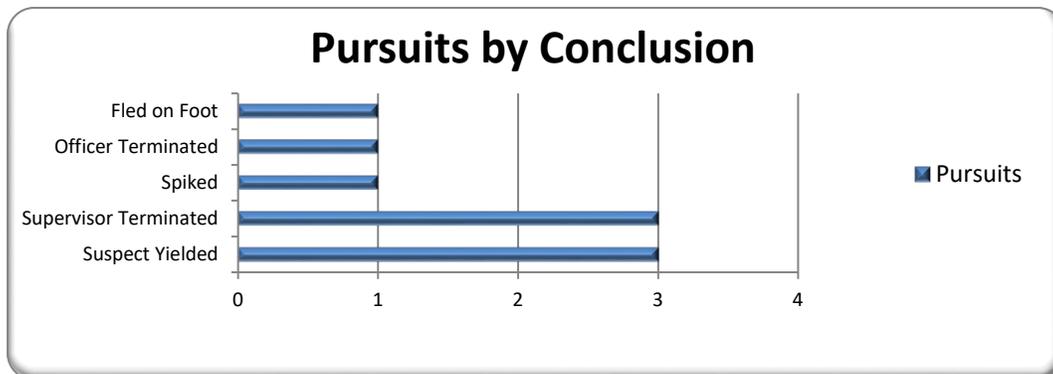
### **Pursuits by Offense Type**

Consistent with previous years, driving while intoxicated was the primary offense type related to pursuits in 2022.



### **Pursuits by Conclusion**

Four of the eight pursuits initiated in 2022 were terminated by either the officer involved (one) or the supervisor (three). The pursuit initiated based on speeding was terminated by the officer who initiated it, once it was clear to the officers the driver was not going to yield. A pursuit related to one of the possible intoxicated drivers and the two initiated for misdemeanor offenses were terminated by the supervisor. The remaining four pursuits were based on possible intoxicated drivers and dangerous driving behavior. There was one pursuit that involved a crash with minor damage to a civilian vehicle and no injuries. The supervisor terminated the pursuit after the crash due to erratic behavior of the fleeing driver. In the pursuit that was spiked the driver fled on foot.



### **Pursuits by Arrest**

Of the eight drivers involved in pursuits, four were arrested at the conclusion of the pursuit and charged with driving while intoxicated and evading, three eluded capture, and one was apprehended at a later time under warrant and charged with evading.

### Pursuit by Officer and Number of units

In 2022, four (4) pursuit involved one police unit while the remaining four involved a primary and secondary unit. No pursuits involved more than two units. The eight (8) pursuits in 2022 involved thirteen (13) officers; ten drivers and three passengers. Two of the ten drivers were drivers in two pursuits each. All officers involved in pursuits as drivers were white males. Their average age was 35. They had an average of five years of service. Two were in field training.

### Pursuits by Injury

No pursuits resulted in injury in 2022.

### Pursuits by Property Damage

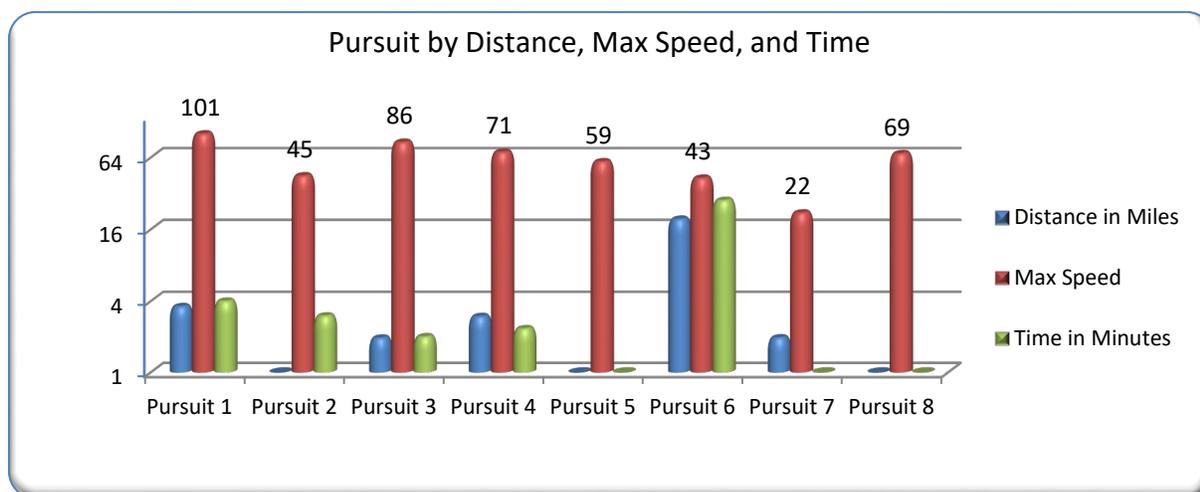
Three pursuits resulted in vehicle damage to the fleeing vehicles only, one was from spikes and two from the suspect hitting curbs. In one pursuit the fleeing vehicle ran a red light and struck a vehicle entering the intersection and continued to flee. Fortunately there was minor damage and no injuries. In the remaining four pursuits there was no vehicle damage.

### Pursuits by Suspect

Of the eight suspects who fled in 2022 seven were identified as male and one female. There races were four white, two black, one Hispanic and the female's race was unknown as she was not captured. Those with known ages ranged from 14 to 42 years of age. The fourteen year old was identified during the pursuit and the pursuit was terminated by a supervisor.

### Pursuit by Distance and Speed

Of the eight pursuits in 2022 only one had a top speed in excess of 100 miles per hour and was terminated by the supervisor. All the pursuits were initiated by Burleson officers within the city limits. Six ended in the city limits and two ended outside the city limits. Burleson officers participate in one outside agency pursuits in 2022 by deploying spikes. There was a supervisor on duty during each pursuit.



## **Summary**

In 2022, there was not only a reduction in pursuits, but a significant reduction in speeds related to pursuits. Both Supervisors and officers continue to demonstrate a willingness to terminate pursuits and follow policy related to pursuits. All pursuits in 2022 were determined to be within policy. There were a couple of occasions where officers were provide with counseling and remedial training as to the pursuit policy and stressors related to operating a police unit in a pursuit. Of the eight pursuits during 2022 five involved officers who had not previously been involved in a pursuit and two were in field training at the time of the pursuit. There will continue to be an emphasis on training, supervision, and the adherence to the pursuit policy.