



Use of Force Recommendation 42

Guidance for

Limit Number of Officers in a Pursuit



Agenda

- Recommendation
- Gap Analysis
- Committee Feedback
- Final Guidance



Recommendation Highlights

- *Ensure number of officers in pursuit is limited to:*
 - *Primary Unit*
 - *Secondary Unit*
 - *Involved Supervisor*
- *Exception: exigent circumstances exist, requiring additional personnel to join the pursuit.*

Gap Analysis

PERF Recommendation

- Findings were the policy is detailed and limits the situations a pursuit is allowed.
- MPD should limit the number of responders to a primary unit, a secondary unit and a supervisor who is also involved in the pursuit,
- Unless exigent circumstances exist to require additional personnel to join a pursuit.

Current MPD Policy

- Units authorized to participate in the pursuit are the Primary Police Unit, Secondary Police Unit and Functional Supervisor. Additional units may be authorized by a sworn supervisor.
- Other police units will remain alert to the progress and location of the pursuit and may participate in a Support Unit role but shall not become actively engaged unless directed by a sworn supervisor.
- Consideration for the number of officers required for the pursuit is determined by an ongoing situational threat assessment made by the pursuing officer or functional supervisor.



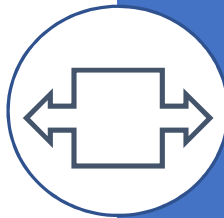
Pros and Cons (Discussion Points)

*Reasons **for** adopting the recommendation*

- Our policy currently, for the most part, already includes this recommendation.*
- Any additions would be relatively simple, minor and in the spirit of our current policy.*
- No additional training needed.*

*Reasons **against** adopting the recommendation*

- Any change would need to still provide a clause that more units can be utilized under exigent circumstances with supervisor approval.*



Committee Feedback

- *There was no discussion between the differences in verbiage of PERF and MPD Policy.*
 - Unless exigent circumstances exist to require additional personnel to join a pursuit vs
 - the number of officers required for the pursuit is determined by an ongoing situational threat assessment
- *The public feedback believed the semantics of the current policy allowed an unauthorized officer to join the pursuit*
- The terminology in the new recommendation raises the bar that it has to be extensive circumstances, not just “I authorized additional units”



Final Guidance – update verbiage to policy

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Proposed

General Guidelines

- Authorized Units are a Primary Unit, Secondary Unit and Functional Supervisor.
 - Additional units may only be authorized by a sworn supervisor.
 - Additional units are determined by an ongoing situational threat assessment.
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Discussion