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Annual Motor Vehicle Pursuit Analysis

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Department**

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Introduction

Policy and Procedure 303.01(J) — The Operations Bureau Commander (Deputy Chief) shall ensure a documented analysis of motor vehicle pursuits is completed annually. This analysis will be based on the information provided in the motor vehicle pursuit reports to determine any patterns and/or trends that would indicate a need for training and/or policy revisions.

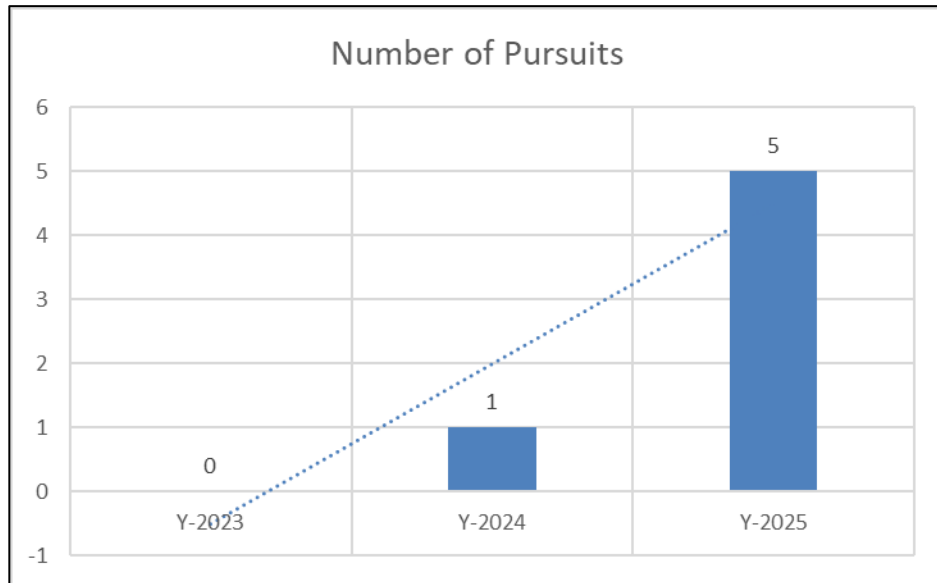
In addition, this annual documented analysis of motor vehicle pursuits will also include a review of policy and reporting procedures.

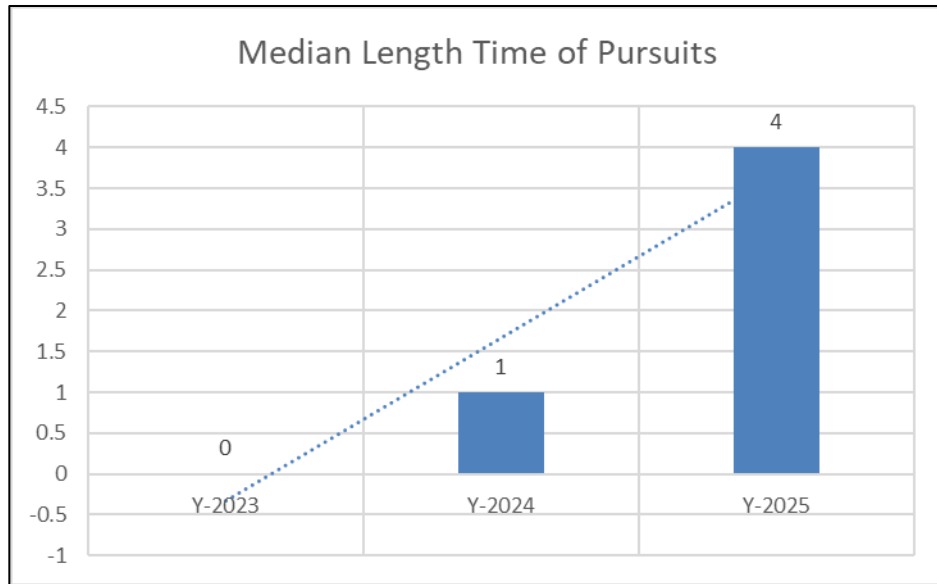
This analysis consisted of:

- A review of all motor vehicle pursuit reports as part of the motor vehicle pursuit review process.
- A review of the motor vehicle pursuit evaluation file.
- A review of the electronic file for motor vehicle pursuit data collection.
- A review of the police motor vehicle pursuit policy.
- A review of motor vehicle pursuit reporting procedures.

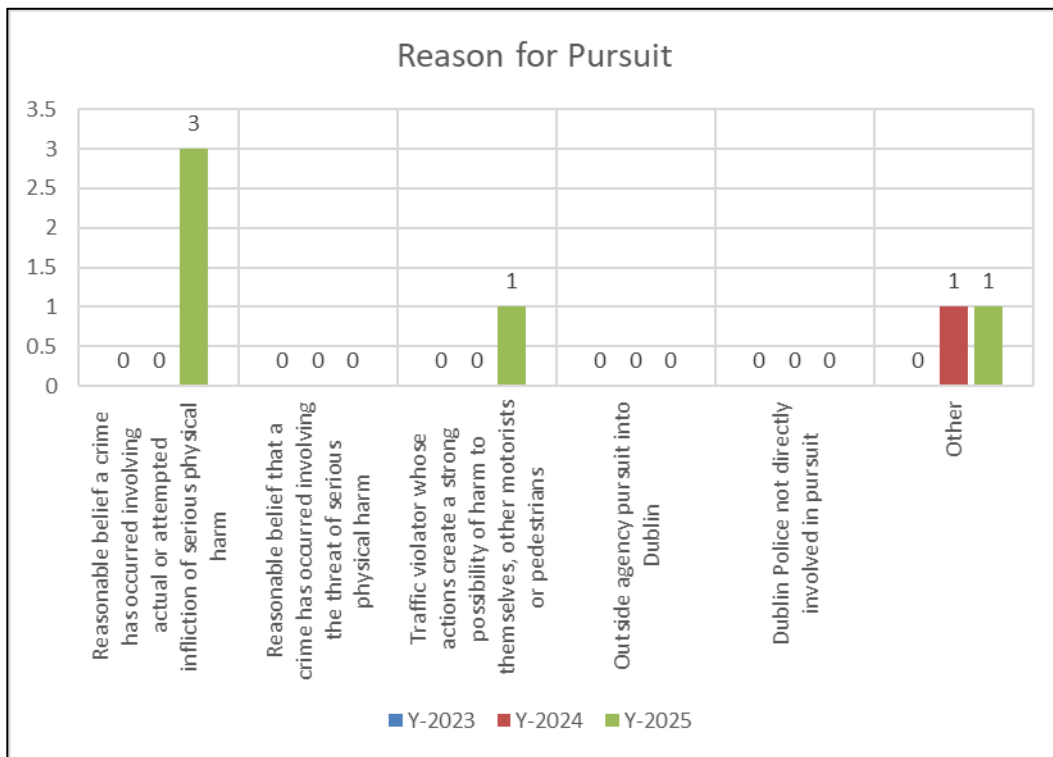
Data Collection and Analysis

The following graphs provide information on motor vehicle pursuits from 2023 to 2025. (Note: In 2025, the Dublin Police Department conducted five (5) motor vehicle pursuits.)

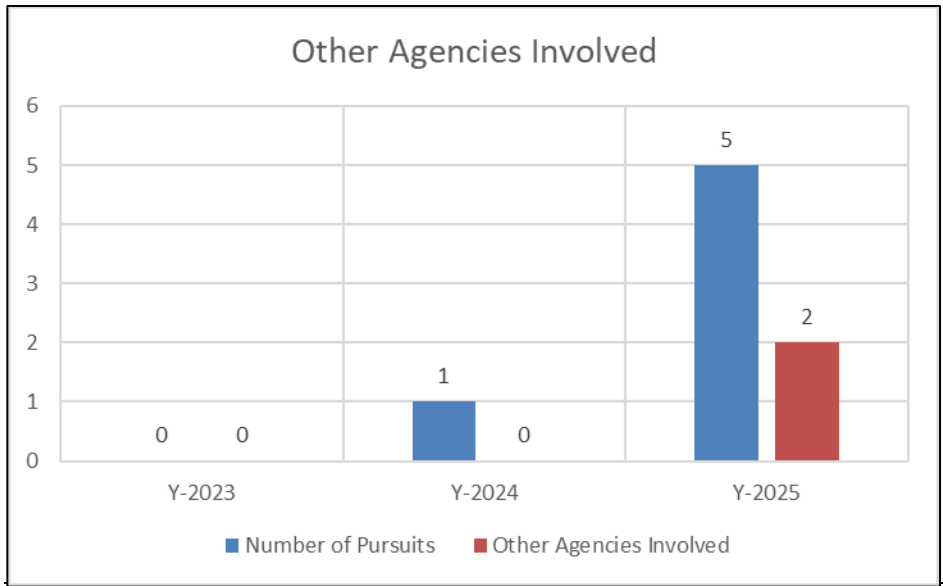




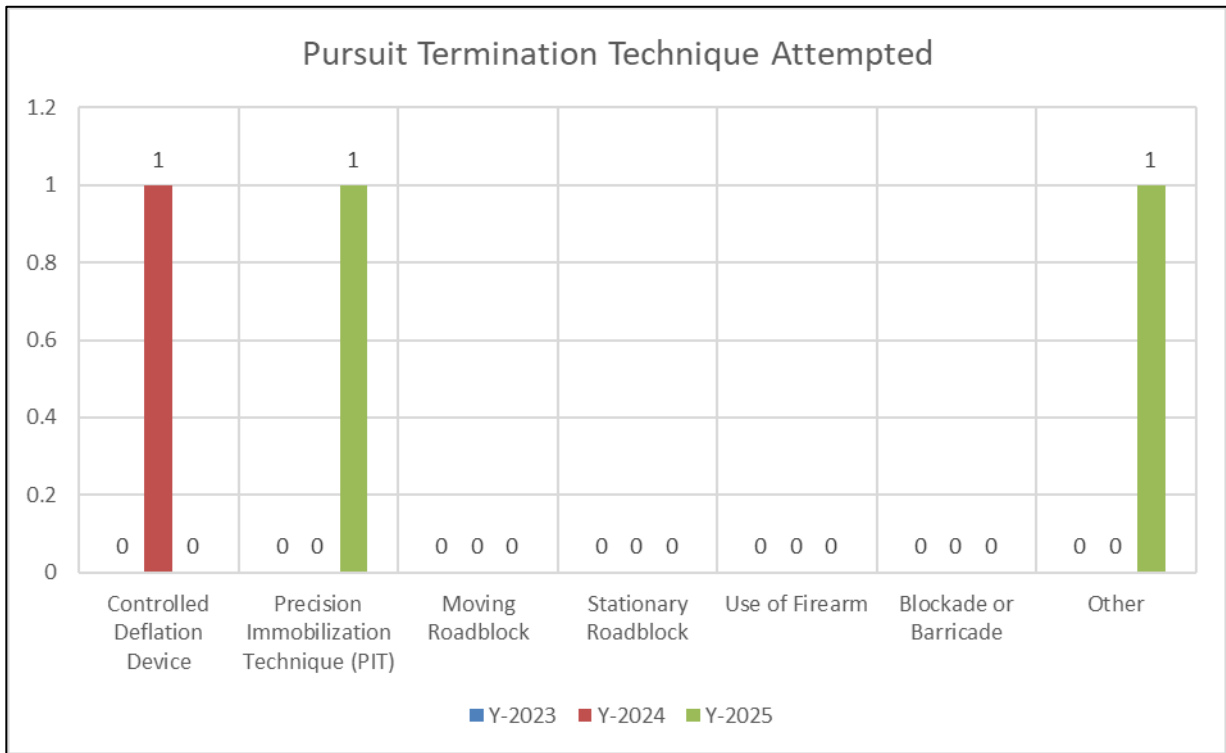
The median length of the five (5) motor vehicle pursuits in 2025 was 4 minutes (rounded up from 3.8).



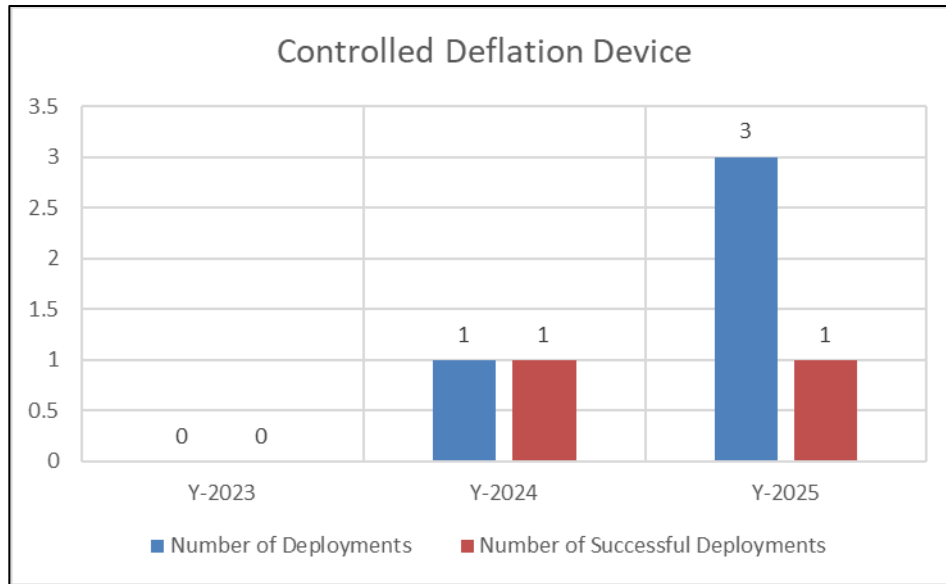
In 2025, of the five (5) motor vehicle pursuits, three (3) were for a reasonable belief a crime occurred involving actual or attempted infliction of serious physical harm, one (1) occurred for a traffic violator whose actions created a strong possibility of harm to themselves or others, and one (1) was for other (intention of an investigative stop on theft/criminal damaging suspects).



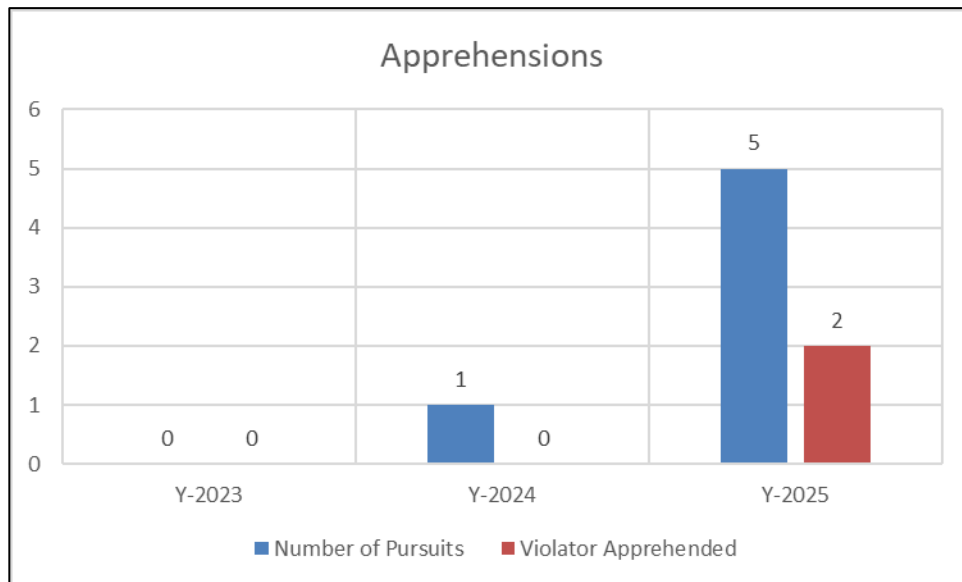
Outside agencies were involved in two (2) of the five (5) motor vehicle pursuits in 2025.



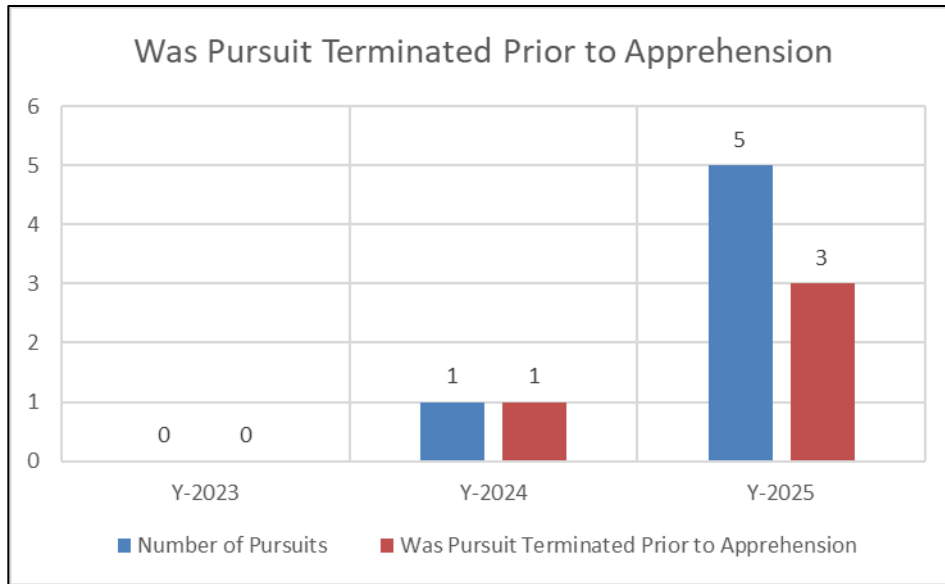
In 2025, two (2) motor vehicle pursuits involved the use of a pursuit termination technique. One (1) motor vehicle pursuit involved a precision immobilization technique (PIT), and the other motor vehicle pursuit involved a technique classified as other (boxed vehicle in).



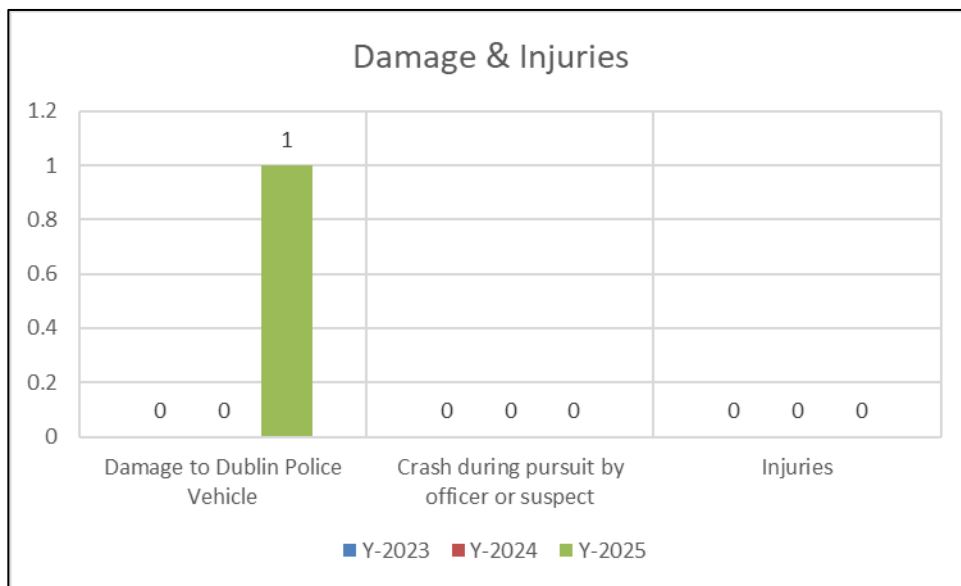
In 2025, controlled deflation devices were used in three (3) events. None of the three events involved a Dublin Police motor vehicle pursuit. In reviewing these events, only one was determined to be a successful deployment.



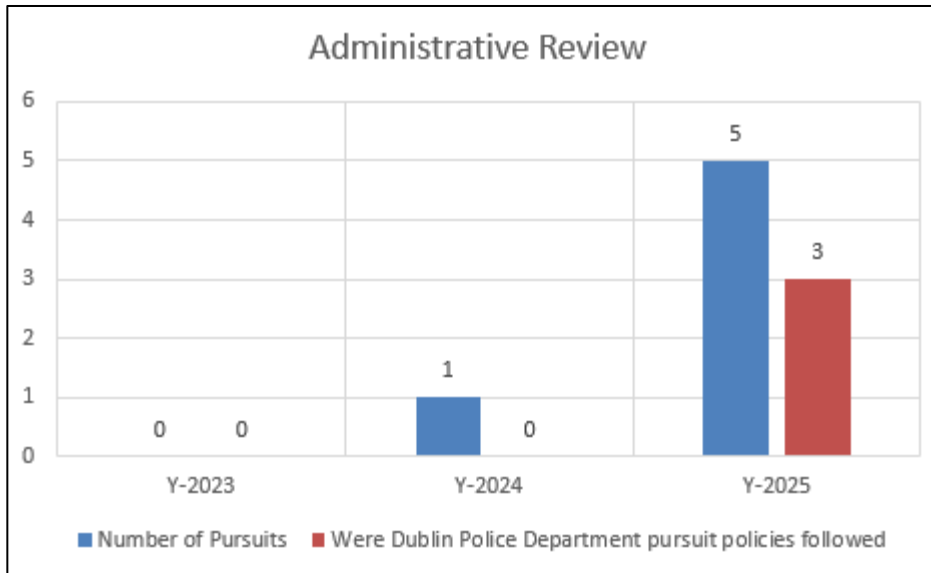
In 2025, of the five (5) motor vehicle pursuits, two (2) resulted in apprehensions.



In 2025, of the five (5) motor vehicle pursuits, three (3) were terminated prior to apprehension. Two (2) of the three were terminated by on-duty supervisors, and one (1) was terminated by the officer.



In 2025, of the five (5) motor vehicle pursuits, only one (1) resulted in damage to a police cruiser (most likely due to the PIT maneuver). No injuries occurred in 2025 from motor vehicle pursuits.



After all five (5) motor vehicle pursuits, an administrative review was conducted. Three (3) motor vehicle pursuits were found to be in compliance with police department motor vehicle pursuit policies. Two (2) motor vehicle pursuits were found to be not in compliance with police department motor vehicle pursuit policies.

Reporting Procedures

When a motor vehicle pursuit occurs, it is reported (on the motor vehicle pursuit form), critiqued, and reviewed by the chain of command (supervisor, Deputy Chief, and Chief of Police). It will then be determined if the pursuit complied with the police department's motor vehicle pursuit policy and procedures (303.01). A separate file is maintained with all the paperwork associated with each motor vehicle pursuit review. In addition, the Chief of Police's administrative assistant maintains a spreadsheet containing data from the motor vehicle pursuit form(s).

In 2025, the Dublin Police Department conducted five (5) motor vehicle pursuits.

In 2025, the Dublin Police Department conducted three (3) controlled deflation deployments. One (1) deployment was determined to be successful, and the other two (2) were determined to be unsuccessful. It should be noted that none of the three (3) deployments were related to a Dublin Police motor vehicle pursuit.

In 2025, the Dublin Police Department conducted one (1) precision immobilization technique (PIT) and one (1) box in.

There appears to be more than one form available for use in documenting motor vehicle pursuits. The department needs to ensure that officers and supervisors use the same formatted motor vehicle pursuit form.

It is recommended that the administration streamline the review process to ensure a more timely completion and review of motor vehicle pursuit forms. Achieving this will require reducing the time spent at each stage of the review process.

Policy Modification

Policy and Procedure 303.01 — Pursuit of Motor Vehicles and Forcible Stopping — In 2025, the Dublin Police Department made a modification to the motor vehicle pursuit policy and procedure. Under the controlled deflation device section (303.01.II.B), the following language was added:

– When reasonable articulable suspicion (RAS) exists that a vehicle is stolen, or officers have information from a credible law enforcement source that the vehicle is stolen, officers within our jurisdiction may deploy controlled deflation devices on the vehicle before attempting to initiate a traffic stop when they reasonably believe that the operator of the vehicle may not stop for law enforcement based on specific articulable facts. Specific factors may include:

- o Extinguishing vehicles lights when they are otherwise required
- o Rapid vehicle acceleration
- o Obvious disregard for traffic control devices
- o Previous flight by a known suspect

– After a successful controlled deflation device deployment, involved officers may activate their lights and/or siren while following the suspect vehicle without being considered in pursuit to warn other motorists and people in the area of an unsafe or potentially hazardous situation.

– While following the suspect vehicle, the officer(s) shall obey all traffic laws and operate with due regard for the safety of others. Officers shall discontinue following the suspect vehicle anytime there is a reasonable belief that the necessity for the apprehension does not outweigh the risk to the public.

During the April 2025 monthly police management staff meeting, supervisors discussed possible modifications to the motor vehicle pursuit policy.

In 2025, sworn personnel received a quiz on the department's motor vehicle pursuit policy and procedure.

Conclusion

Each year, an analysis of motor vehicle police pursuits was conducted in accordance with policy and procedure 303.01(J). In 2025, the Dublin Police Department conducted five (5) motor vehicle pursuits. Two of the motor vehicle pursuits did not comply with the department's policy and procedure. Six (6) motor vehicle pursuits have occurred over the past three years (2023 to 2025). This analysis of motor vehicle pursuits revealed no patterns or trends requiring further training, policy modifications, or changes in reporting procedures. At this time, no further review of the 2025 motor vehicle pursuits was necessary.