

## **4.1.2 Vehicle Pursuit Reporting**

### **I. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Johnstown Police Department to comply with sections 6341 – 6345 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code [Title 75] in regard to the reporting and recording requirements for pursuit vehicles.

### **II. PURPOSE**

The policy provides personnel with guidelines on motor vehicle pursuit reporting, as required by law. Act 154 of 1994 requires police departments in Pennsylvania to make a record of all vehicle pursuits and to report them to the Pennsylvania State Police.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

#### **A. Mandated Policy**

1. The Johnstown Police Department shall develop and implement a written emergency vehicle response policy governing the procedures under which a police officer should initiate, continue and terminate a motor vehicle pursuit. [See policy 2.1]

#### **B. Pursuit Documentation and Reporting**

1. The Johnstown Police Department shall maintain records of all motor vehicle pursuits. Whenever an officer engages in a motor vehicle pursuit, the Captain of Police shall complete the current Pennsylvania Police Pursuit Report.
2. The Captain of Police shall determine if the officer complied with the pursuit policy. He/she shall detect and correct any training deficiencies discovered. He/she will submit the pursuit reports to the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Research and Development. The Captain of Police shall maintain copies of all motor vehicle pursuit reports.
3. Whenever an officer engages in a motor vehicle pursuit, the officer shall document all pertinent information in an incident report. The report shall include, but not limited to, the following information:
  - a. Reason for pursuit.
  - b. Injuries, if any and to what persons.
  - c. Deaths, if any and to what persons.

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- d. Property damage, if any.
- e. Suspect information, including statute violations and apprehension status of the suspect.
- f. Route of the pursuit, time and distance.
- g. Any other information necessary for a complete detailed report.

#### **C. Review**

The Johnstown Police Department shall periodically analyze police pursuit activity and identify any additions, deletions or modifications warranted in departmental pursuit procedures.

Effective Date:

Date: October 1, 2010

By Order Of:

Craig Foust  
Chief Of Police