



HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONAL POLICY

Vehicle Pursuit Review Committee

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1. Purpose

To establish the Harford County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Vehicle Pursuit Review Committee (VPRC).

2. Policy

To comply with OPS 0402, Vehicle Pursuit policy, the HCSO will establish the VPRC.

3. References


OPS 0402 Vehicle Pursuit policy

4. Procedures

A. Vehicle Pursuit Review Committee (VPRC)

1. The Commander of the Planning and Research Division will serve as the Chairperson of the VPRC.
2. The VPRC will consist of four additional members who will serve a minimum of a one-year term:
 - a. A representative from the HCSO Driver Training Program;
 - b. A representative from the Investigative Services Bureau;
 - c. A supervisor from the Police Operations Bureau; and
 - d. One Deputy First Class/Senior Deputy appointed at large.
3. These members will also serve as the Crash Review Committee as outlined in ADM 0603, Crash Review Committee policy.
4. The VPRC Chairperson will work with Division Commanders to ensure that committee participation is scheduled as listed in 4.A.2.
5. **Vehicle Pursuit Reports and Command reviews documented in the Vehicle Pursuit module of the Law Enforcement Records Management System (RMS) are automatically sent to the Vehicle Pursuit Review Committee members.**

6. The Committee will report to the Chief Deputy and will meet at least once every quarter to analyze vehicle pursuit reports.
7. The review is to evaluate and comment on the following areas:
 - a. Tactical considerations;
 - b. Training considerations;
 - c. Vehicles and equipment issues; and
 - d. Adequacy of the Agency policies and procedures.
8. After completing the review process, the documents in the Vehicle Pursuit module of the RMS are automatically sent to the Office of Professional Standards in accordance with PER 0210, Early Intervention Program.
9. The Chairperson of the VPRC will compile an annual analytical report, concerning incidents involving vehicle pursuits by HCSO personnel, in a format established by the Sheriff, and forward it to the Chief Deputy.

Approved

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SHERIFF
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