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Emergency Vehicle
Operations Course (EVOC)




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**EMERGENCY RESPONSE,
PURSUIT MANAGEMENT & TACTICS,
AND CRASH SURVIVAL**





Risk Contributor





- The single greatest contributor to risk in vehicle pursuits or in emergency driving is SPEED

 **Types Of Pursuit** 

- Pursuit of time
- Pursuit of (vehicle)

 **Classify The Violation** 

- Non-hazardous
- Hazardous
- By prioritizing the violator, you begin to gauge how much risk should be extended in a pursuit

 **Decisions ...Choices** 

- What considerations could have been taken into account???
- What do think the officer was thinking about???

Decisions...Choices

- Best Interest of the Public??





Continuation Factors



- Speeds involved
- Time of day
- Traffic pattern/ conditions
- Condition of vehicles (violation and police)
- Nature of violation
- Route of travel
- Identity of suspect is known



Continuation Factors



- Physical and mental condition of officer / suspect
- Weather
- Availability of other units
- Escape routes
- Type of police vehicles involved (marked, unmarked, motorcycle, SUV)
- Agency policy

Continuation Factors

Would I be doing this if my family were on the road??????



Prior Knowledge





- Officers CANNOT assume that an individual observed for a traffic violation must be involved in something more serious because they are fleeing.
- Officers must rely on what is KNOWN, not what they suspect to be true!



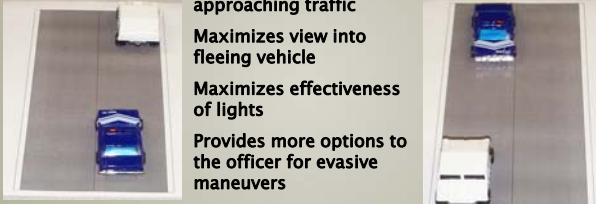
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PURSUIT TACTICS



 Pursuit Tactics 

- Slack pursuit is the FIRST choice of tactics you should try.
- If you perceive the individual you are chasing is either inexperienced or simply wants to maintain a comfortable "lead", ease off of the accelerator.
- You may be able to reduce the overall speed of the pursuit.

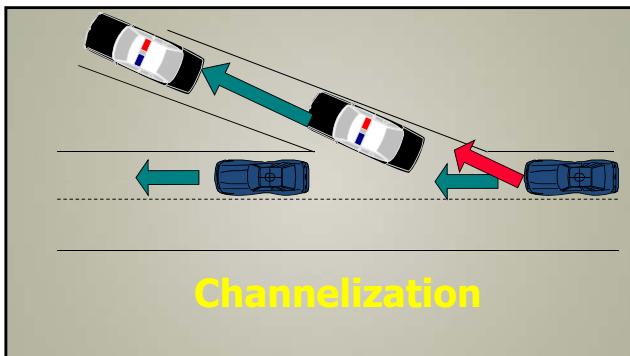
Off-Set Left Pursuit Position





- Maximizes view to approaching traffic
- Maximizes view into fleeing vehicle
- Maximizes effectiveness of lights
- Provides more options to the officer for evasive maneuvers
- Forces right hand turns



 Use Of Force (Force Stop Methods) 

- Spike strips
- Channelization
- PIT
- Ramming
- Boxing In





 Use Of Force 

- Forced compliance
 - Boxing / containment
 - Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)
- Lethal options
 - Ramming
 - Roadblocks
 - Firearms

 Responsibility 



- Your tactics in a pursuit must be implemented with safety first and then apprehension in mind.
- If you are in a pursuit which ends in tragedy, one of the first questions you will be asked is this...:
- “Would a reasonable officer have acted the same in similar circumstances?”

 Liability / Risk Exposure 



- If you operate within these boundaries, the chance of a judgment being found against you is greatly reduced.
- Prioritize the violation
- Run a slack pursuit
- Continually assess the factors for continuation / termination
- Never let the pursuit extend to the point of reckless disregard for the safety of others.

What Are Your Responsibilities?



Moral
Legal
Professional

 Lights & Sirens 


- Alternating high beam or wig-wag lights are extremely effective during daylight hours.
- It is possible to outrun the effectiveness of a siren. At 60 mph you will be within 100 feet of the car in front of you before sound reaches the other car.

 Sirenside 

- Turn off the siren where it is not going to be effective
- Vary the pitch
- Take several deep breaths
- Scan the roadway
- At high speeds you can out run your siren
- At 60 mph you must be within 100 feet of the vehicle ahead of you

 Sirenside 

- In general, when you activate the siren, you should:
 - Ease off of the accelerator slightly
- The general tendency is to go faster...watch out!
- Above all, you must comply with your agency's policy governing the use of lights and sirens.

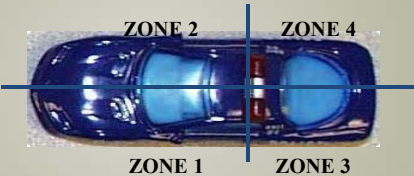
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SURVIVING A COLLISION

Collision Survival

- Try to locate something soft to hit
- Try and direct the vehicle into glancing blows
- Prioritize:
 - Life
 - Injury
 - Property damage
- Think yourself through a crash! Do not give up steering and avoid jamming on the brakes

Crash Zones Of Protection



The diagram shows a top-down view of a blue car with a vertical line through the center and a horizontal line through the center. The four quadrants are labeled: ZONE 2 (top-left), ZONE 4 (top-right), ZONE 1 (bottom-left), and ZONE 3 (bottom-right).

At The Time Of The Crash...


- Just prior to impact, turn into the object. This will tend to create a spin.
- This concept goes against instinctive reactions and must be planned mentally before ever driving.
- Try to have the longest crash you can...short crashes hurt!



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