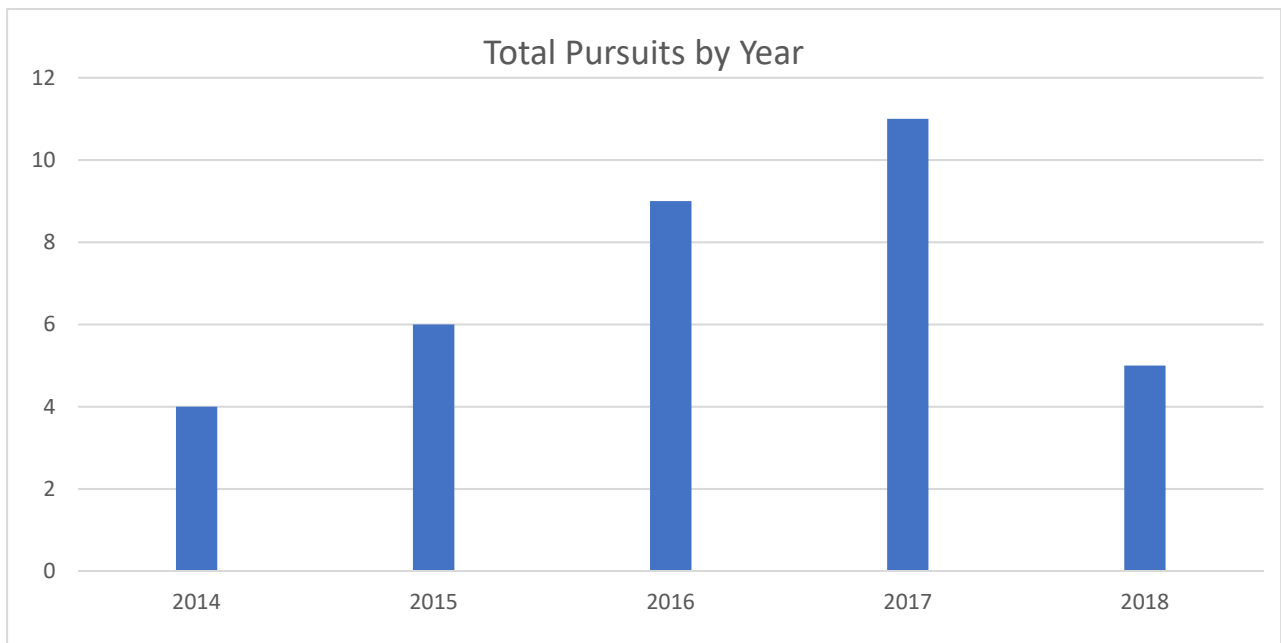


To: Chief Jason Lavoie
From: Captain William Avery
Date: January 09, 2019
Re: 2018 Pursuit Analysis Report

In 2018, the number of Police Pursuits in Hudson decreased by six (6). There were four (4) in 2014, six (6) in 2015 and nine (9) in 2016, and eleven (11) in 2017. This analysis report will evaluate these pursuits.



Date and Time:

There were a total of five (5) pursuits in 2018 as outlined; one (1) on A Squad, two (2) on B Squad, and one (1) on C Squad.

Reports indicate there is no pattern for any specific day of the week having more pursuits than other days. There were zero (0) pursuits on Tuesday's Wednesday's and Friday's; there was one (1) pursuit on Sunday's, Monday's, and Thursday's; and two (2) pursuits on Saturday's.

Original Offense:

Three (3) of the pursuits originated from a motor vehicle infraction. The infractions consisted of speeding motor vehicles, and a stop sign violation. One (1) of the pursuits were initiated when an officer attempted to stop a suspect fleeing Wal-Mart after committing a theft, and the other pursuit was initiated after an undercover detective was conducting surveillance on a suspected drug dealer, and learned the "target" had an outstanding Electronic Bench Warrant and may have been in violation of a Protective Order.

Property Damage:

There were five (5) pursuits this year, and two (2) of them resulted in property damage. The first pursuit resulting in property damage was a result of the suspect driving too fast on a motorcycle. The suspect was traveling at such a high rate of speed the officer terminated the pursuit, however a short time later the motorcyclist had crashed. The driver received minor injuries, however the motorcycle was significantly damaged. The second pursuit ended when the driver struck a telephone shortly after the pursuit was initiated. The driver of this vehicle was highly intoxicated.

Reason for Termination of Pursuit:

One (1) of the pursuits was terminated by the Shift Lieutenant. Lt. Cayot terminated this pursuit as the theft suspect(s) had accelerated to a high rate of speed during the afternoon commute. The second (2) pursuit was terminated by the pursuing officer as the motorcyclist was traveling at a high rate of speed, and it was unsafe to continue.

Were Spike Strips Used?

Spike Strips were not used or attempted to be used in 2018.

Injuries:

One (1) of the pursuits resulted in the suspect being injured. The injuries were sustained as a result of the suspect driving into a telephone pole. The driver was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

Were Emergency Lights and Siren Used?

Emergency lights and sirens were activated during all five (5) pursuits, and we did not have any equipment failures during pursuits.

Did a Supervisor Take Control of the Pursuits?

The Shift Commander or the Shift Supervisor took control and monitored all five (5) pursuits, and during one (1) pursuit the Shift Commander ordered the office to discontinue the pursuit.

Average Length and Distance of Pursuits

The average time of the pursuits was 2 minutes; with the longest pursuit lasting five (5) minutes.

The average distance of the pursuits was 1.38 miles; with the longest lasting five (5) miles.

Did the Pursuit Leave Hudson, New Hampshire?

Two of the Five (5) pursuits left Hudson, New Hampshire. One pursuit ended shortly after the suspect entered Nashua, New Hampshire, and turned into a dead end road. The male suspect stopped the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. The second pursuit ended when the suspect drove to his house in Litchfield, New Hampshire, and parked his car in his back yard. This suspect was arrest at the scene.

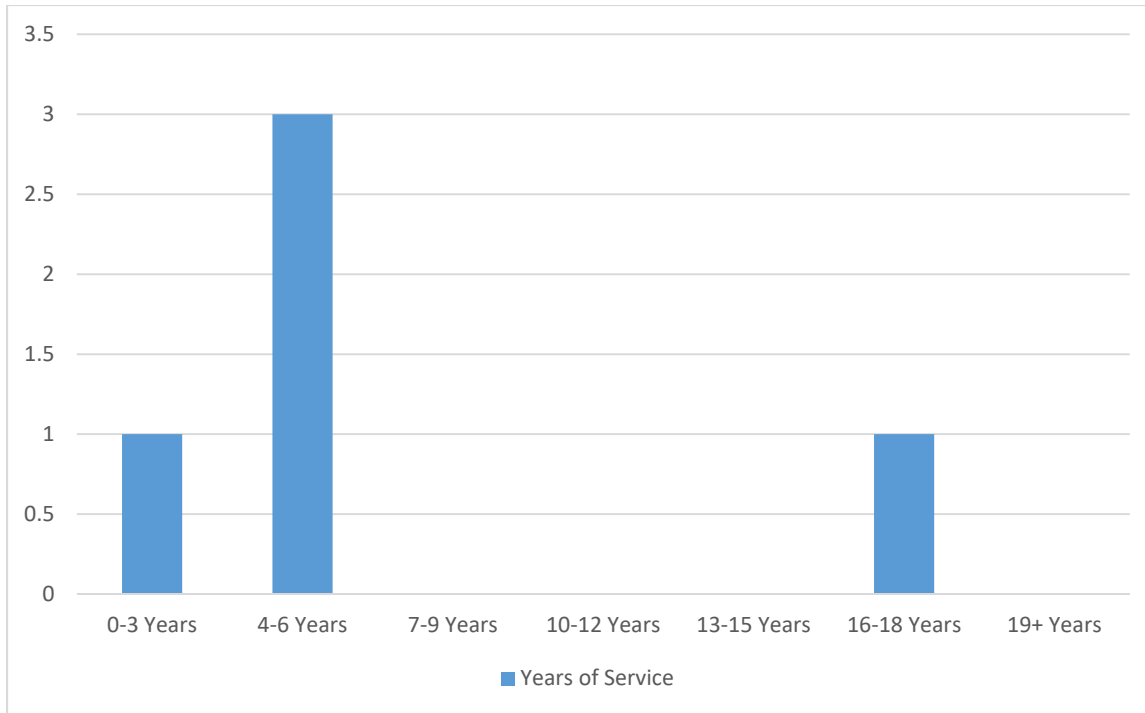
Suspect Information

Average age of the suspects involved in the five (5) pursuits was 38 years old. Three (3) of the suspects were male driver; while two (2) of the suspects were female. Two (2) of the suspects were under the influence of drugs/alcohol at the time of the pursuit.

Officer's Information

In 2017, the average age of officers involved in a pursuit was 30.2 years old; while the average age of Hudson Police Sworn Officers is 37.21 years old.

The average years of experience for the Hudson Police Department is 10.98 years; while the average years of service for officers involved in pursuits was 6.8 years.



Traffic/Weather Conditions:

During three (3) out of the five (5) pursuits the traffic in Hudson was light with very little traffic. Two (2) of the pursuits had heavy to moderately heavy traffic and both of them were terminated. The weather was clear and the roads were dry in four (4) out of five (5) of the pursuits, and one (1) of the pursuits had wet roads with overcast skies.

Training Issues Identified

There were no training issues identified during the five (5) pursuits. All pursuits adhered to the Hudson Police Policy.

As previously mentioned, we had six (6) less pursuits in 2018 compared to 2017. The only explanation I can conclude is in 2017 the circumstances dictated such. The Supervisors and Officers involved in 2018 pursuits did an outstanding job; all officers remained calm and level-headed during the pursuits, and made good sound decisions.

I have conducted an annual analysis of pursuit incidents, and the Hudson Police Policies. Based upon my review I did not identify any areas of the Hudson Pursuit Policy which needs to be modified.

Summary

The highlights of this analysis are as follows:

- 5 Pursuits in 2018
- 1 suspect injured during a pursuit
- 0 officers' and civilians injured
- Average age of suspects: 38 years old
- Average age of Officers involved in Pursuits: 30.2 years old
- Average age of the Hudson Police Department: 37.21 years old
- Average Years of Service for the Hudson Police Department: 11.31 years
- Average Years of Service for officers involved in a Pursuit: 6.8 years