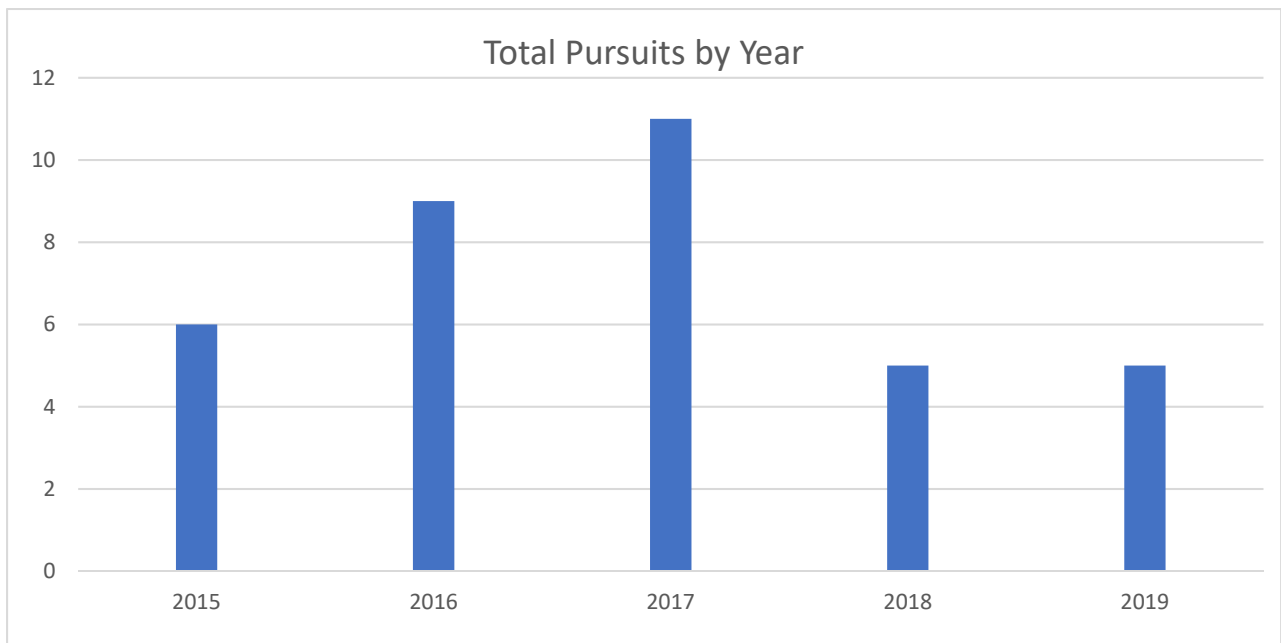


To: Chief William Avery
From: Captain Tad Dionne
Date: January 08, 2020
Re: 2019 Pursuit Analysis Report

In 2019, there was no change in the number of Police Pursuits in Hudson from the previous year. There were six (6) in 2015 and nine (9) in 2016, and eleven (11) in 2017, and five (5) in 2018. This analysis report will evaluate these pursuits.



Date and Time:

There were a total of five (5) pursuits in 2019 as outlined; none (0) on A Squad, three (3) on B Squad, and two (2) 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 Sundays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays Wednesday's; there was one (1) pursuit on a Monday, a Wednesday, and a Friday; and two (2) pursuits on a Saturday.

Original Offense:

Three (3) of the pursuits originated from a motor vehicle infraction. In two of the three pursuits, the infractions consisted of following too closely, failure to dim and an equipment violation. In the other of the three, the officer originally had the operator stopped for speeding and began Field Sobriety Testing. The subject resisted arrest and fled. One (1) of the pursuits were initiated when an officer attempted to stop a suspect fleeing a domestic disturbance, and the other pursuit was initiated after a Nashua Police Pursuit. In this case the vehicle fled into Hudson and was observed by Hudson Officer. The Hudson Officer attempted to stop the vehicle and it fled from the officer.

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 colliding with two parked Hudson Cruisers attempting to approach the briefly stopped suspect. The suspect vehicle and the two cruisers sustained damage. The second pursuit resulted in damage to a Hudson Police TASER. The officer was attempting to arrest a driver following Field Sobriety Tests. The driver resisted with the officer. The Officer deployed his TASER. During the struggle, the TASER fell to the ground. The suspect was able to get into his car and flee. The TASER was run over and destroyed.

Reason for Termination of Pursuit:

One (1) of the pursuits was terminated by the officer who lost sight of it as the vehicle entered Nashua, NH. The second (2) pursuit was terminated by the pursuing officer as the operator ran a stop sign at Burns Hill Road and Wason Road at an extremely high rate of speed.

Were Spike Strips Used?

Spike Strips were deployed on Gowing Road for a pursuit on February 13, 2019 after the vehicle struck two Hudson Police Cruisers. The strip worked, but the driver fled into Massachusetts, eventually crashing in Lowell on flat tires.

Injuries:

Zero (0) pursuits in 2019 resulted in the suspect, officers, or members of the public being injured.

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.

Average Length and Distance of Pursuits

The average time of the pursuits was 7:42 minutes; with the longest pursuit lasting minutes (30) minutes. Without the 30 minute pursuit, the average time was 2:08 mins

The average distance of the pursuits was 5.42 miles; with the longest lasting twenty (20) miles.

Did the Pursuit Leave Hudson, New Hampshire?

Three (3) of the five (5) pursuits left Hudson, New Hampshire. One pursuit ended after crashing in Lowell, MA. The suspect vehicle had been spiked on Gowing Road in Hudson by the deployment of the Stinger Spike System. The male suspect was apprehended in Lowell, MA. The second pursuit ended when the suspect drove to her residence in Nashua, New Hampshire. The third ended when the suspect fled into Nashua and the officer lost sight of him. A bulletin was broadcasted to area agencies. The suspect was involved in another pursuit shortly after and apprehended in Massachusetts by Massachusetts State Police.

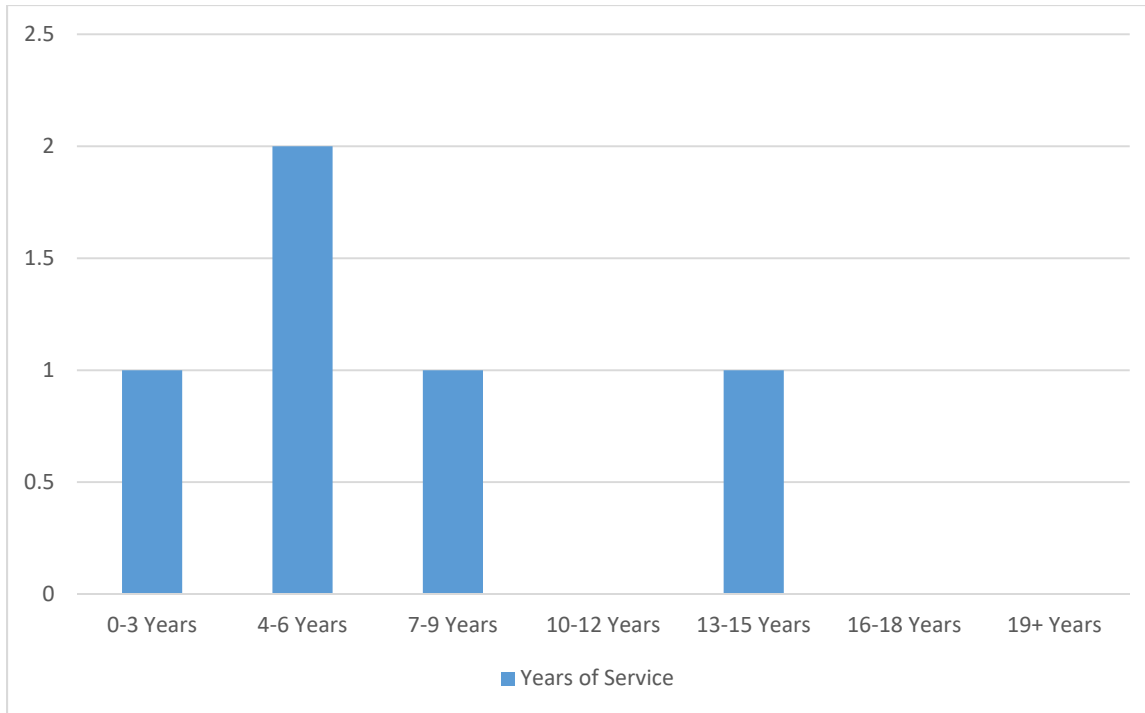
Suspect Information

Average age of the suspects involved in the five (5) pursuits was 37 years old. The oldest was seventy-one (71) and the youngest twenty-two (22). Four (4) of the suspects were male drivers; while one (1) of the suspects was female. At least one (1) of the suspects was under the influence of drugs/alcohol at the time of the pursuit.

Officer's Information

In 2019, the average age of officers involved in a pursuit was 31 years old; while the average age of Hudson Police Sworn Officers is 37.09 years old.

The average years of experience for the Hudson Police Department is 10.87 years; while the average years of service for officers involved in pursuits was 6.4 years.



Traffic/Weather Conditions:

During four (4) out of the five (5) pursuits the traffic in Hudson was light with very little traffic. One (1) of the pursuits had moderate traffic. 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 light snow covered roads.

Training Issues Identified

There was one training issues identified during the five (5) pursuits. One pursuit the officer was given additional guidance in providing the appropriate information to the supervisor, such as the reason for the stop, proper vehicle identification, and updated locations/direction of travel.

As previously mentioned, we had same number of pursuits in 2019 as compared to 2018. The Supervisors and Officers involved in 2018 pursuits did an outstanding job; all officers remained calm and level-headed during the pursuits.

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, except with regard to Stinger Spike Deployment. If the Stinger Spike System is deployed when Hudson Police are *involved in a pursuit*, then the Pursuit Report should cover the Stinger Deployment administrative report. If the Spikes are deployed by a Hudson Officer when **no** Hudson Officers are *involved in a pursuit*, then a Use of Force Report should be the administrative report to be completed.

Summary

The highlights of this analysis are as follows:

- 5 Pursuits in 2019
- 0 suspects injured during a pursuit
- 0 officers and civilians injured
- Average age of suspects: 37 years old
- Average age of Officers involved in Pursuits: 31 years old
- Average age of the Hudson Police Department: 37.09 years old
- Average Years of Service for the Hudson Police Department: 10.87 years
- Average Years of Service for officers involved in a Pursuit: 6.4 years