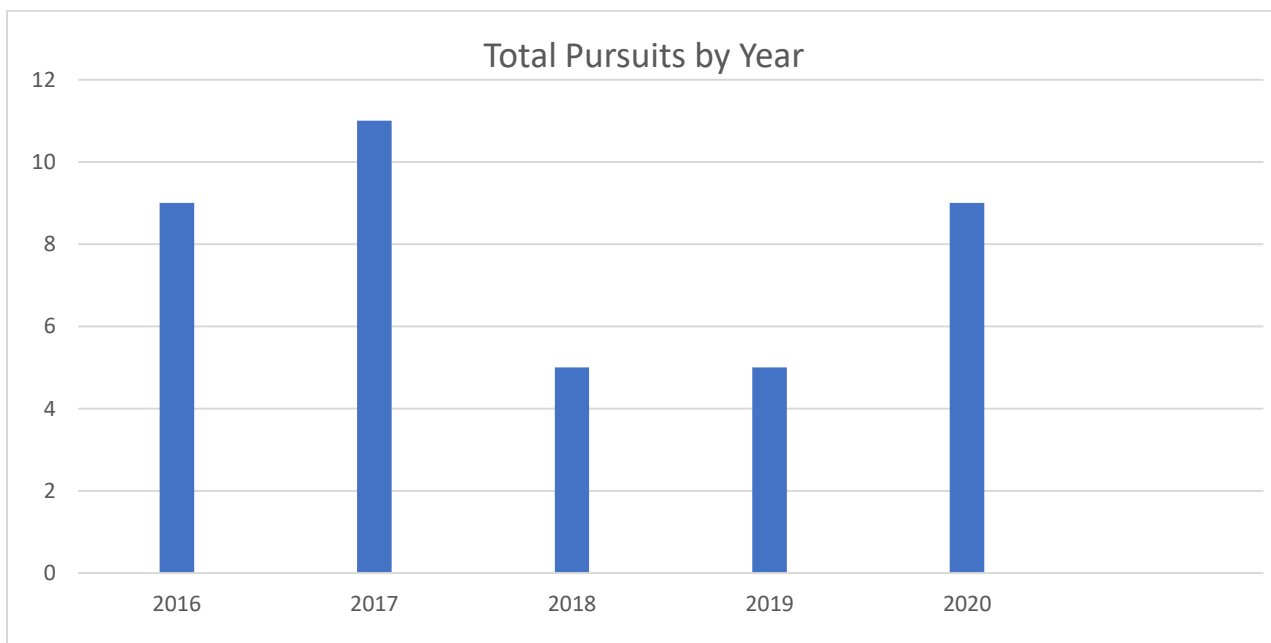


To: Chief William Avery
From: Captain Tad Dionne *TD*
Date: January 08, 2021
Re: 2020 Pursuit Analysis Report

In 2020, there were nine (9) Police Pursuits in Hudson, up three from the previous year. There nine (9) in 2016, and eleven (11) in 2017, five (5) in 2018, and five (5) in 2019 . This analysis report will evaluate these pursuits.



Date and Time:

There were nine (9) pursuits in 2020 as outlined. One (1) on A Squad, three (3) on B Squad, and four (4) on C Squad.

Reports indicate there is no pattern for any specific day of the week having more pursuits than other days. There were two (2) pursuits on Sundays, two (2) on Mondays, and two (2) on Fridays. There was one (1) pursuit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, respectively. There were zero pursuits on Saturdays.

Original Offense:

Seven (7) of the pursuits originated from motor vehicle infractions. Of the seven (7), two pursuits began with reckless operation at very high speeds, one was an apparent impaired driver, another speeding, there was a uninspected infraction, broken tail lights, and another where the registered own was suspended. Of the other two (2) pursuits, one (1) of the pursuits were initiated when an officer observed a narcotics deal. The last pursuit began when an officer believed he observed a wanted suspect driving.

Property Damage:

There were nine (9) 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 into a snow bank on at the edge of a front lawn. The vehicle damaged the lawn. The second pursuit resulted in damage to a Yield Sign posted on Chase Street in Hudson and a fire hydrant and fencing in Nashua, NH. The officer had pulled a vehicle over for broken taillights. The driver quickly alighted to speak with the officer. The officer requested the driver get back into the vehicle where he would speak with him. As the officer approached, the driver fled in the vehicle. The officer determined the plates did not belong to the same vehicle. The driver crossed a medium and struck a yield. The driver than entered into Nashua and Nashua Police took over the pursuit. The driver eventually struck a fire hydrant in Nashua. It continued and struck a railroad fence. The occupants fled on foot.

Reason for Termination of Pursuit:

Three (3) of the pursuits were terminated by the officer who determined the suspect was driving to recklessly. Two (2) ended with a crash (one in Nashua after Nashua PD took over). Two (2) pursuits ended when the suspect finally pulled over and stopped. One (1) was discontinued by the supervisor and one (1) ended when the suspect vehicle became disabled.

Were Spike Strips Used?

Spike Strips were not deployed in any of these pursuits due to either the road conditions, traffic, or location of secondary officers.

Injuries:

Zero (0) pursuits in 2020 resulted in the suspect, officers, or members of the public being injured while Hudson Police were actively in pursuit. However, one (1) where Nashua Police

took over ended in injuries to the occupants of the vehicle. This occurred in Nashua after Hudson Police, as well as Nashua Police had discontinued the pursuit.

Were Emergency Lights and Siren Used?

Emergency lights were activated during all nine (9) pursuits, and sirens were activated in seven (7) of the pursuits. In one where sirens were not activated, the officer signaled for the suspect to pull over and the suspect used deception to indicate she would do so in a safer location. She then accelerated at an extreme high rate of speed gaining much distance. The officer pursued for about 45 seconds before discontinuing due to the speed and gap. In the other pursuit, the officer observed a vehicle with no lights pass him at a very high rate of speed at night. The pursuit lasted about 1 mile when the suspect's vehicle became disabled. The suspect fled on foot. 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 nine (9) pursuits.

Average Length and Distance of Pursuits

The average time of the pursuits was 2:16 minutes; with the longest pursuit lasting minutes (10) minutes. Without the 10 minute pursuit, the average time was 1:19 minutes.

The average distance of the pursuits was 1.22 miles; with the longest three and one half miles (3.5) miles.

Did the Pursuit Leave Hudson, New Hampshire?

Four (4) of the nine (9) pursuits left Hudson, New Hampshire. One pursuit ended and subsequently resulted in a crash in Nashua, NH. The male suspect was later apprehended on an arrest warrant when occupants of the vehicle were identified. The second pursuit ended when the supervisor terminated the pursuit due to speeds after it entered Tyngsborough, MA. The third ended when the suspect fled into Nashua and the officer lost sight of him. The vehicle was located and the suspect later arrested on a warrant as a Habitual Offender et al. The last ended in Nashua when the operator finally pulled over for the police officers.

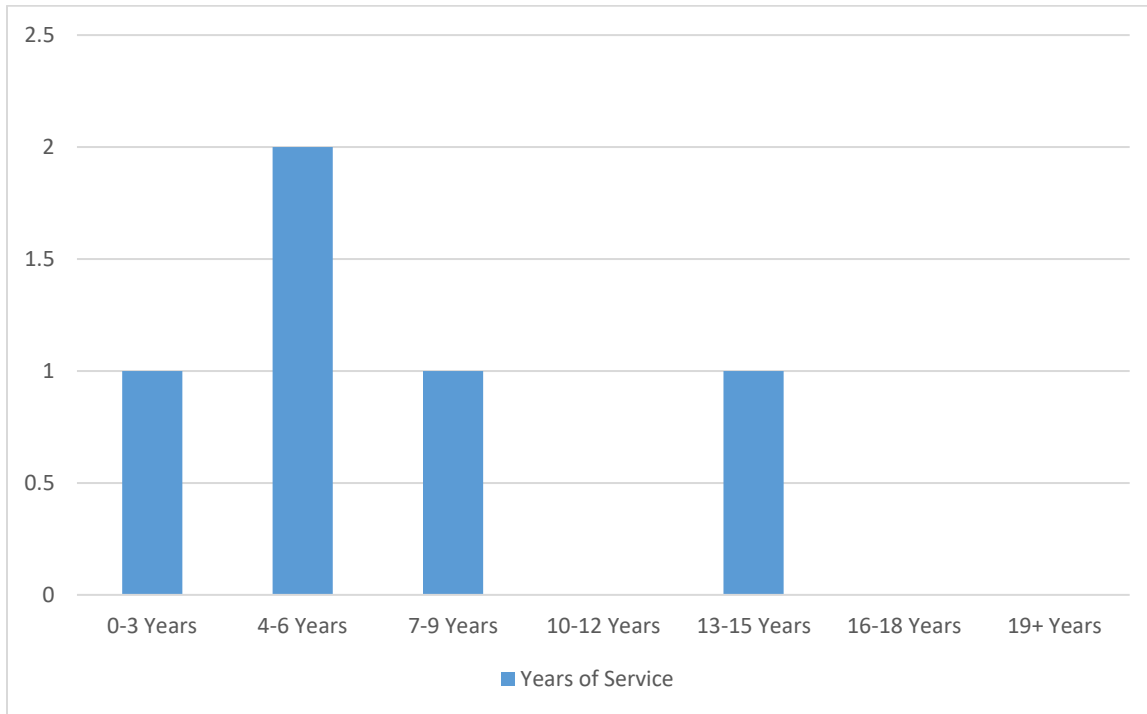
Suspect Information

Average age of the suspects involved in the nine (9) pursuits was twenty-six (26) years old. The oldest was forty-five (45) and the youngest twenty-two (22). Seven (7) of the suspects were male drivers; while two (2) of the suspects was female. At least four (4) of the suspects were under the influence of drugs/alcohol or drugs/alcohol were involved at the time of the pursuit.

Officer's Information

In 2020, the average age of officers involved in a pursuit was 30.7 years old; while the average age of Hudson Police Sworn Officers is 36.09 years old.

The average years of experience for the Hudson Police Department is 9.53 years; while the average years of service for officers involved in pursuits was 4.7 years. In early, 2019, the Hudson Police Department retired the Chief of Police and a Master Patrolman. We also saw two (2) Sergeants, two (2) detectives and another Master Patrolman leave for other agencies. This reduced the average age of our police officers and the average experience of the officers.



Traffic/Weather Conditions:

During six (6) out of the nine (9) pursuits in 2020, the traffic in Hudson was light. One (1) of the pursuits had heavy traffic, and two (2) had moderate. The weather was clear and the roads were dry in eight (8) out of nine (9) of the pursuits, and one (1) of the pursuits had freezing temperatures, rain and slick roads.

Training Issues Identified

There was one training issue identified during the nine (9) pursuits. In one pursuit the officer was given additional guidance in insuring he was familiar with the vehicle radio system before leaving for patrol. The officer was driving a cruiser with a slightly different radio set up than the cruiser he normally drove. This caused operator errors when first attempting to communicate about the pursuit.

The Supervisors and Officers involved in 2020 pursuits did an outstanding job; all officers remained calm and levelheaded 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 the report. I am requesting the Time of the Incident be added in the initial part of the report. In addition, the report should include the officer's age and experience. No other changes are recommended.

Summary

The highlights of this analysis are as follows:

- 9 Pursuits in 2020
- 0 suspects injured during a pursuit
- 0 officers and civilians injured
- Average age of suspects: 26 years old
- Average age of Officers involved in Pursuits: 30.7 years old
- Average age of the Hudson Police Department: 36.09 years old
- Average Years of Service for the Hudson Police Department: 9.53 years
- Average Years of Service for officers involved in a Pursuit: 4.7 years