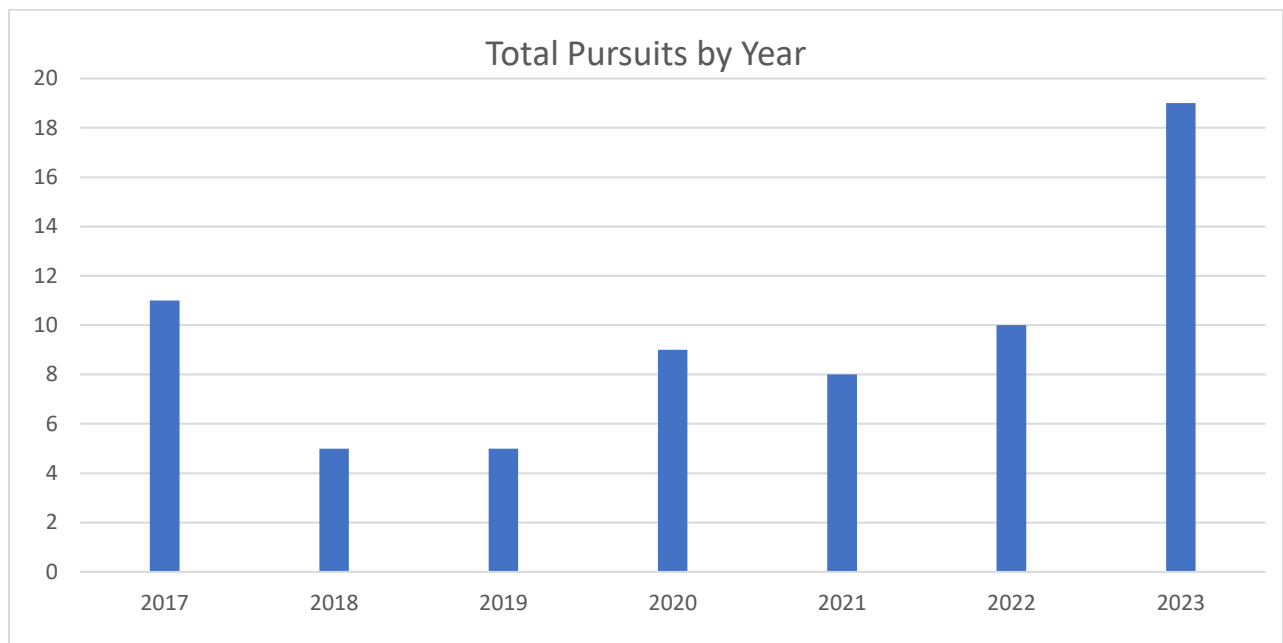


To: Chief Tad Dionne
From: Captain Patrick McStravick
Date: January 29, 2024
Re: 2023 Pursuit Analysis Report

In 2023, there were nineteen (19) Police Pursuits in Hudson, up one from the previous year. There were eleven (11) in 2017, five (5) in 2018, five (5) in 2019, nine (9) in 2020, eight (8) in 2021 and ten (10) in 2022. This analysis report will evaluate these pursuits.



Date and Time:

There were nineteen (19) pursuits in 2023 as outlined. There were two (2) on A Squad, twelve (12) on B Squad, and five (5) on C Squad.

Reports indicate there is no pattern for any specific day of the week having more pursuits than other days. There was one (1) on Thursday, zero (0) Wednesday, four (4) Tuesday, and Sunday respectively. There were two (2) pursuits on Monday, and three (3) Saturday and highest day of (5) on Friday.

Original Offense:

Eleven (11) of the pursuits originated from motor vehicle infractions. Of the eleven (11), five pursuits began with excessive speeds, two (2) for yellow line and following too close. Two (2) were off road motor cycles operating on the roadway. There were two (2) pursuit was initiated when an officer observed a narcotics transaction. Lastly two (2) pursuits were after a theft investigation.

Property Damage:

There were nineteen (19) pursuits this year. None (0) resulted in property damage.

Reason for Termination of Pursuit:

Seven (7) of the pursuits were terminated by the officer who determined the suspect was driving too recklessly. Six (6) of the pursuits were terminated by surrender of the driver. None (0) ended with a crash. Six (6) were discontinued by the supervisor. Seven of the suspects were identified and later arrested (2 from one pursuit).

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 2023 resulted in the suspect, officers, or members of the public being injured while Hudson Police were actively in pursuit.

Were Emergency Lights and Siren Used?

Emergency lights were activated during fifteen (15) pursuits, and sirens were activated. In four (4) pursuits only the lights were activated before the pursuit was terminated or subject surrendered.

Did a Supervisor Take Control of the Pursuits?

The Shift Commander or the Shift Supervisor took control and monitored eighteen (18) of the nineteen (19) pursuits. There one (1) pursuit involved the officer not calling out the pursuit prior to the officer making the decision to discontinue the pursuit. Training was conducted with that officer.

Average Length and Distance of Pursuits

The average time of the pursuits was 2 minutes (17 seconds avg.); with the longest pursuit lasting six (6) minutes.

The average distance of the pursuits was 3.47 miles; with the longest seven (7) miles.

Did the Pursuit Leave Hudson, New Hampshire?

Three (3) of the nineteen (19) pursuits left Hudson, New Hampshire. One (1) pursuit was terminated by the officer as the suspect entered Nashua at a high rate of speed on the Veterans Bridge. One (1) was terminated by the supervisor in Londonderry, NH. One (1) pursuit went from Londonderry, into Hudson, back into Londonderry and was terminated in Nashua.

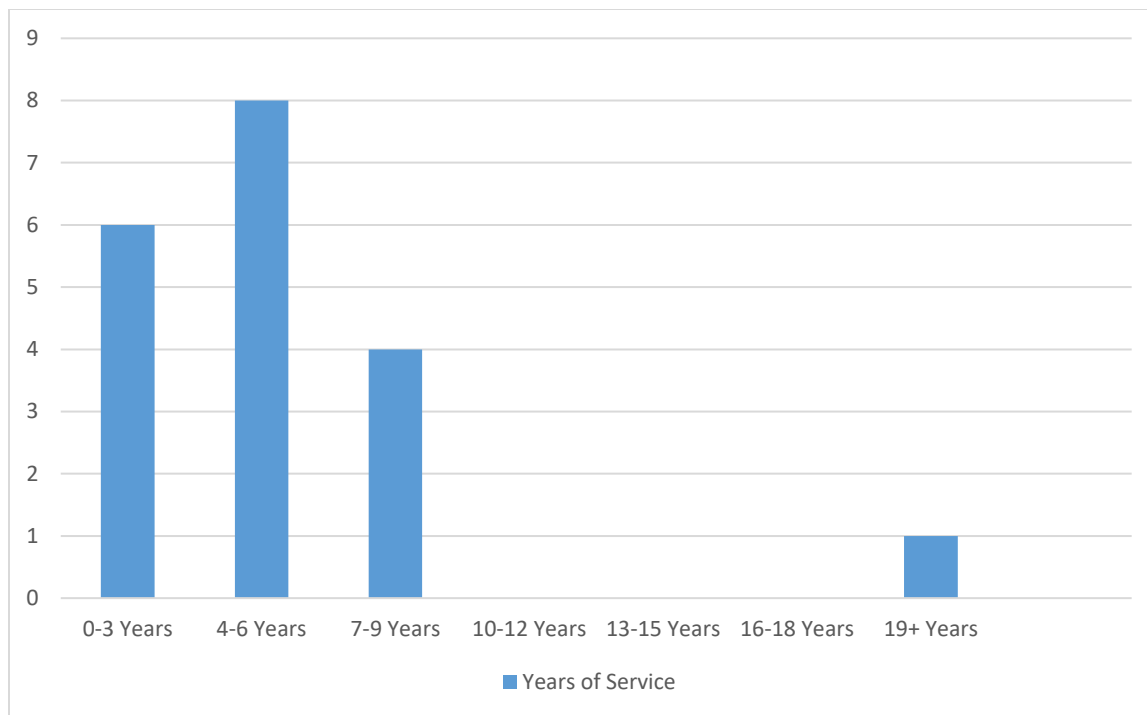
Suspect Information

Average age of the known suspects involved in the nineteen (19) pursuits was twenty -seven (27) years old. The oldest was forty-one (41) and the youngest fourteen (14). Fourteen (14) of the suspects were male drivers; while four (4) of the suspects were female. One (1) of the other suspects was unknown. Four (4) of the suspects were under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It is likely, but unknown if any of the other suspects were under the influence of drugs/alcohol or drugs/alcohol were involved at the time of the pursuit.

Officer's Information

In 2023, the average age of officers involved in a pursuit was 31.31 years old; while the average age of Hudson Police Sworn Officers is 37.12 years old.

The average years of experience for the Hudson Police Department is 6.36 years; while the average years of service for officers involved in pursuits was 9.50 years.



Traffic/Weather Conditions:

During eleven (11) out of the nineteen (19) pursuits in 2023, the traffic in Hudson was light. Four (4) of the pursuits had moderate traffic. The weather was clear and the roads were dry in four (4) out of nineteen (19) of the pursuits.

Training Issues Identified

There was one (1) training issue identified during the nineteen (19) pursuits. In one pursuit, the officer was given additional training in insuring was familiar with the law of when and when not to pursue (justified pursuit-wrong charge).

The Supervisors and Officers involved in 2023 pursuits did very well; 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. No other changes are recommended.

Summary

The highlights of this analysis are as follows:

- 19 Pursuits in 2023
- 0 suspects injured during a pursuit
- 0 officers and civilians injured
- Average age of suspects: 41 years old
- Average age of Officers involved in Pursuits: 31.31 years old
- Average age of the Hudson Police Department: 37.12 years old
- Average Years of Service for the Hudson Police Department: 9.50 years
- Average Years of Service for officers involved in a Pursuit: 6.36 years