A. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish guidelines for vehicular pursuit, requiring emergency operation of Department vehicles.

B. Policy

It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety to protect all person’s lives and property when enforcing the law. The pursuit of a fleeing vehicle may present a risk to the officer, the suspect, and the general public. It is the policy of this Department that no officer will operate his/her vehicle in pursuit of another vehicle. This establishes a NO PURSUIT POLICY!!! (CALEA 41.2.2.a-j.)

Definition:

Vehicular Pursuit: An attempt by an officer to use an authorized emergency vehicle to apprehend the occupant(s) of a fleeing motor vehicle after the driver has been requested or signaled to stop. The driver of the fleeing vehicle must be increasing the speed of the vehicle or otherwise maneuvering the vehicle in an evasive manner. It is the violator that initiates any police pursuit.