



# State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)

## Vehicle Pursuit Policy (WEB)

### Introduction

The Vehicle Pursuit Policy course includes interactions and evaluation activities that provide feedback based on your agency's policy, not just general guidelines. How well do you think you know your policy? Take this course to find out! Completion of this course satisfies the training requirement for annual vehicle pursuit policy refresher training as defined in PC 13519.8 and SB 719.

### Learning Objectives

There are two audiences for this course: officers and supervisors. The learning objectives for each one are listed below.

#### Officers

- Given a situation where a citizen demonstrates a specific behavior, the officer will determine whether or not to initiate a vehicle pursuit in line with his/her agency's policy.
- Given a situation where a vehicle pursuit is in progress, the officer will correctly apply his/her policy in regards to deciding to continue, terminate, or utilize a pursuit intervention, factoring in balance test, roles and responsibilities, available resources, and level of training.
- Given a situation where a vehicle pursuit has been terminated or has ended with capture of suspect(s), the officer will correctly apply his/her policy in regards to post-pursuit actions, analysis, and reporting.

#### Supervisors

- Given a situation in which a vehicle pursuit has been initiated, the supervisor will determine whether or not the pursuit should continue or be terminated in line with his/her agency's policy.
- Given a situation where a vehicle pursuit is in progress, the supervisor will determine whether or not the pursuit should continue or be terminated, whether additional units or resources should be called in, and if and when pursuit interventions shall be used, in line with his/her agency's policy.
- Given a situation in which a vehicle pursuit has been terminated or has ended with capture of suspect(s), the supervisor will direct officers on post-pursuit actions, analysis, and reporting.



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## Content Outline

### Module 1: Introduction

- Orientation, course overview.

### Module 2: Pre-Pursuit

- **When it's Personal:** Liability, Vehicle Code Section 21055 and Section 21056, officer engaged in a pursuit is exempt from rules of the road, but is not relieved of duty to drive with due regard for safety
- **Time to Initiate:** When to initiate a pursuit

### Module 3: In Pursuit

- **Calling All Units:** Types of units allowed in pursuit
- **Who Does What?:** Responsibilities of primary & secondary law enforcement units
- **Jockeying for Position:** Driving tactics
- **Lending a Hand:** Interjurisdictional Considerations
- **Follow Me:** Driving tactics, continuation or termination of pursuit
- **Time to Terminate:** Speed of pursuit, conditions of the vehicle, driver, roadway, weather, and traffic, hazards to uninvolved bystanders or motorists, continuation or termination of pursuit.
- **This Could End Badly:** Pursuit interventions

### Module 4: Post-Pursuit

- **The End:** Capture of suspects
- **It's In the Details:** Reporting and post-pursuit analysis

### Module 5: Supervisor

- **Final Call:** Supervisory responsibilities
- **On Report:** Reporting and post-pursuit analysis
- **After Action:** Reporting and post-pursuit analysis
- **Communication:** Communications

### Module 6: Evaluation Activities

- **Where Choices Lead:** Number of units allowed in pursuit, driving tactics, requesting additional units, roles and responsibilities



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- **Tracing a Pursuit:** Initiate/don't initiate pursuit, intervention tactics, capture of suspects, termination
- **Ground Control:** Initiate/don't initiate pursuit, passing the primary, liability, termination, roles and responsibilities

### Module 7: Conclusion

- **Conclusion:** Download policy, attestation form