

CITY OF BASTROP
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



2025
VEHICLE PURSUIT
ANALYSIS

Vehicle Pursuit Analysis for 2025

This analysis was conducted for the purpose of reviewing the Bastrop Police Department's Vehicle Pursuits for calendar year 2025. Vehicle Pursuits are inherently dangerous to both the officers involved and the public. The Bastrop Police Department takes its obligations seriously to provide the most effective and efficient police service with the least adverse impact on our citizens. The Bastrop Police Department is committed to protecting our citizens but at the same time ensuring the manner in which we do so does not place the public at risk of greater harm. This process requires continuous evaluation of the risks and benefits of each action. This analysis is conducted each year to comply with Texas Law Enforcement Best Practice 7.14 and to attempt to identify methods for reducing the number of vehicle pursuits and the inherent risks involved.

Officers are trained by the department in pursuit tactics and emergency driving. However, as skilled as an officer might be in these situations, the vehicle being pursued may not have a competent driver and many times the driver may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Vehicle Pursuit Reporting Requirements

Texas Law Enforcement Best Practice 7.13 and Bastrop Police Department General Order 7.15 Vehicle Pursuits require a written report to be completed anytime an officer pursues a vehicle.

The on-duty supervisor shall ensure that the primary officer involved in the pursuit creates and fills in the appropriate pursuit documentation in LEFTA, whether the suspect was stopped. An incident report in RMS will also be completed by all involved officers. This includes officers that may not have been in the actual pursuit but had some involvement.

The supervisor shall request, collect, and secure all video of the pursuit (internal and external) and shall review the pursuit for compliance with policy and forward all documentation via chain of command for review.

Once the pursuit documentation is complete, the LEFTA case will

be forwarded to the Chief of Police for a final review.

It is standard practice within the department, in an effort to further ensure compliance, accountability, and the evaluation of training needs, that all vehicle pursuits are reviewed through a formal internal process. This review is conducted by a Patrol Lieutenant and includes an internal review board consisting of supervisory personnel. The purpose of this process is to ensure adherence to departmental policy, promote transparency and accountability, assess the effectiveness of tactics and decision-making, and identify any opportunities for additional training or improvement. This structured approach reinforces the department's commitment to public safety, officer safety, and continuous professional development.

Investigations will be conducted as necessary.

As soon as feasibly possible, the on-duty supervisor and each respective supervisor will notify via chain of command the Chief of Police that a pursuit is or has just occurred in the city's jurisdiction. Relaying if any injuries to the public or officers occurred.

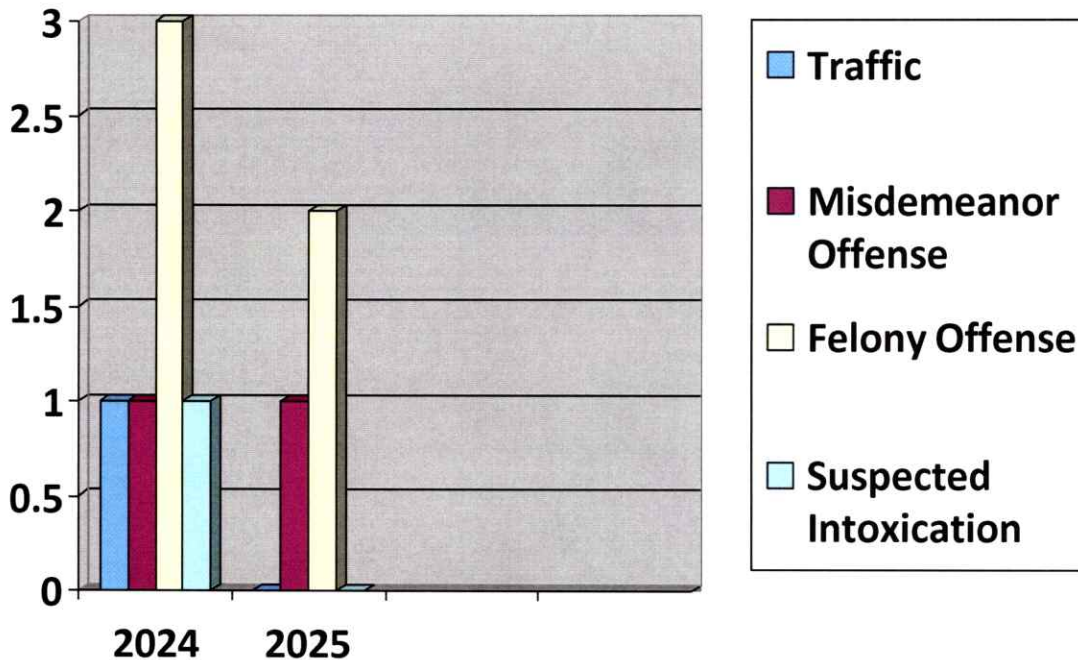
Annually, the patrol Lieutenant will conduct an analysis of all vehicle pursuits occurring during the previous year. The analysis will be designed to determine whether the current policy is being followed, whether any changes are needed in the current policy, and any training needs of the department. This analysis will be forwarded to the Chief of Police for final review.

Vehicle Pursuit Comparison 2024/2025

There was a total of 03 Reported Vehicle Pursuits this year compared to 06 last year. This represents a difference of 03 or a 50 percent reduction.

The reasons for Pursuit initiation are listed below by type with comparison to the previous year.

	2024	2025	Difference
Traffic Violation only	1	0	-1
Misdemeanor Offense	1	1	0
Felony Offense	3	2	-1
Suspected Intoxication	1	0	-1
Total	6	3	-3



Individual Officer Analysis

A number of officers were involved in pursuits more than the average and these officer's activities and actions were reviewed immediately following the incident by the department for appropriateness. While each individual vehicle pursuit is reviewed immediately after the event to ensure it is in compliance with department policy and law, patterns of behavior can also indicate the need for additional training or supervision. Officers can be involved in pursuits at significantly different rates depending on the crime activity in the part of the city where they are assigned, their type of assignment, the time of day they work and their experience level.

individual officers in the department which had significantly higher number of pursuits were reviewed and found to be in compliance with department directives and their pursuit appropriate under the circumstances.

Reasons for a Pursuit

In 2025, there were 0 vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer observed the driver commit a traffic violation and then failed to stop when signaled by the officer. Failure to stop for an officer is a separate violation and fleeing from an officer in a vehicle is a State Jail Felony. The Bastrop Police Department does not allow pursuits based solely off a traffic offense. This number is down from the 01 pursuit initiated for traffic violations last year.

In 2025, there were 0 vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer became aware the driver was wanted for a Misdemeanor Offense and then the driver failed to stop when signaled by the officer. This number is the same as the 0 pursuits initiated for the same violations last year.

In 2025, there were 0 vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer became aware the driver was wanted for a Felony Offense and then failed to stop when signaled by the officer.

This number is the same as the 0 pursuits initiated for the same

violations last year.

In 2025, there were 0 vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer became aware that the driver was wanted on an outstanding Misdemeanor or Felony Warrant and then the driver failed to stop when signaled by the officer.

This number is the same as the 0 pursuits initiated for the same violations last year.

In 2025, there were 0 vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer observed the driver in suspicious circumstances and then failed to stop when signaled by the officer. Officers have the authority to stop and question people who are found in suspicious circumstances and the officer has reasonable suspicion to suspect criminal activity.

This number is the same as the 0 pursuits initiated for the same violations last year.

In 2025, there were 0 vehicle pursuits initiated because the officer had reasonable suspicion to suspect the driver may be impaired due to alcohol or drugs and the driver then failed to stop when signaled by the officer.

This number is down from the 1 pursuit initiated for the same violations last year.

Pursuit Terminations

Pursuits can be terminated at any time by the pursuing officer or any Supervisor when they believe the danger posed to the citizens is greater than the need to apprehend the offender. This "voluntary termination" may better protect the citizens than the continuation of a dangerous pursuit for minor offenses. The table below provides information on how pursuits were terminated.

Type Termination	2024	2025	Difference
Voluntary Termination – Officer	1	0	-1
Voluntary Termination – Supervisor	1	0	-1
Stopped – Arrested	1	2	+1
Stopped – Fled on foot – Escaped	1	0	-1
Accident – Violator involved in accident	1	0	-1
Escaped – Captured Later	1	1	0

Damage and Injury

In 2025, there were 01 pursuits which had some damage or injury associated with the incident as a result of the pursuit. These pursuits are summarized below:

2025-010 - Officers pursued a stolen vehicle. During pursuit vehicle turned onto a dead-end street at which time Texas DPS conducted a pit on the vehicle causing damage to the suspect's vehicle. During the arrest one (1) officer was injured due to broken glass from window.

Policy Violations

The department policy on Pursuits is reviewed periodically with officers to ensure they are aware of when they should or should not pursue a vehicle. After each pursuit, the pursuit must be reported on the Pursuit Report Form which is forwarded through

the officer's Supervisor, through the Chain of Command to the Chief. If a violation of policy is identified, the Chief may decide on an appropriate response, which may include additional training or even disciplinary actions if necessary.

In 2025, there were 0 policy violations identified regarding pursuit initiation or termination.

Summary and Recommendations

There does not appear to be a need to address the Bastrop Police Department General Orders concerning vehicle pursuits. No significant policy change considerations were identified during this evaluation period. It is evident that the policy is clear in its purpose and directives. This is evidenced by the lack of policy violations and property damage noted during the three (3) vehicle pursuits in 2025. Officers and Supervisors appear to have a firm grasp and comprehension of the pursuit general order as evidenced by the supervisor's findings and recommendations. We did not experience any damage to police vehicles during the pursuits. It is recommended that refresher training be conducted on all shifts in the area of the pursuit general order in addition to safe driving practices annually in order to keep both officers and supervisors aware of specific requirements in these two directives. This refresher training could easily be conducted via roll call training by shift supervisors or during annual EVOC training.

Profile Overview of Pursuits between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025

Total Number of Pursuits		03
Total Number of Officers Involved		08
Pursuit Distance		
Distance	Count	Percent of Total
< 1 mile	1	33.33%
1 to 3 miles	1	33.33%
4 to 10 miles	0	0
11 to 20 miles	1	33.33%
> 20 miles	0	0
Reason Initiated		
Reason	Count	Percent of Total
Felony	2	66.67%
Misdemeanor	1	33.33%
Time of Day		
Reason	Count	Percent of Total
0000 – 0100	0	
0100 – 0600	0	
0600 – 1200	0	

1200 – 1800	2	66.67%
1800 – 2400	1	33.33%


Type of Vehicle Pursued		
Type	Count	Percent of Total
Automobile	1	33.33%
Truck	1	33.33%
SUV	1	33.33%
Pursuit was aborted		
	Count	Percent of Total
No	2	66.67%
Yes	1	33.33%
Crash Occurred During the Pursuit		
	Count	Percent of Total
No	2	66.67%
Yes	1	33.33%

Command Review:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

04/28/2026 Upon reviewing the vehicle pursuits for 2025 the below listed personnel agree and recommend that incorporating training for night driving can assist with furthering an officers training.

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