

Town and Country Police Department

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In compliance with **Section 67.287.2(8)** of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, the City of Town and Country Police Department has published the following excerpt from our Standard Operating Procedure and statistical data from our 2017 Annual Report:

442.01 Policy: It is the policy of this department to protect lives to the extent possible when enforcing the law. Vehicular pursuits are an inherently dangerous but necessary part of law enforcement's obligation to promote law and order in our society. The law, and this policy, places a duty on all law enforcement officers to operate their vehicles with a due regard for the safety of others.

2017 VEHICLE PURSUIT REPORT

During 2017 Town and Country Officers were involved in 4 vehicular pursuits. All of the pursuits were considered high speed.

Each Vehicle Pursuit report includes information about the time of day, offense, environmental conditions, speeds, and distances. Each of these categories is further defined by specific data unique to that event.

Each of the pursuits was monitored by a supervisor. Two of the pursuits were initiated to assist other agencies. One of the pursuits was an attempt to stop armed robbery suspects. The second pursuit involved a lone officer, another department, pursuing a stolen vehicle.

Each Pursuit was reviewed and evaluated by a Command Officer. Each evaluation discovered policy violations resulting in officers being counseled. A supervisor was counseled regarding the distance the pursuit was allowed to travel. The policy issues were; notification of participation in a pursuit, speed restrictions, and criteria of when a pursuit can be initiated. As a point of reference, 2 of the pursuits, although out of policy, were terminated within 30 seconds of initiation. At no time was the motoring public placed in jeopardy due to the officer's conduct of the pursuit.

Reason Pursuit Initiated

Armed Robbery	1
Stolen Vehicle	1
Felony Stealing	1
Traffic	1

Terminated For / By

Safety Concerns	2
Supervisor	2
Officer	2
Supervisor	2

Area Type

Highway	3
Residential	1

Resulting Crashes 1 / Suspect Vehicle

Injuries 0

Speeds of Officer

<60	1
80-99	1
100+	2

Speeds of Suspect

Unknown	2
100+	2