

Policy Type: **EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**



Policy Title: **Vehicle Pursuits**

Policy Statement

Vehicle pursuits present risks to public and police officer safety and the highest levels of diligence must be applied to organizational and individual decision-making related to pursuits. The Board is committed to ensuring that pursuits are lawfully and safely undertaken, managed and terminated where appropriate and that all risks associated with pursuits are mitigated as effectively as possible.

Policy Application

1. The Chief of Police shall establish, communicate, and operate according to procedures that ensure adherence to the Ontario Regulation 397/23 - Vehicle Pursuits, which address the following:
 - a. Tactics that may be used as an alternative to a vehicle pursuit.
 - b. Tactics for pursuing or stopping a fleeing motor vehicle.
 - c. The management and control of vehicle pursuits, which shall:
 - (i) identify the supervisor with decision-making responsibility for the pursuit;
 - (ii) set out the responsibilities of police officers, dispatchers, communications supervisors and road supervisors; and
 - (iii) describe the equipment that is available for implementing alternative tactics.
2. The Chief shall ensure that the procedures are reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
3. The Chief of Police shall ensure that all other provisions of the Regulation are adhered to, including those related to supervision, pursuit in an unmarked car, notice of pursuits to dispatchers, orders to discontinue pursuits, and recording of pursuits.
4. Training of members shall reinforce the importance of safety as the overarching priority in all decisions related to vehicle pursuits.

Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report annually on compliance with this policy and provide statistics on the number of pursuits, compliance with established procedures and any actions taken to address improvement.