



# Traffic Services

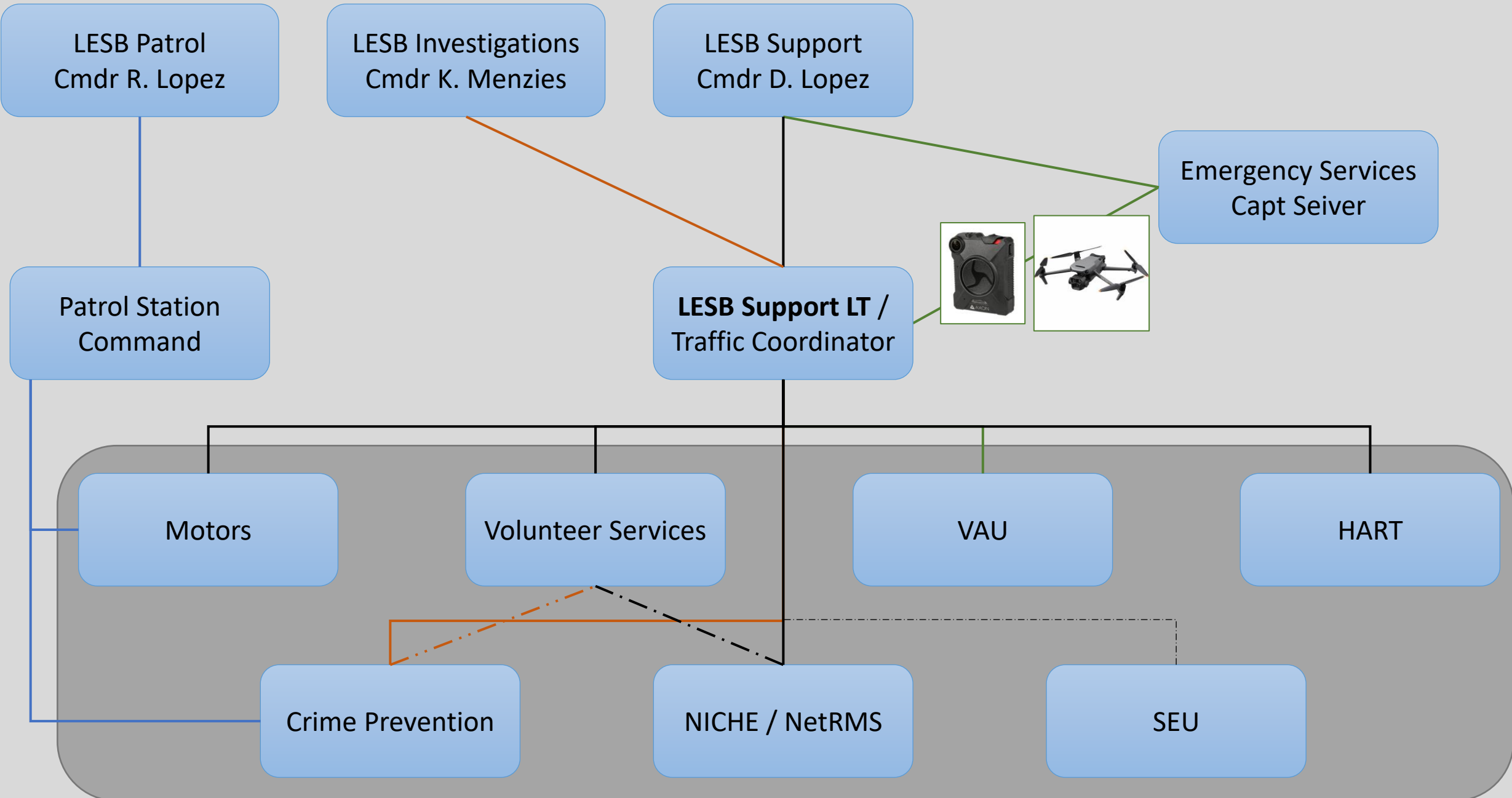
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LT Nathan Rowley



# LESB Support Services

- 18 Sworn Personnel, 3 Pro Staff
- 490-ish Volunteers
- 7 Budgets



# Traffic Coordinator

## What I do...

- Collision Record Keeping
- Home Garaging
- Legal Compliance
- Parking Cites
- Grant Management
- Tow Contracts
- Training
- Motors
- STAR Team



# Why we're here...

## Sheriff's Department:

- 1700 Vehicles

## Per Year

- Use 1.5 million gallons of gasoline
- 17 million miles driven
- 200 Sheriff Veh Collisions
  - 75 At-Fault
- 150 Pursuits
  - 40 End in collisions

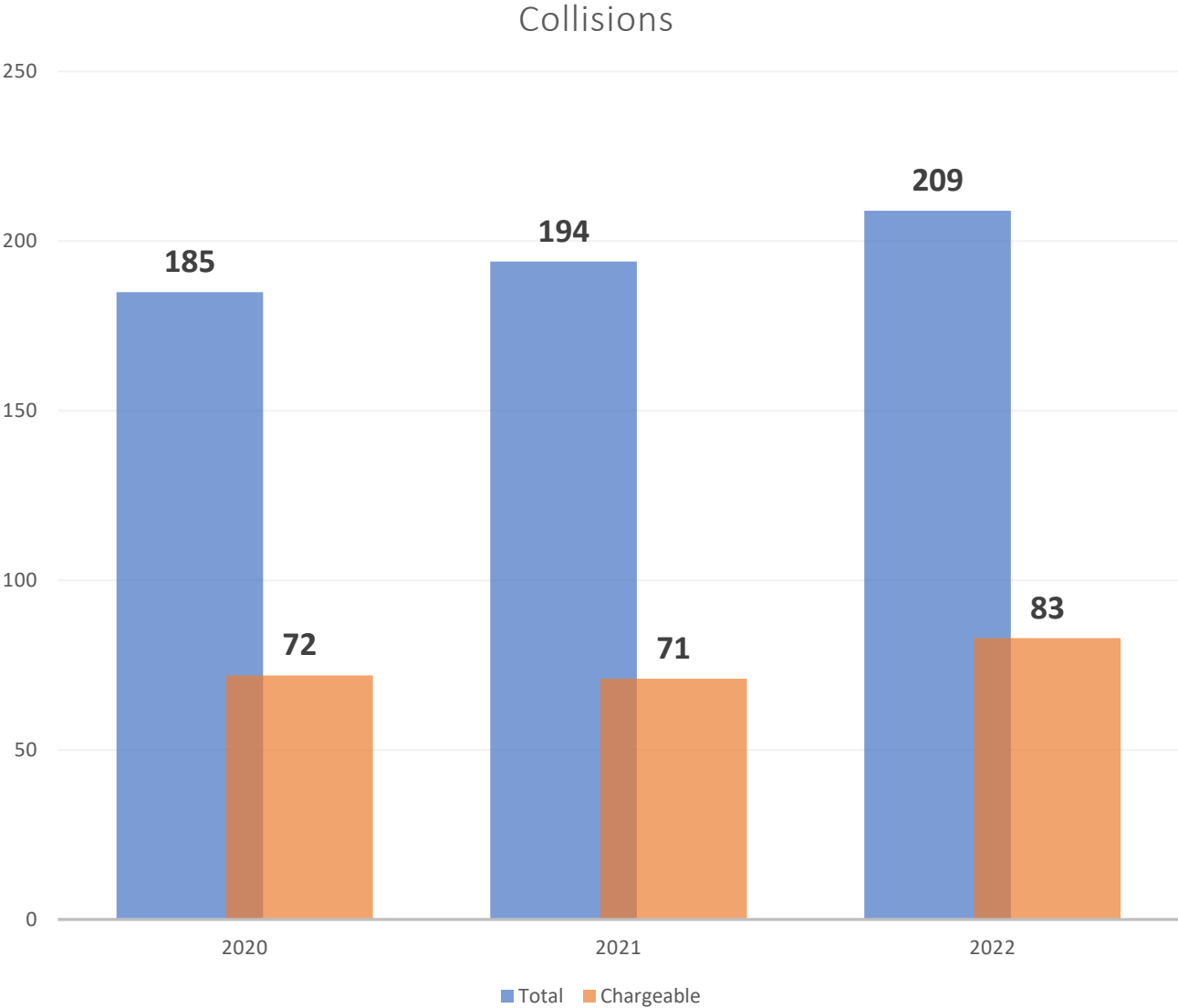


Collisions are  
inevitable

Every Bureau  
Every Position  
Everywhere



# Collisions



# Annual Payouts

\$200-250k

Well that's not  
a good sign.





# Top three primary causes

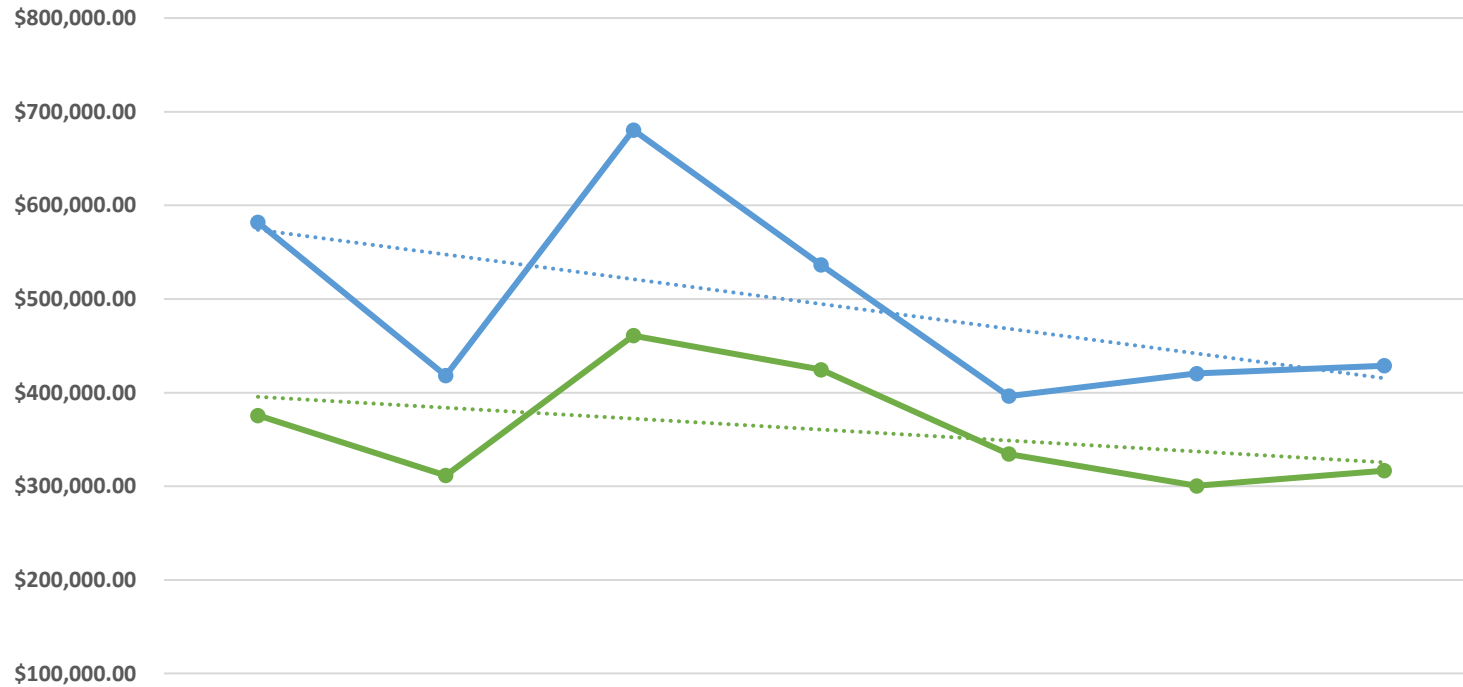
	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b>Unsafe Start or Backing</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Following Too Close</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Other – Awareness</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>22%</b>

# Sheriff's Vehicle Repair Costs

## Not including glass



Repair Costs end of Q3



	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23
Q3 Cost	\$375,720.37	\$311,537.70	\$460,967.21	\$424,548.94	\$334,463.73	\$300,413.88	\$316,655.71
FY Cost	\$581,988.43	\$418,170.10	\$680,624.26	\$536,432.94	\$396,303.71	\$420,405.79	\$428,769.12

# “Collision”

**An unintended event that produces damage or injury, involving a motor vehicle in-transport.**

Although the terms “accident” and “collision” are synonymous, the word collision should be used to describe the event.

*(Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) Chapter 2)*



# Sheriff P&P Chapter 5

## **5.4 – Collisions:**

All traffic collisions involving Sheriff's Department personnel (sworn, civilian, volunteers and reserves) operating Department vehicles, publicly owned vehicles, or any vehicle in the performance of their official duties, shall be investigated within the following guidelines.

# Driver Responsibilities on scene



IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY  
COMMUNICATION CENTER



NOTIFY SUPERVISOR

# Supervisor Responsibilities

ENSURE COMMUNICATION  
CENTER NOTIFIED



NOTIFY YOUR SUPERVISOR  
(UP TO YOU, BUT I WOULD)

# On-Scene Traffic Investigation

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Sheriff Contract Cities = Traffic Unit

Other Jurisdictions = Agency with jurisdiction, unless they refuse  
(Use closest Sheriff Traffic Unit)

Traffic Unit response is not needed if:

- Only county property involved / No injury
- Unknown how damage occurred
- Road Hazard

# On-Scene Traffic Investigation

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## **Supervisor's On-Scene Responsibility:**

- Whenever possible
- Required if death or injury. If unavailable, on-duty supervisor needs to respond.

Start investigation

Photos

Obtain CN and contact info of investigator



# Parallel Investigation

Pursuit into another jurisdiction

Requested by supervisor or station command

Collision resulted in death or serious injury to any party

# Due to Traffic Coordinator

Due Next Business Day

(All Collision or Damage other than 594)



RM-3: Supervisor's  
Accident Report



CD-2: Vehicle Incident  
Report



Deputy Report /  
Written Statement

## Administrative Investigations

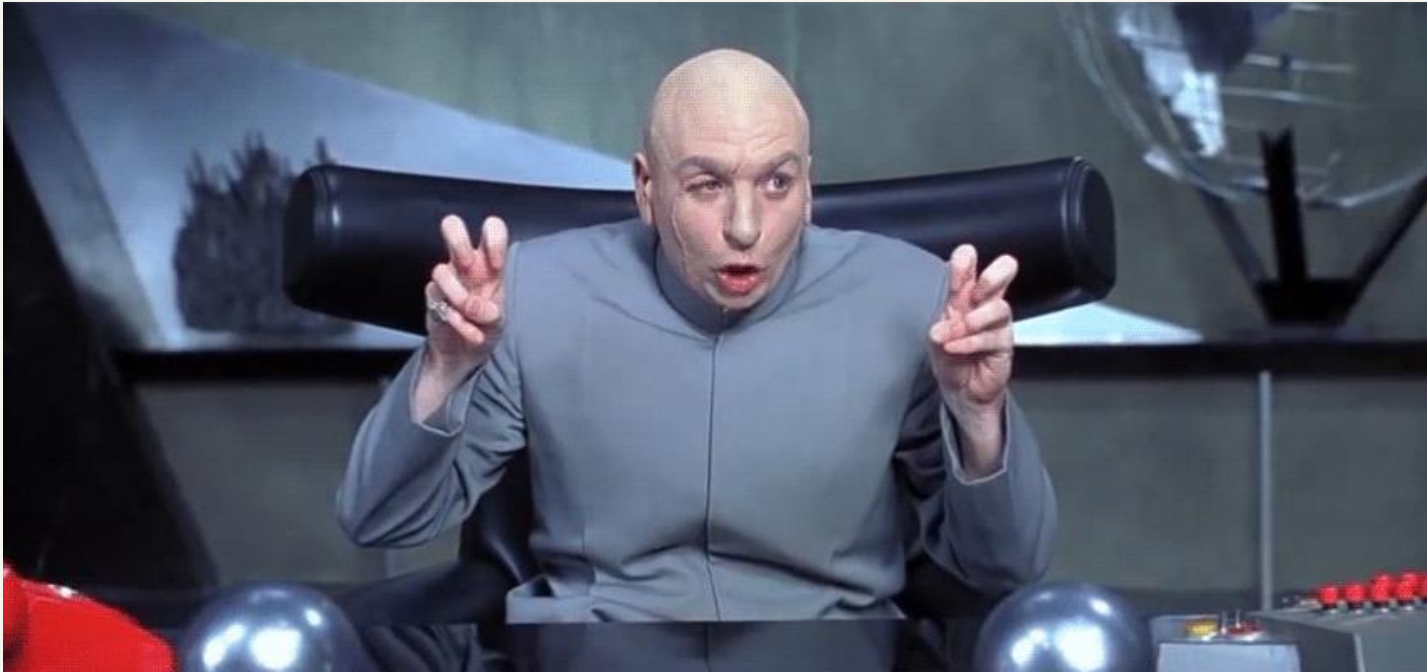
When would you need to?

Basically, always unless:

- Road Hazard
- Operational Damage
- Unoccupied Sheriff Vehicle

If unsure, just shoot me a  
text/email

# “Operational Damage”



When determining if Operational Damage:

- Was another driver involved
- Was non-County property involved
- Was the County employee operating safely at the time
- Can someone make a claim against the county (no matter how crazy)

# RM-3 / Supervisor's Investigation

- Helps determine if something can be claimed as Operational Damage / Road Hazard
- Proves to the county the incident was looked into

# Purely Hypothetical Situation

- Employee returned to the station to report they had struck a pothole. bent two rims and vehicle wouldn't track straight. CD-2 sent in and claimed as Operational Damage.
- Went to county garage where they found damage to undercarriage, steering components, and suspension consistent with sliding into a curb, \$12k in damage.
- Check of speed mapping found driver was traveling at excessive speed on surface streets before reported damage.
- Follow up investigation with the driver found driver was doing "high speed training" and lost control of vehicle before sliding into curb.

# Garage / Vehicle Coordinator

- Also reports suspicious damage and recommends investigations

We, as supervisors, need to do our part to protect employees and have critical conversations when damage occurs.

## 2.35 Operation of Vehicles

- Employees shall operate all county owned or maintained vehicles, or any vehicle being operated in the performance of their official duties, in a careful and prudent manner, and shall obey all laws of the state and all Departmental orders pertaining to such operation.



# Administrative Investigation

\*\*\* Due 60 days from collision\*\*\*

## Chargeable

- Primarily rely on traffic investigation
- Unsafe driving / Law Violation
- County driver mostly at fault

## IA Packet

- Blue Sheets & Tabs

## Not at Fault

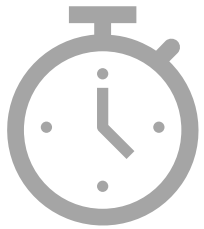
- i.e., Rear-ended
- County driver mostly not at fault

## NAF Collision Packet

- No blue sheets or tabs

# Three Biggest Mistakes

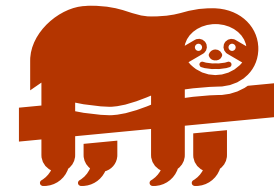
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Not turning in  
investigations on time



Not being unbiased in  
investigation



Having driver fill out  
RM3

# Pursuits

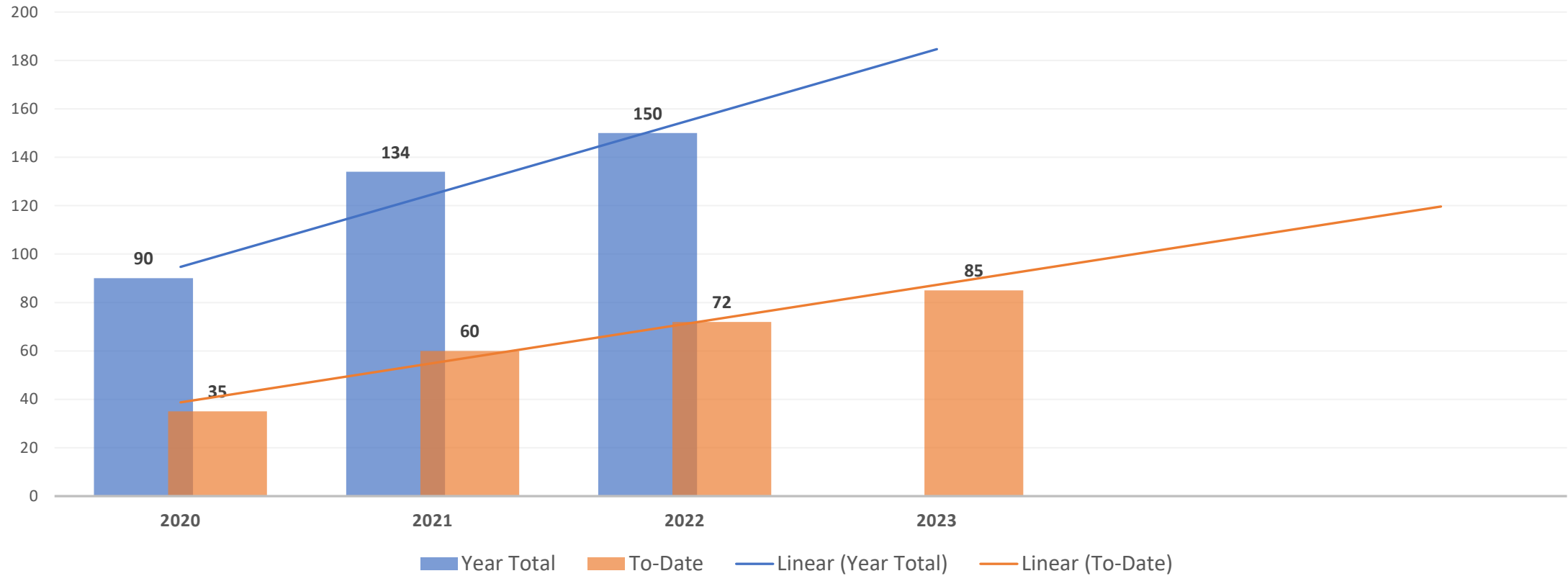
## III. DEFINITION

A pursuit is an event involving one or more law enforcement officers, who are operating an authorized emergency vehicle, attempting to apprehend a suspect operating a motor vehicle, while the suspect is trying to avoid arrest by using evasive tactics, such as high speed driving, driving off a highway, turning suddenly, or driving in a legal manner but willfully failing to yield to the officer's signal to stop.

# Pursuit Data



Pursuit Data



# Pursuits

Extremely important to record pursuits with CHP 187 Form

- Send to Traffic Coordinator
- DO NOT send to CHP
- Can attach to case, does not need to be
- *IT'S A GOOD THING!*

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DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL  
CHP 187A (Rev. 5-16) OPI 033

SUPERVISOR'S INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_  
VEHICLE PURSUIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
*(For your agency's use only, if applicable)*

**ALL MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUIT DATA SHALL BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER PURSUIT. SEE PAGE TWO FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.**

**SECTION I - Mandatory for all California Law Enforcement Agencies involved in vehicle pursuit.**

1. AGENCY NCIC \_\_\_\_\_ 2. AGENCY NAME (Specify district, i.e., LAPD Newton) \_\_\_\_\_ 3. DATE VEHICLE PURSUIT WAS INITIATED \_\_\_\_\_ 4. TIME VEHICLE PURSUIT WAS INITIATED (24 Hr., e.g., 1430) \_\_\_\_\_

5. PURSUED VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ 6. STATE \_\_\_\_\_ 7. VIN NUMBER (Complete only if 'cold plated' or no license plate available) \_\_\_\_\_ 8. TIME YOUR AGENCY BECAME INVOLVED IN VEHICLE PURSUIT (24 Hr., e.g., 1430) \_\_\_\_\_

9. CHECK THE CATEGORY THAT BEST DESCRIBES THE VEHICLE TYPE  
 Passenger Vehicle (Car, SUV, Mini-Van)     Passenger Vehicle (Car, SUV, Mini-Van) with Trailer     Motorcycle, Motor Driven Cycle, Motor Scooter     Pickup Truck  
 Pickup Truck with Trailer     Truck Tractor     Truck Tractor with Trailer     School Bus     Other Bus     Emergency Vehicle     Other \_\_\_\_\_

10. TOTAL TIME YOUR AGENCY WAS INVOLVED IN VEHICLE PURSUIT (Minutes) \_\_\_\_\_ 11. TOTAL DISTANCE YOUR AGENCY WAS INVOLVED IN VEHICLE PURSUIT (Miles) \_\_\_\_\_ 12. COUNTY WHERE YOUR AREA INVOLVEMENT BEGAN \_\_\_\_\_

13. AGENCY INITIATING VEHICLE PURSUIT \_\_\_\_\_ 14. DID YOUR AGENCY TURN THE PURSUIT OVER? (If yes, indicate agency below)  No  Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ 15. DID YOUR AGENCY CONCLUDE VEHICLE PURSUIT?  No  Yes (complete SECTION II) \_\_\_\_\_

16. LIST I.D. NUMBERS OF YOUR AGENCY'S OFFICERS INVOLVED IN VEHICLE PURSUIT (Do not list names) \_\_\_\_\_

17. HIGHEST NUMBER OF INVOLVED UNITS AT ONE TIME IN YOUR AREA \_\_\_\_\_ 18. CHECK ONE CONDITION THAT BEST DESCRIBES WEATHER DURING THE PURSUIT  
 Clear  Cloudy  Raining  Snowing  
 Ground: \_\_\_\_\_ Air: \_\_\_\_\_ Fog  Windy  Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_ 19. MAXIMUM SPEEDS ATTAINED  
 Freeway: \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Street: \_\_\_\_\_

20. INDICATE ATTEMPTED STOP(S) AND NUMBER OF TIMES ATTEMPTED  
 Spike Strip: \_\_\_\_\_ PIT: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Ramming: \_\_\_\_\_ Scaled In: \_\_\_\_\_ 21. INDICATE THE NUMBER OF COLLISIONS THAT OCCURRED IN YOUR AREA  
 Remote Engine Disabler: \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_ Fatal: \_\_\_\_\_ Injury: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Damage Only: \_\_\_\_\_

22. ORIGINAL VIOLATION OBSERVED BY AGENCY INITIATING THE VEHICLE PURSUIT (Leave blank if your agency did not initiate pursuit)  
 Section & Code: \_\_\_\_\_  Felony  Misdemeanor  Infraction  BOL / Warrant / Wanted  Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

*If injuries were incurred as a result of collision during your agency's involvement in the vehicle pursuit and your agency did not conclude the pursuit, complete only item 23 in Section II below.*

**SECTION II - Complete only if your agency brought vehicle pursuit to conclusion (includes aborting of pursuit).**

23. WERE INJURIES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A COLLISION?  No  Yes (if yes, indicate number of each type below)

	Police Officer(s)	Suspect Driver	Suspect Passenger(s)	Uninvolved 3rd Party		Police Officer(s)	Suspect Driver	Self-Inflicted	Suspect Passenger(s)	Self-Inflicted	Uninvolved 3rd Party
Fatal Injury					Fatal Injury						
Severe Injury					Severe Injury						
Other Visible Injury					Other Visible Injury						
Complaint of Injury					Complaint of Injury						

24. WERE INJURIES INCURRED AFTER THE VEHICLE PURSUIT?  No  Yes (if yes, indicate the number of each type below)

25. SUSPECT  WAS  WAS NOT APPREHENDED. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MOST NEARLY DESCRIBES THE EVENT CONCLUDING THE VEHICLE PURSUIT?  
 Suspect vehicle voluntarily stopped     Pursuit aborted by law enforcement agency     Suspect vehicle escaped patrol vehicle  
 Forfeitable stop     Suspect vehicle and patrol vehicle collided     Suspect abandoned vehicle and fled on foot  
 Suspect vehicle became disabled     Suspect vehicle became involved in a collision     Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patrol vehicle became disabled     Patrol vehicle became involved in a collision

26. VIOLATION(S) SUSPECT(S) CHARGED WITH UPON CONCLUSION OF VEHICLE PURSUIT (List most serious offense first followed by additional charges)

Section / Code	Felony	Misdemeanor	Infraction	BOL / Warrant / Wanted	Other (Specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27. D.O.B. OF PERSON PURSUED \_\_\_\_\_ 28. GENDER  Male  Female 29. DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE?  No  Yes (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_  Alcohol  Drugs  Combination of both

30. ETHNICITY  
 White     Vietnamese     Cambodian     Other Asian     Guamanian     Asian Indian     Other Not Listed  
 Black     Japanese     Korean     Filipino     Hawaiian     American Indian  
 Hispanic     Chinese     Laotian     Samoan     Other Pacific Islander     Alaskan

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## ALLIED AGENCY PURSUIT REPORT

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SUPERVISOR'S INITIALS

NRR

VEHICLE PURSUIT NUMBER  
*(For your agency's use only, if applicable)*

CASE # or Event #

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1. AGENCY NCIC <b>3   7   0   0</b>	2. AGENCY NAME <i>(Specify district, i.e., LAPD Newton)</i> <b>San Diego Sheriff - Valley Center</b>	3. DATE VEHICLE PURSUIT WAS INITIATED	4. TIME VEHICLE PURSUIT WAS INITIATED <i>(24 hr., e.g., 1430)</i>
5. PURSUED VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	6. STATE	7. VIN NUMBER <i>(Complete only if 'cold plated' or no license plate available)</i>	8. TIME YOUR AGENCY BECAME INVOLVED IN VEHICLE PURSUIT <i>(24 hr., e.g., 1430)</i>
9. CHECK THE CATEGORY THAT BEST DESCRIBES THE VEHICLE TYPE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Vehicle (Car, SUV, Mini-Van)	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Vehicle (Car, SUV, Mini-Van) with Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle, Motor Driven Cycle, Motor Scooter	<input type="checkbox"/> Pickup Truck
<input type="checkbox"/> Pickup Truck with Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck Tractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck Tractor with Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/> School Bus
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Bus	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Vehicle
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Remember...

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CD2, RM3, DR ...Always

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Collision Investigation,  
Probably

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Pursuit form, Always