



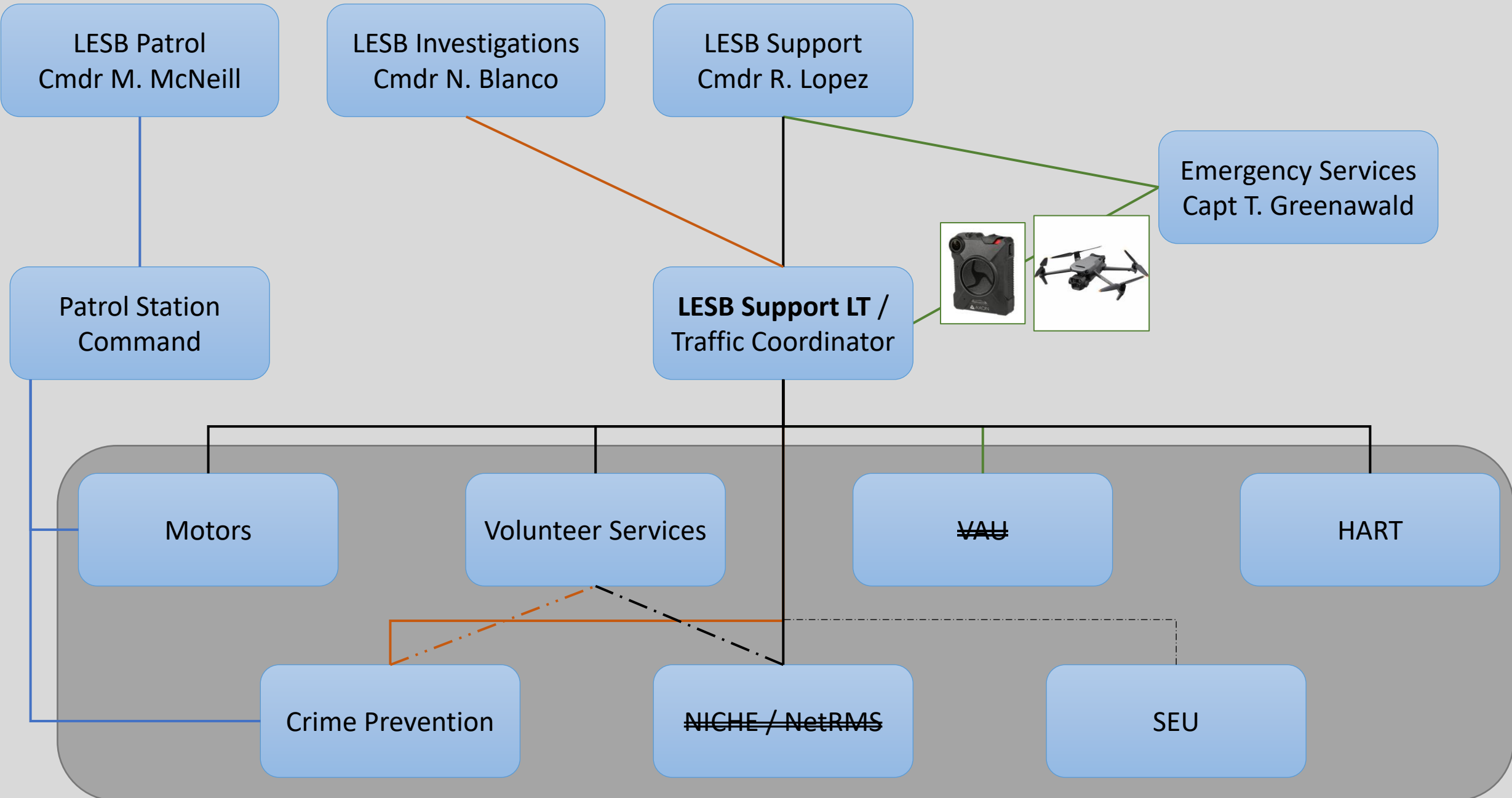
Traffic Services

Lieutenant Ashley Lewis



LESB Support Services

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



LESB Patrol
Cmdr M. McNeill

LESB Investigations
Cmdr N. Blanco

LESB Support
Cmdr R. Lopez

Emergency Services
Capt T. Greenawald

Patrol Station
Command

**LESB Support LT /
Traffic Coordinator**



Motors

Volunteer Services

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Crime Prevention

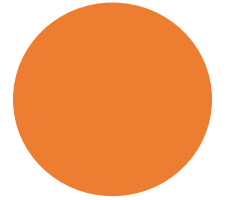
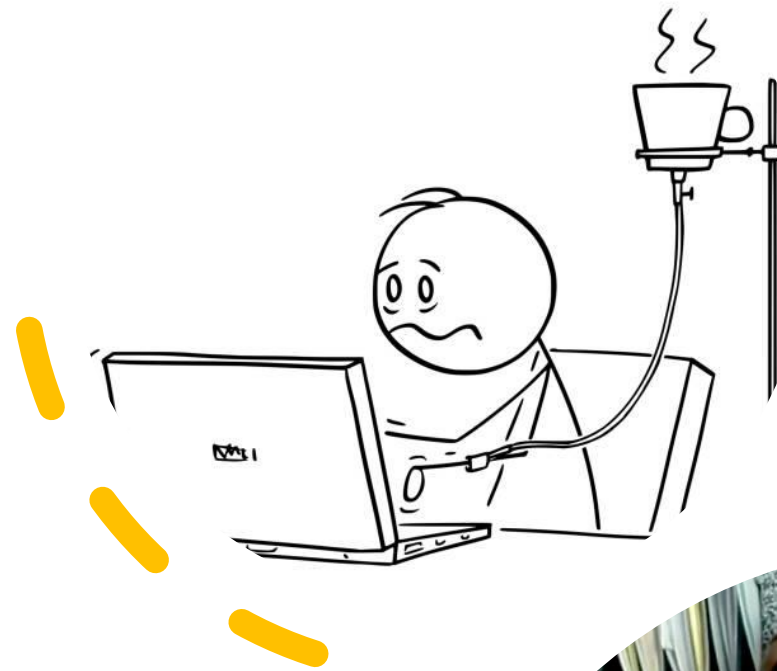
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Traffic Coordinator

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:

Vehicles

- 1700

Per Year

Gasoline

- 1.5 million gallons of gasoline

Miles

- 17 million miles driven

Vehicle Collisions

- 200-ish
- 83 At-Fault

Pursuits

- 109 (going up)
- End in collisions?
- 21 (mostly suspect)

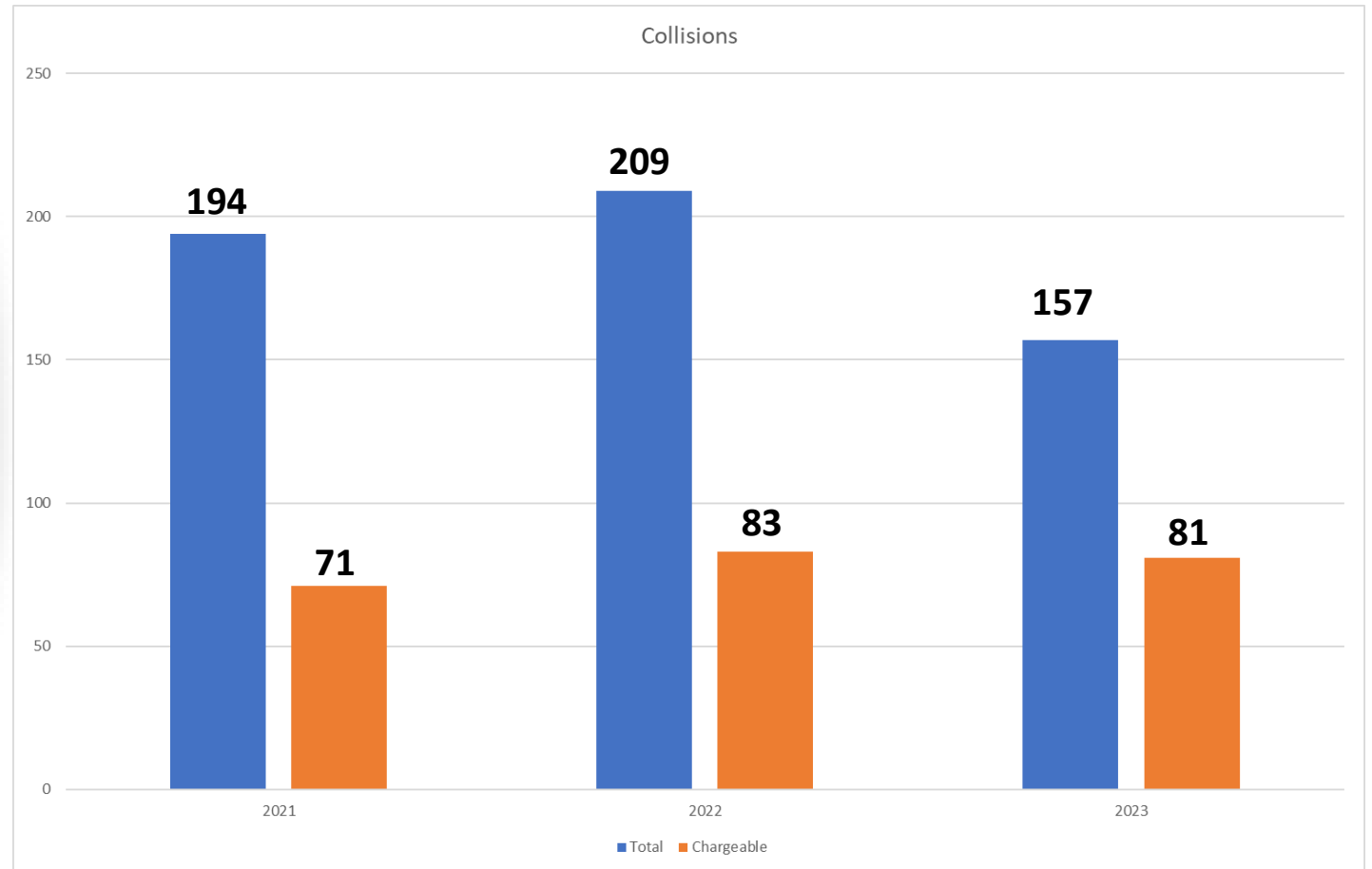


Collisions are
inevitable

Every Bureau
Every Position
Everywhere



Collisions



Annual Payouts

\$200-250k

Well that's not
a good sign.



Primary Causes of Chargeable Collisions

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
• Unsafe Start or Backing	%40	33%	30%
• Following Too Close	10%↓	13%	24%
• Other – Awareness	50%↑	33%	20%

Sheriff's Vehicle Repair Costs

Not including glass

VEHICLE REPAIR COSTS, END OF Q3



SUPPLY CHAIN PROBLEMS



SUPPLY CHAIN PROBLEMS EVERYWHERE

“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

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

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 send me a text/email

“Operational Damage” “Road Hazard”



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

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

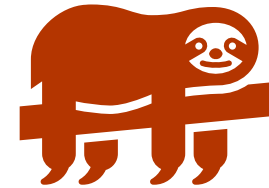
Three Biggest Mistakes



Not turning in
investigations on time



Not being unbiased in
investigation



Having driver fill out
RM3

Calls for statements, information, etc.

- Lawyers / Insurance Companies will contact you directly
- Send them to County Counsel
(Not me)
- “San Diego County Counsel”

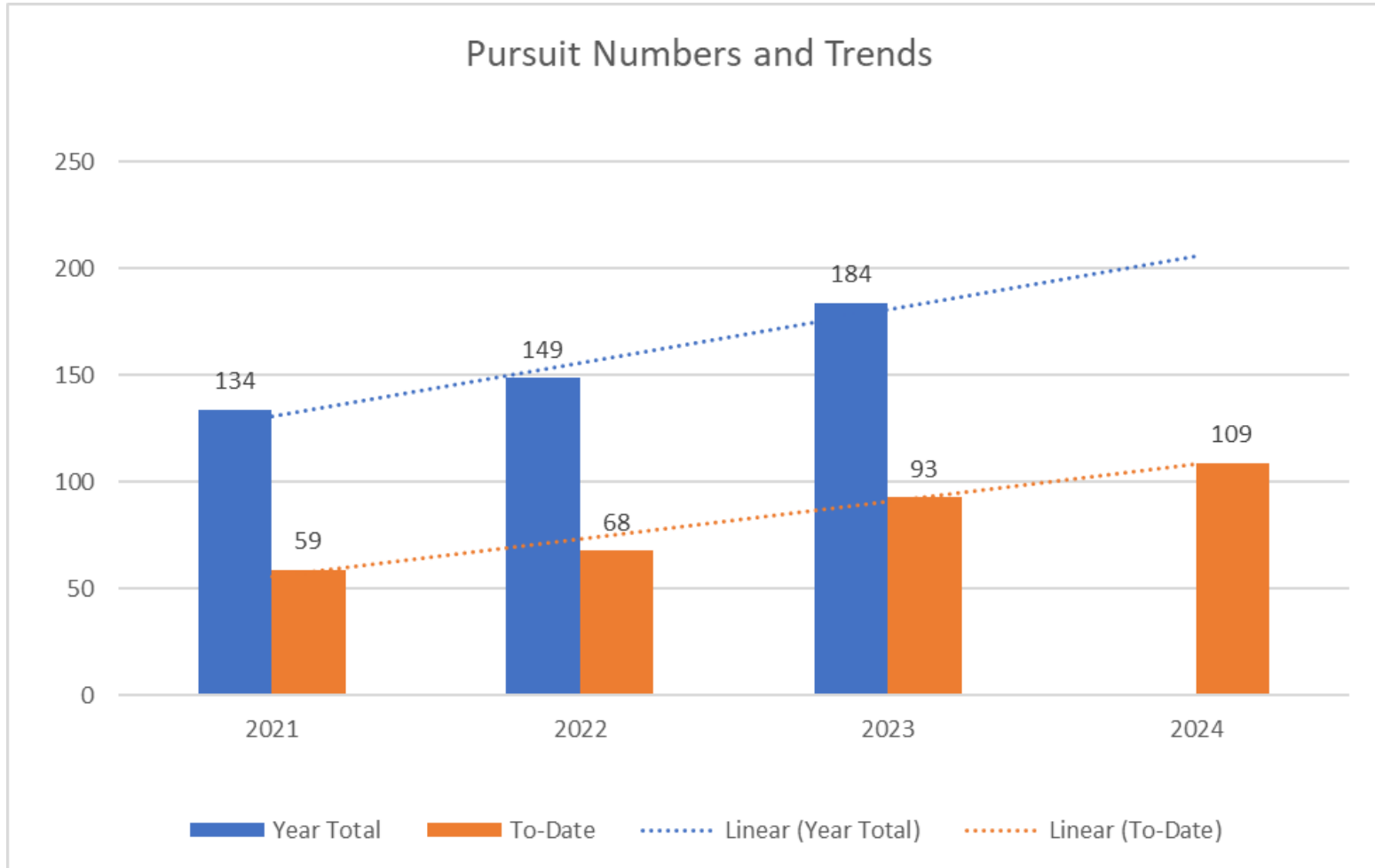


Pursuits

6.43 P&P

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.

Traffic Pursuits



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!*

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
ALLIED AGENCY PURSUIT REPORT
CHP 187A (Rev. 5-15) 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 30 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 Newbury) _____ 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): _____
 Freeway: _____ Surface Street: _____

20. INDICATE ATTEMPTED STOP(S) AND NUMBER OF TIMES ATTEMPTED
 Spike Strip: _____ PTT: _____ Other Ramming: _____ Boxed In: _____
 Remote Engine Disabler: _____ Other (Specify): _____ Fatal: _____ Injury: _____ Property Damage Only: _____

21. INDICATE THE NUMBER OF COLLISIONS THAT OCCURRED IN YOUR AREA
 Section & Code: _____ Felony Misdemeanor Infraction BCL / 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? (If yes, indicate number of each type below) No Yes

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

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

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

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
 Forfeiture 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	BCL / 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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DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

ALLIED AGENCY PURSUIT REPORT

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SUPERVISOR'S INITIALS

NRR

VEHICLE PURSUIT NUMBER
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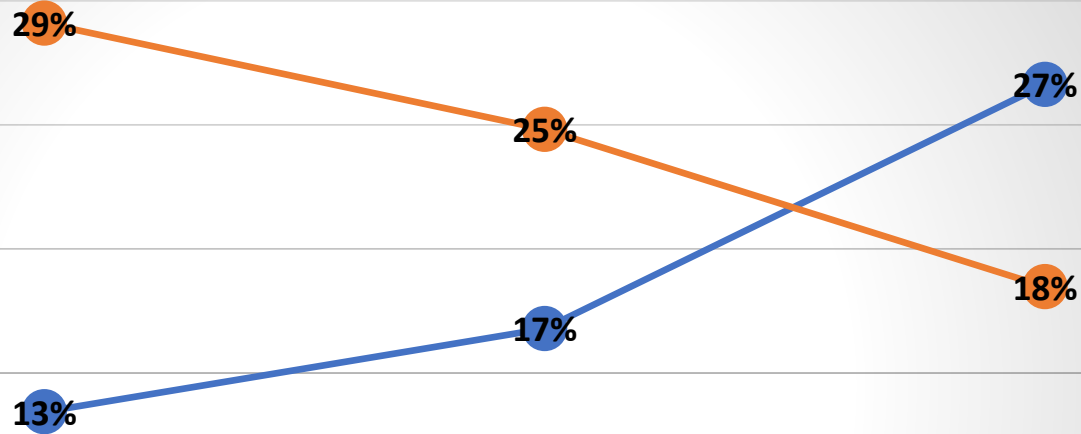
CASE # or Event #

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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

Pursuit Call-off vs Pursuit-related collisions



An initial analysis of the pursuit call-offs vs pursuit-related collisions from 2021 through 2023 showed a correlation between higher percentages of call-offs with decreased percentages of pursuit collisions.

	21	22	23
Call Off %	13%	17%	27%
Collision %	29%	25%	18%

Call Off % Collision %

Remember...

CD2, RM3, DR ...Always

Collision Investigation,
Probably

Pursuit form, Always

I KNOW THERE IS SOMETHING



THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO HERE

It's all on the
Traffic Services
website