

**TO:** Edward Preston, Deputy Chief of Police

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**Subject:** Vehicle Pursuit Report for 2007

Re: CALEA standard

The New Bern Police Department is required by CALEA standards to prepare an annual assessment of reported Vehicle Pursuits to identify training needs with respect to vehicle pursuits. Therefore this report is submitted to document this assessment.

**Analysis:**

During 2007 there was one (1) vehicle pursuit filed by the officers. When the one vehicle pursuit was compared to the total number of vehicle stops (6,260), pursuits were a factor in 0.01% of the total number of vehicle stops in 2007. There were no uses of roadblocks, or forcible stops during these pursuits.

**Assessment:**

The low percentage of reported incidents, in comparison to the total number of vehicle stops, indicates that the officers are relying on their training. Statistical analysis of vehicle pursuits reports shows that officers are generally making sound decisions with respect to the department's policies and philosophy concerning vehicle pursuit options.

**Recommendations:**

This assessment did not reveal any significant areas of concern for the department in the area of use of vehicle pursuits or our current training outline as it pertains to vehicle pursuits. As long as the training section continues to provide the quality of in service training in the area of vehicle pursuit policy we should not expect to see an increase in this area.

