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Subject: Vehicle Pursuits Report for 2008

41.2.2i – Review of Pursuit

41.2.3j – Analysis of Pursuit reports

41.2.3e - Use of roadblocks and forcible stops

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 2008 there were two (2) vehicle pursuits filed by the officers. When the two vehicle pursuit was compared to the total number of vehicle stops (5,180), pursuits were a factor in 0.038% of the total number of vehicle stops in 2008. 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.

