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TO: Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, St. Mary's County, Maryland

SUBJECT: Analysis of Vehicular Pursuits for January-December 2020

The following is an analysis for Vehicular Pursuits by deputy sheriffs of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office during the period of January through December 2020. The Sheriff's Office established a comprehensive Emergency Driving Policy in July 1996, as well as a Vehicle Pursuit Review report. Statistical data for this report was derived from the Vehicle Pursuit Reviews completed by the involved officer's immediate supervisor and submitted through the Chain of Command via Blue Team for final approval. Upon final approval, the report is forwarded to the Office of Professional Responsibilities where it is reviewed once again and placed into the IAPro database software. Refer to the below 2020 data obtained from the IAPro database compared against the 2019 and 2018 data:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
• Total Number of Pursuits	11	8	5
• Number of Pursuits Initiated by SMCSO	10	7	5
• Pursuits Documented by In Car Camera	10	8	5
• Suspected DWI as Reason for Pursuit	4	3	3
• Number of Pursuits Aborted	3	1	1
• Number of Involved Officers	19	13	9
• Avg. Number of Officers per Pursuit	1.7	1.6	1.8
• Pursuits Not Within Policy	2	1	1
• Avg. Length of Pursuit (miles)	4.3	1.8	3.9
• Stop Device Utilized	3	0	1
• Accident Occurred During Pursuit	3	4	1
• Injuries During Pursuit	1	2	1

The total number of pursuits increased from eight (8) in 2019 to eleven (11) in 2020. In 2020, the Sheriff's Office handled 80,822 calls for service as compared to 75,062 for 2019, a 7.2% increase. The number of traffic stops decreased from 12,205 in 2019 to 7,693 in 2020. One (1) of the pursuits was initiated by the Maryland State Police (MSP) in 2020. Two (2) pursuits in 2020 were determined not to be within policy; one of which has led to an Administrative Investigation of the involved officer which is still pending at this time. Injuries were sustained by citizens during one (1) pursuit in which the parties were treated at the scene by EMS personnel and they were not transported to a medical facility. There were no injuries to any officers.

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Clayton O. Safford
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Agree

Yes () No, see indorsement.

Major:  Date 2-1-21

Yes () No, see indorsement.

Sheriff:  Date 2-1-21