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TO: Sheriff Steven A. Hall, St. Mary's County, Maryland

SUBJECT: Analysis of Vehicular Pursuits for January-December 2022

The following is an analysis for Vehicular Pursuits by deputy sheriffs of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) during the period of January through December 2022. 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 2022 data obtained from the IAPro database compared against the 2021 and 2020 data:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
• Total Number of Pursuits	8	11	11
• Number of Pursuits Initiated by SMCSO	7	10	10
• Pursuits Documented by In Car Camera	8	10	10
• Suspected DWI as Reason for Pursuit	2	4	4
• Number of Pursuits Aborted	3	4	3
• Number of Involved Officers	34	26	19
• Avg. Number of Officers per Pursuit	3	2.4	1.7
• Pursuits Not Within Policy	2	3	2
• Avg. Length of Pursuit (miles)	3.5	3	4.3
• Stop Device Utilized	4	2	3
• Accident Occurred During Pursuit	1	0	3
• Injuries During Pursuit	2	0	1

One pursuit was initiated by the Seaford Police Department in Delaware, the remainder by the SMCSO. The pursuit initiated in Delaware was ended in Queen Anne's County, MD with a stop device utilized by another agency. Two (2) pursuits in 2022 were determined not to be within policy, which led to Administrative Investigations for the involved officers, the disposition is still pending on one investigation at this time. Injuries occurred during one pursuit as a result of a motor vehicle crash. The officer and the suspect were injured and treated at a local hospital for non-life

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threatening injuries. The number of involved officers increased considerably due to one specific incident wherein twelve (12) officers were involved. The pursuit occurred during a maximum deployment operation, where a larger than normal number of officers were working county wide in an effort to increase visibility, traffic enforcement, and crime prevention.



Thomas A. Hedderich  
Lieutenant  
Office of Professional Responsibilities

Agree

Yes ( ) No, see indorsement.

Major:



Date 2-15-23

Yes ( ) No, see indorsement.

Sheriff:



Date 2/15/23