

Office of the Sheriff

St. Mary's County, Maryland

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February 9, 2020

TO:

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

SUBJECT:

Analysis of Vehicular Pursuits for January-December 2019

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 2019. 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 2019 data obtained from the IAPro database compared against the 2018 data:

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
•	Total Number of Pursuits	8	5
•	Number of Pursuits Initiated by SMCSO	7	5
•	Pursuits Documented by In Car Camera	8	5
•	Suspected DWI as Reason for Pursuit	3	3
•	Percentage of Pursuits Aborted	13%	20%
•	Number of Involved Officers	13	9
•	Avg. Number of Officers per Pursuit	1.6	1.8
•	Percentage of Pursuits Not Within Policy	13%	20%
•	Avg. Length of Pursuit (miles)	1.8	3.9
•	Stop Device Utilized	0.0%	20%
•	Accident Occurred During Pursuit	50%	20%
•	Injuries During Pursuit	25%	20%

The total number of pursuits increased in 2019 from five (5) to eight (8). In 2019, the Sheriff's Office handled 75,062 calls for service as compared to 71,224 for the year 2018 a 5.1% increase. The number of traffic stops increased as well from 9,458 in 2018 to 12,205 in 2019; representing an 23% increase. One (1) of the pursuits was initiated by the Maryland State Police (MSP) in 2019 whereas all were initiated by our Agency in 2018.

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Clayton O. Safford

Sergeant

Office of Professional Responsibilities

Agree

() Yes () No, see indorsement.

Major:

1) Date 3-2-20

Yes () No, see indorsement.

Sheriff:

Date