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St. Mary's County, Maryland

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January 31, 2022

TO:

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

SUBJECT:

Analysis of Vehicular Pursuits for January-December 2021

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 2021. 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 2021 data obtained from the IAPro database compared against the 2020 and 2019 data:

| | | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | |
| • | Total Number of Pursuits | 11 | 11 | 8 |
| • | Number of Pursuits Initiated by SMCSO | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| • | Pursuits Documented by In Car Camera | 10 | 10 | 8 |
| • | Suspected DWI as Reason for Pursuit | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| • | Number of Pursuits Aborted | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| • | Number of Involved Officers | 26 | 19 | 13 |
| • | Avg. Number of Officers per Pursuit | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| • | Pursuits Not Within Policy | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| • | Avg. Length of Pursuit (miles) | 3.0 | 4.3 | 1.8 |
| • | Stop Device Utilized | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| • | Accident Occurred During Pursuit | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| • | Injuries During Pursuit | 0 | 1 | 2 |
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One pursuit was initiated by the Maryland State Police (MSP), the remainder by the SMCSO. Three (3) pursuits in 2021 were determined <u>not</u> to be within policy, one of which has led to an Administrative Investigation for the involved officers for which the disposition is still pending at this time. There were no injuries to any citizens or officers during any of the pursuits and no accidents occurred. Two (2) of the pursuits were initiated in St. Mary's County and ended in other counties (Calvert and Charles).

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Clayton O. Safford

Lieutenant

Office of Professional Responsibilities

Agree

() Yes () No, see indorsement.

(V) Yes () No, see indorsement.

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Sheriff:

Date 2-3-21

Date 2-3-22