



Santa Clara Police

Training Flash



Lexipol Policy 307 Vehicle Pursuit Update

Added:

307.3.1 Pursuit Development and Recognition (Pre-Pursuit Phase)

- When an officer attempts to stop a vehicle and the violator fails to yield immediately, there may be a brief interval where the officer follows the violator with lights and siren activated in an effort to stop him/her lawfully.
 - This can be done to determine if the violator is attempting to flee or evade the officer and/or to determine whether or not the violator knows or reasonably should know the officer is signaling the violator to yield.
- Once it is clear the violator is trying to flee/evade and/or the violator should reasonably know the officer is trying to signal them to yield, the pre-pursuit phase is over and then all factors should be considered in deciding whether or not to pursue, as stated in our current policy (no changes in the factors to be considered)
- **TAKEAWAYS:**
 - This pre-pursuit phase is used solely to determine if the violator is intentionally trying to flee
 - It is not intended to buy time while waiting on a license plate return, etc
 - If it is evident someone is intentionally fleeing, the pre-pursuit phase is **over**
 - **An example of the pre-pursuit phase is if the officer activates lights and siren and the violator does not yield, but continues driving the speed limit and following the rules of the road; typically once someone violates the rules of the road by accelerating away from the officer or driving through a red light, the pre-pursuit phase is over**



Removed:

PC 667.5 Restricting pursuits to violent felonies only

- We are no longer restricted to pursuing only for violent felonies listed within PC 667.5
- **TAKEAWAY:**
 - **You must balance the importance of apprehending suspects who unlawfully flee from law enforcement against the risks associated with vehicle pursuit**



TAKEAWAY: Remember to always balance the seriousness of known or suspected crime, importance of protecting the public and the need to apprehend the suspect immediately.

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