

- 3. Provide assistance with suspects after a pursuit has ended.
- 4. Set up Stop Sticks along the route to disable the suspect vehicle.

It is extremely important to maintain radio discipline during pursuit driving in order to allow the primary and secondary units the opportunity to broadcast information which can be clearly understood by other assisting units.

The number of Everett Police units involved in the pursuit shall be limited to that number necessary to safely arrest the occupants of the pursued vehicle. The supervisor will determine the number of involved units.

## **Responsibilities of Communication Personnel**

The SNOPAC Center communications dispatcher shall make all reasonable effort to notify a law enforcement supervisor of a pursuit in progress and will maintain radio contact with the pursuing unit(s) as long as practical. It is also the responsibility of the SNOPAC communication dispatcher to immediately notify any affected agency when the pursuit enters another jurisdiction. If the pursuing leaves the effective range of SNOPAC, that unit will no longer be the responsibility of SNOPAC. In that case pursuing units will utilize the state wide L.E.A.R.N. Frequency.

#### **Supervisor Responsibilities**

It will be the responsibility of the Patrol supervisor to authorize and to closely monitor and control all police response to vehicle pursuits. The supervisor will assure proper notification has been made to surrounding agencies according to the Memorandum of Understanding if the pursuit may enter another jurisdiction.

The supervisor may terminate a pursuit based upon an assessment of time of day, road conditions, weather, traffic volume or other factors requiring a safe conclusion to the pursuit.

The supervisor will monitor the number of units actively pursuing the suspect vehicle and may limit that number as deemed necessary.

Upon the conclusion of a traffic pursuit, the supervisor will assure all actively involved units prepare written reports. The supervisor is responsible for reviewing the reports and for completing a 'Sergeant's Pursuit Report'. the Blue Team entry . The pursuit report, together with a copy of the all officer reports, will be forwarded to the lieutenant. The lieutenant will complete a 'Managers Use of Force or Pursuit Review' form to be reviewed through the chain of command. If the supervisor was involved in the pursuit, his/her Lieutenant will review their use of force report.





vehicle is equipped with emergency lights and siren they may initiate and/or be involved only until fully marked police units arrive. If this involvement creates a serious safety concern (as determined by supervisory personnel) participation will be curtailed as soon as possible

#### Non-Police Personnel

In the event a civilian observer is present in the police vehicle when a pursuit is initiated, the officer will either not participate in the pursuit or will leave the civilian person at a location where he/she can be safe until the officer returns or another unit can pick them up.

#### **Pursuits Leaving the City**

When a pursuit extends into another jurisdiction, the primary pursuing agency shall promptly, whenever possible, advise the affected agency of jurisdiction. A supervisor from the agency of jurisdiction will determine to what extent if any, their agency will become involved.

## **Pursuits Entering the City**

When pursuits by another jurisdiction enter the city limits of Everett, the primary pursuing agency is responsible for advising our dispatch. Upon notification, the supervisor will make a determination based upon the information provided if Everett officers will become involved and to what extent.

# **Reporting Requirements**

All personnel involved in a traffic pursuit, including supervisors monitoring its progress shall prepare a report, which will be filed before the end of the shift. A Sergeant's Pursuit Report will be completed and given to the lieutenant.

All pursuit reports will be entered into Blue Team by the supervisor on duty and forwarded to the Lieutenant. The Lieutenant will then complete the Manager's Administrative Review and forward that up the chain of command. (See also the Use of Force & Fleeing Vehicle Reporting Guidelines).

The Office of Professional Standards will conduct an annual, documented analysis of all pursuit reports.

# Reports must include all the elements of RCW 46.61.024

## R.C.W. 46.61.024 (Attempt to Elude/Elements)

"Any driver of a motor vehicle who willfully fails or refuses to immediately bring his vehicle to a stop and who drives his vehicle in a manner indicating a wanton or willful disregard for the lives or property of others while attempting



