

RED OAK POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 PURSUIT ANALYSIS



MISSION STATEMENT

The Red Oak Police Department is committed, in partnership with the community, to provide the highest quality of police services by using innovative, proactive approaches to improve the quality of life in Red Oak, while at the same time maintaining respect for the rights and dignity of all.



Pursuit Reports

The Red Oak Police Department conducts an analysis of all pursuit reports to identify patterns or trends which may indicate a need for training, equipment, or policy modifications. Pursuit reports are mandated for all involved units pursuant to General Order 7.15 (IV)(N)(1,2,3)

Policy

Within section (III)(P), a motor vehicle pursuit is defined as:

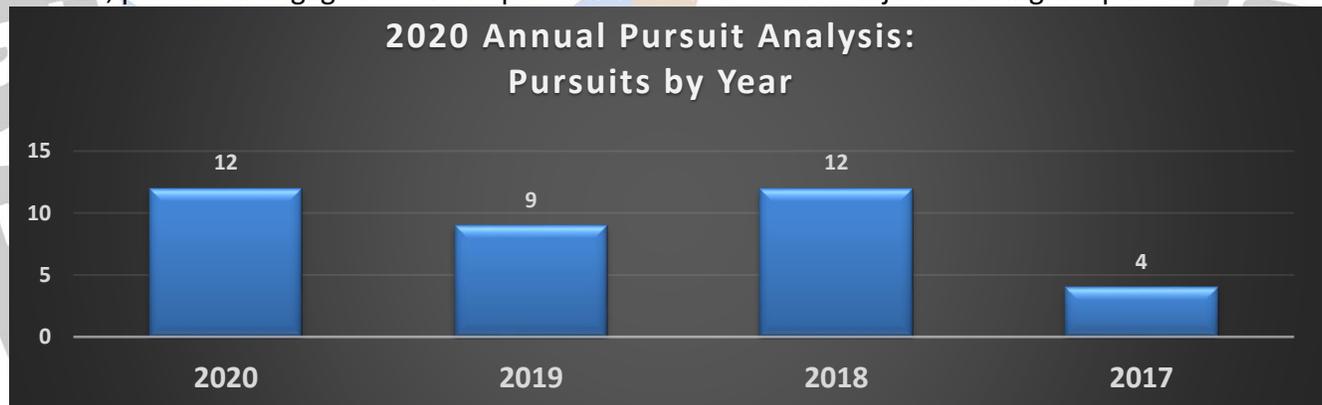
an active attempt by an officer operating in a police vehicle to apprehend a fleeing suspect who is failing to yield the right-of-way to the officer in an apparent attempt to avoid apprehension.

Pursuit Reporting

At the end of each pursuit, the initiating officer is required to complete a pursuit report, which is forwarded through the chain of command documenting the events of the pursuit. The supervisor, after reviewing and signing the report, will forward the report through the applicable chain of command for additional review. The administrative review process is to ensure the pursuit was within policy and to identify training needs.

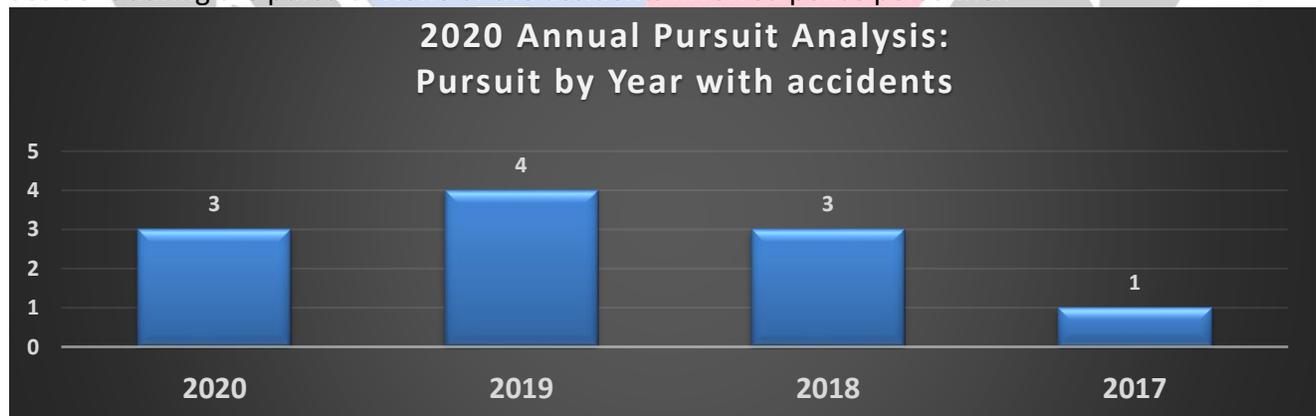
Pursuits by Year

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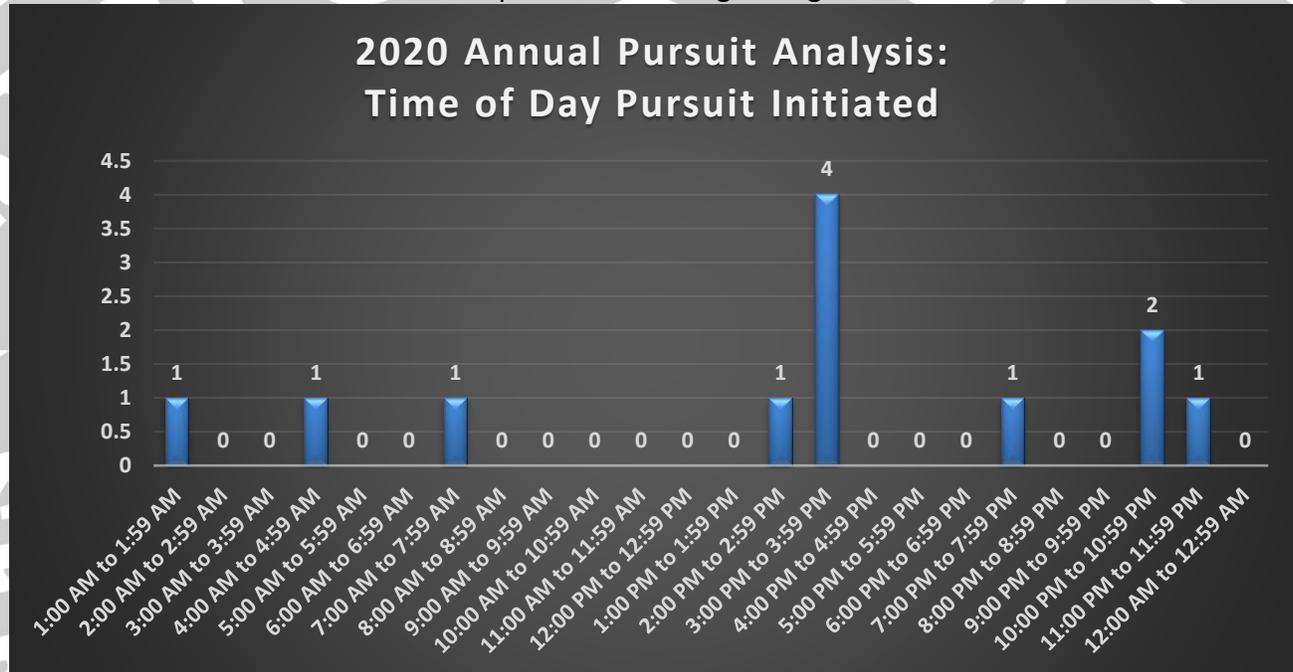
Pursuits resulting in accidents

In 2020, personnel engaged in twelve pursuits with three of the twelve pursuits resulting in an accident during the pursuit. None of the accidents involved police personnel.



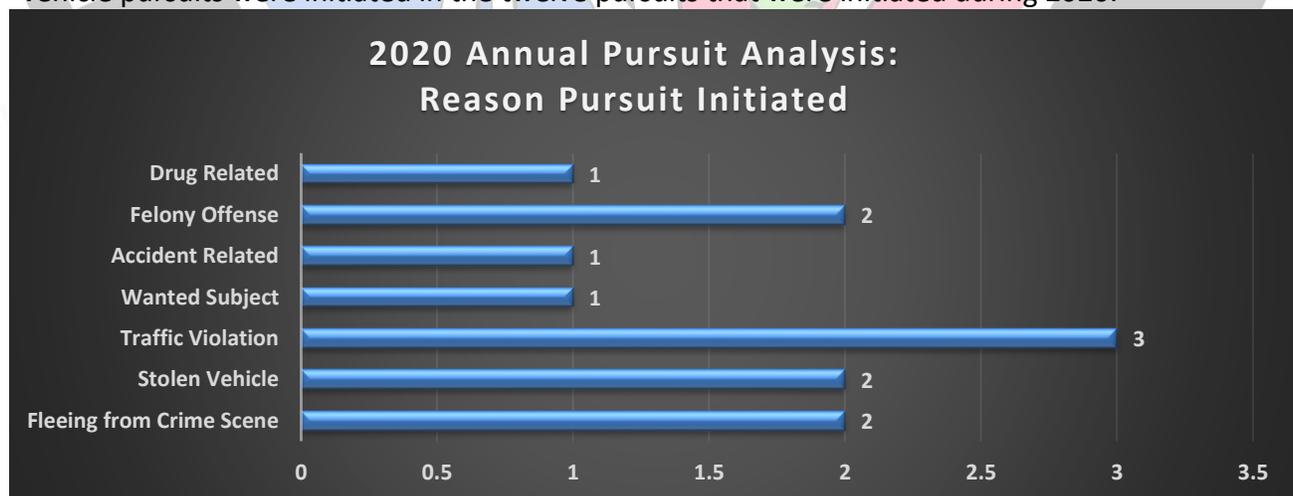
Pursuits by Time of Day

In 2020, vehicle pursuits appear to occur more frequently in the evening between 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM with 75% of vehicle pursuits occurring during this time frame.



Reason for initiation of pursuits

In the beginning of 2020, personnel were permitted to initiate vehicle pursuits for a myriad of reasons which included traffic violations. Upon a review of the Red Oak Police Department General Order 7.15 pertaining to vehicle pursuits, the policy was changed in February of 2020 to eliminate traffic violations as an approved criterion to initiate vehicle pursuits. This change to General Order 7.15 mirrors the majority of North Texas Law Enforcement Agencies when it comes to the standard vehicle pursuit policy. The below table provides an explanation of the reasons that vehicle pursuits were initiated in the twelve pursuits that were initiated during 2020.

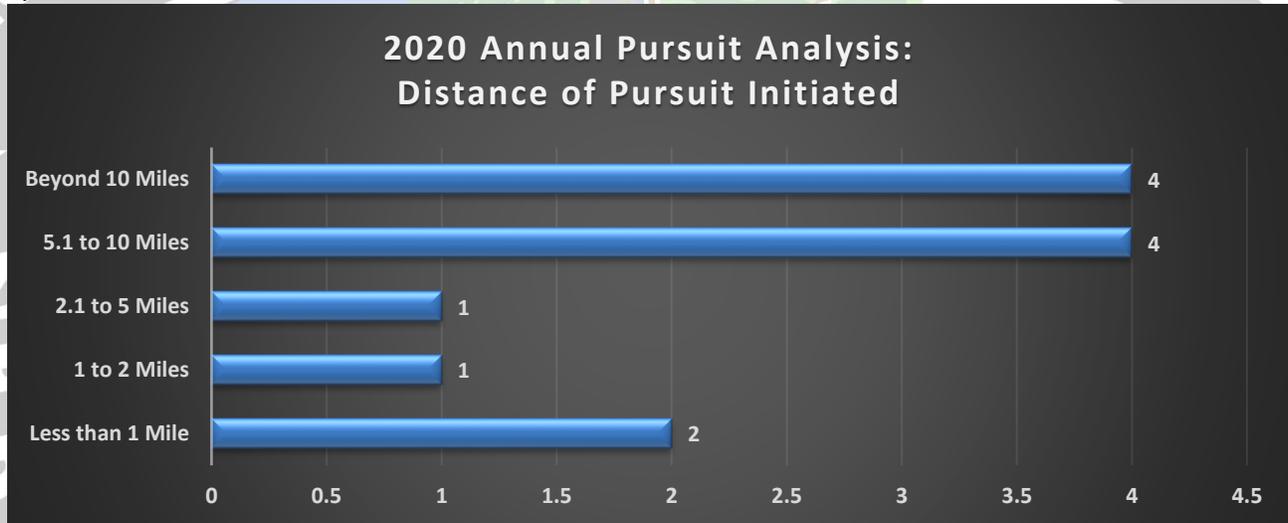


Pursuits by Injury

There were no injuries sustained by violators or officers during pursuits in 2020.

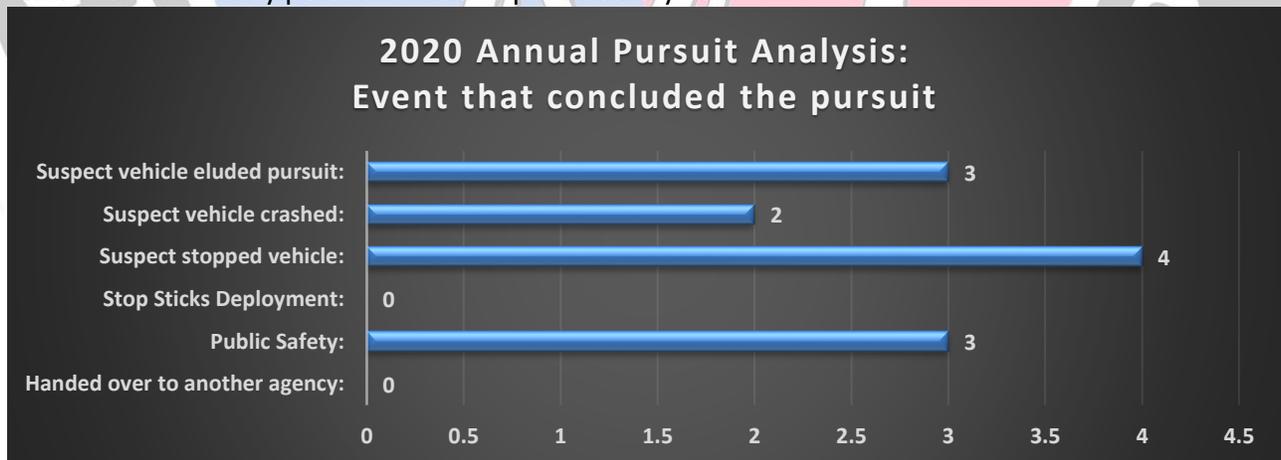
Pursuit by Distance

Four pursuits were beyond 10 miles, four pursuits were between 5.1 to 10 miles, one pursuit was between 2.1 to 5 miles, one pursuit was between 1 to 2 miles and two pursuits were under 1 mile. All pursuits began in Red Oak with three ending in Red Oak and the remaining nine ending in other jurisdictions. In 2020, there was a supervisor on duty during each pursuit.



Pursuits by concluding event

Three pursuits ended by the violator eluding the pursuit. Two pursuits ended when the violator crashed. Four pursuits ended when the suspect stopped the vehicle. Three pursuits were terminated by personnel due to public safety concerns.



Pursuits by termination

Five pursuits were terminated by personnel during the pursuit with two of the violators subsequently crashing their vehicle after the pursuit had already been terminated by departmental personnel.

Pursuit Synopsis

Pursuit #1 (1/21/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, terminated in Red Oak]

White male subject eluded pursuit, personnel terminated the pursuit.

Pursuit #2 (2/1/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, ended in Ellis County (Red Oak)]

Unknown race and sex suspect eluded pursuit.

Pursuit #3 (4/22/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, ended in Palmer]

Juvenile black male arrested for:

- a. Unauthorized use of a vehicle (Stolen out of Fort Worth)
- b. Evading arrest or detention with vehicle

Pursuit #4 (5/24/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, ended in Red Oak]

White male subject ran a stop sign and struck a vehicle and fled the scene. Officer witnessed the accident and initiated a short pursuit resulting in the white male subject bailing from the vehicle and eluding personnel on foot.

Pursuit #5 (8/4/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, ended in DeSoto]

Unknown Hispanic male subject was driving a stolen vehicle, personnel initiated a pursuit resulting in the unknown Hispanic male subject bailing from the vehicle and eluding personnel on foot. The stolen vehicle was recovered which was stolen out of the City of Garland.

Pursuit #6 (8/5/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, ended in Dallas]

Black female subject committed theft from a local retailer and jumped into a waiting vehicle. Personnel located the vehicle as it was departing the crime scene. Personnel initiated a pursuit and the black female subject subsequently bailed from the suspect vehicle which sped away. The female subject was taken into custody and arrested for:

- a. Theft

Pursuit #7 (8/24/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, terminated in DeSoto]

Unknown race and sex suspect eluded pursuit, personnel terminated the pursuit.

Pursuit #8 (10/21/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, ended in Dallas]

Multiple black male subjects committed an armed robbery from a local retailer and fled the scene in a stolen vehicle. Personnel located the stolen vehicle as it was departing the crime scene. Personnel initiated a pursuit and all male subjects subsequently bailed from the suspect vehicle. The stolen vehicle was recovered and the driver and passenger was taken into custody and arrested for:

Driver

- a. Unauthorized use of a vehicle (Stolen out of Dallas)
- b. Evading arrest or detention with vehicle

- c. Aggravated Robbery
 - d. Evading arrest or detention on foot
- Passenger
- a. Unauthorized use of a vehicle (Stolen out of Dallas)
 - b. Evading arrest or detention on foot

Pursuit #9 (10/30/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, terminated in Lancaster]

Unknown race and sex suspect observed leaving a known drug residence and personnel initiated a traffic stop and the subject fled in a vehicle and subsequently eluded pursuit, personnel terminated the pursuit.

Pursuit #10 (11/28/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, terminated in Lancaster]

Known white male subject with an active parole warrant was observed operating a vehicle. Personnel initiated a traffic stop and the subject fled in a vehicle and subsequently eluded pursuit, personnel terminated the pursuit.

Pursuit #11 (12/27/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, ended in Lancaster]

Black male subject committed theft from a local retailer and fled in a vehicle. Personnel located the vehicle as it was departing the crime scene. Personnel initiated a pursuit and the black male subject subsequently stopped the vehicle. The male subject was taken into custody and arrested for:

- a. Theft
- b. Evading arrest or detention with vehicle

Pursuit #12 (12/30/2020) [Initiated in Red Oak, ended in Dallas]

Known Hispanic male allegedly threatened his family with a firearm in Glenn Heights and fled the residence in a stolen vehicle out of Dallas. The male subject was also allegedly high on methamphetamine and Glenn Heights PD put out an attempt to locate on the subject and vehicle. The subject was also wanted on a probation violation out of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. Shortly thereafter, the Dallas Police Department advised that the subject had committed an aggravated robbery in the City of Dallas and undercover officers had tailed the subject and vehicle to QT in Waxahachie and was requesting assistance. A single Red Oak PD K9 unit assisted Dallas PD, Waxahachie PD, Ellis County SO and Midlothian PD during the pursuit that ensued should the canines tracking abilities be required. Midlothian PD subsequently spiked the suspect vehicle and took the subject into custody. The male subject was taken into custody for the offenses of:

- a. Aggravated Robbery
- b. Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon (2 Counts)

Summary

In 2020, training and supervisor feedback as to the importance of following the pursuit policy continued to be a focus. After a vehicle pursuit in February, the department delivered discipline to an officer for violating the pursuit policy and subsequently removed the ability to initiate a pursuit based solely on a traffic violation. In addition, departmental training was provided to the entire department on the following topics; 1) Pursuit driving, 2) Pursuit driving fundamentals, 3) Why communication is key in police pursuits and 4) Professional police driving. Since the policy change, only one pursuit was initiated based on a traffic violation and the supervisor quickly terminated the pursuit. Supervisors continue to pursue opportunities to provide training during the debriefing of these pursuits and we will continue to emphasize training, supervision, and the adherence to the pursuit policy.

