

Memorandum



DATE: March 21, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: **Foot Pursuit Policy**

Attached is the briefing material on the "Foot Pursuit Policy" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, March 24, 2014.



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Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
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Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor and Council



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Purpose

- **The purpose of this briefing**
 - Provide the historical background leading to the development of the policy
 - Provide an overview of the process used to develop the policy
 - Provide an overview of the current foot pursuit policy

History

- 2012 foot pursuit resulting in an Officer Involved Shooting
- Committee assembled, including members from employee associations, to develop a policy on foot pursuits
- Draft policy reviewed by Command Staff and patrol officers of varying seniority
- Final draft submitted to Chief Brown and policy implemented September 18, 2013

Policy Guidelines

- The primary focus of this policy is officer safety
- An officer's decision to pursue on foot shall be made with an awareness of the risk to which the officer and others will be exposed
 1. Provide guidelines for initiating a pursuit
 2. Establish criteria for terminating a foot pursuit
 3. Provide tactical considerations to avoid pursuits, alternatives to pursuits and safety considerations

Critical Policy Points

- Policy defines Foot Pursuits
- Provides Strategies to Prevent Pursuits:
 - Tactical positioning
 - Talking with a calm voice
 - Officer presence, taking control of the situation
- Considerations when Initiating a Foot Pursuit
- Accountability and Responsibility
 - Pursuing officers
 - Supervisors
 - Communications
- Specific Criteria to Discontinue a Foot Pursuit

QUESTIONS?