

# Police Vehicle Operation - Pursuit

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## Related Information

- \* [PS-PD 11-02.01 Police Vehicle Operation - Pursuit - University SOP \(authentication required\)](#)
- \* [PS-PD 02-01 Exercise of Extended Jurisdiction by Officers of the Indiana University Police Department](#)
- \* [IC 9-21-1-0.5 "Lawful intervention technique"](#)
- \* [Indiana Code \(IC\) 9-13-2-6](#)
- \* [Indiana Code \(IC\) 9-19-10-1](#)
- \* [Indiana Code \(IC\) 9-19-11-1](#)
- \* [Indiana Code \(IC\) 9-19-14-1; 9-19-14-3; 9-19-14-5](#)
- \* [Indiana Code \(IC\) 9-21-1-8](#)

## Related Forms

- \* [Pursuit Review Form](#)

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## Scope

This policy applies to Indiana University law enforcement officers.

The directives contained in this section are for internal Indiana University use only and do not apply in any criminal or civil proceedings. These directives will not be construed as creating a higher legal standard of safety or care.

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## Policy Statement

Indiana University police officers will make every reasonable effort to apprehend a fleeing suspect and to respond to emergency calls quickly and safely, and in accordance with applicable laws. Only authorized emergency vehicles, as defined by Indiana statute, will initiate a pursuit. Officers shall exercise due regard for the lives or property of innocent users of the street, highway, the violator and/or the officer.

The Indiana University Superintendent of Public Safety will establish guidance for officers related to circumstances under which pursuit is or is not acceptable.

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## Reason For Policy

The purpose of this policy is to state the University's position on vehicular pursuits of suspects and to establish guidelines for making decisions with regard to vehicular pursuit as a pursuit of fleeing suspects can present a danger to the lives of the public, officers, and suspects involved in the pursuit.

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## Procedure

Standard operating procedures shall be maintained regarding the following aspects of vehicle pursuits:

- A. Initiation of Pursuit
- B. Pursuit Operations
- C. Pursuit Tactics
- D. Termination of the Pursuit
- E. Inter and Intra-Jurisdictional Pursuits
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## Definitions

**Authorized Emergency Vehicle:** A vehicle of the Indiana University Police Department equipped with operable emergency equipment as defined by Indiana law ([IC 9-13-2-6](#)).

**Vehicular Pursuit:** An active attempt by a law enforcement officer in an authorized emergency vehicle to apprehend one or more occupants of another moving motor vehicle, where the driver of the fleeing vehicle is aware of the attempt and is resisting apprehension.

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## Sanctions


Violations of these directives will only form the basis for agency administrative sanctions. Violations of law will be the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in recognized judicial settings.

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## History

This policy was adapted to the university policy template in December 2013.