

Memo



To: Interim Director Robert Cormier
From: Major Braedon S. Vail
CC:
Date: January 4, 2022
Re: 2021 Analysis of Pursuits and Roadblocks

A review of the 2021 vehicle pursuits involving the Hartford Police Department has been completed with the following analysis:

Incident 21HF00819: Officers called to a gas station for a welfare check on an operator that was reported to be sitting at the gas pumps for an extended period of time and appeared to be under the influence. Upon arrival, officers observed indicators of impairment and ordered the operator from the vehicle. The operator, put the vehicle in to gear and accelerated, leaving the area while almost striking one of the officers. Officers pursued vehicle onto I91, and then onto I89 south. The vehicle made an illegal u-turn and then began traveling north on I89. The vehicle then went back onto I91 and subsequently exited the interstate, taking US Route 5 and then VT Route 14 before turning onto Jericho Street. The officers lost sight of the vehicle and the pursuit was discontinued. The operator was subsequently later identified and charged with eluding and gross negligent operation. HPD Form#019 (Vehicle Pursuit Report) and subsequent administrative review is on file.

Incident 21HF04268: Officers responding to a call of a motor vehicle theft passed the vehicle reported to be stolen on Mill Road. Upon officers turning around, the vehicle accelerated and traveled onto N. Main Street and then onto Joe Reed Drive, Railroad Row, Bridge Street, and then back to N. Main Street. The vehicle lost control, struck a median and damaged three of its tires. The vehicle continued on N. Main Street and then turned onto Sykes Mountain Avenue, traveling the wrong way around a rotary. The vehicle subsequently came to a stop due to the wheel damage. The operator was subsequently taken into custody and charged with aggravated operation without owner consent, eluding, gross negligent operation and excessive speed. HPD Form#019 (Vehicle Pursuit Report) is on file.

