

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2019 UOF #17

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC		APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED		PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
RECEIVED BY SPD	12/31/2019	APPROVED AND PENDING		SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	
RETURNED TO SCPRC	10/09/2023	PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED	X

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

GO 580.13 Foot Pursuit

SPD policy is outdated. SPD does not require officers to consider the seriousness of suspected criminal activity when considering a foot pursuit.

Amend GO 580.13(C)(4): Require an SPD officer to consider the gravity of suspected activity in deciding whether to initiate, continue, or terminate a foot pursuit. Add a new line under Section C, subsection 4 using the following language:

4. In deciding whether to initiate, continue, or terminate a foot pursuit, officers should consider the following factors:
(a) The gravity of the suspected activity.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

In deciding whether to initiate, continue, or terminate a foot pursuit an SPD officer is required to consider a variety of factors. However, a factor that is not currently included is the gravity of the suspected activity.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police on their webpage state "Foot pursuits are inherently dangerous. Therefore, officer and public safety should be the overriding consideration in determining a foot pursuit is initiated or continued or not." This change would further require the officer to evaluate if the pursuit is warranted.

SPD RESPONSE

SPD agrees in concept to this recommendation. However, no change has been made to the policy because the existing policy language is more specific than this proposed recommendation.

- It requires that officers to continually assess and evaluate whether the need for apprehension justifies the risk to the safety of the officer(s), the public, and the fleeing suspect.
- Further, an officer may pursue suspects only when he or she reasonably believes the suspect has committed an act that would justify a stop, investigative detention, or arrest.
- Also, officers are required to consider the criminal violation, whether the suspect is identified and can be apprehended later.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Council Meeting on 06/01/2021, City Council Policy, Police Use of Force

- [2:30PM City Council \(Special Meeting\) \(granicus.com\)](#)
- [Microsoft Word - 04022013 Agenda \(granicus.com\)](#)

APPENDIX

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