

Police Pursuits: Risk vs. Benefits at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

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Abstract

This paper studies the risk and benefits of police pursuits. There are very few areas of police work involving higher stakes than pursuits. Most progressive law enforcement agencies will use training, supervision and discipline to manage the risk and balance the need for pursuits. A good pursuit policy will outline the balance of protecting the public and apprehending criminals. This paper compares the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office pursuit police to other Tampa Bay Area law enforcement agencies.