

Law Enforcement Vehicle Pursuits – Policies, Training, Tactics and Technology

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Vehicle pursuits have been and continue to be a hotly debated topic in law enforcement circles. Law Enforcement agencies have to continually assess the need to pursue offenders against the public outcry that result from the tragedies of pursuits. In the mid-1990's technology began to play a role in pursuit conduct. Tire deflation devices and electronic vehicle disablers have and are still being developed to quickly bring pursuits to a safe conclusion. In addition to technology, tactical maneuvers have been devised and are currently utilized to terminate pursuits and in some cases prevent pursuits from occurring altogether. Through training, policy setting and properly using technology and tactics currently available, law enforcement agencies can apprehend criminal suspects while keeping the general public's safety a priority.