Pinellas County Sheriff's Office: Deadly Force Encounters with Moving Vehicles

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The purpose of this research is to identify safe and effective operating procedures for dealing with suspects inside a moving vehicle. This study will consist of cases that have occurred at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office from August 12, 2002 through April 1, 2006. An examination of the literature indicates this is not only an issue in Pinellas County, FL., but throughout law enforcement in our country. After examining all the factors in each case, the research will focus on developing better alternatives for these encounters. The findings will disclose that law enforcement can perform better in resolving these situations. By implementing sound policy and progressive training, officers will be given the tools to safely achieve this objective.