

## **Law Enforcement Vehicle Pursuits: Is the Florida Highway Patrol Properly Addressing the Issue**

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This research looks at law enforcement vehicle pursuits and how the Florida Highway Patrol is addressing the issue. The research evaluates other Highway Patrol policies and compares them with the current FHP policy on pursuit. Officers who are sworn to uphold and enforce the law, are constantly struggling with agency policies and whether or not to assume and accept the inherent risks associated with pursuing fleeing suspects. The research looks at current pursuit data and uses a study group of first line supervisors within the Florida Highway Patrol. The current policies, data and new research are evaluated to reflect what is currently being done by the FHP and what is believed should be done, to effectively enforce the law we are sworn to uphold, while protecting our officers and the public.