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**SUBJECT:** VEHICULAR PURSUITS

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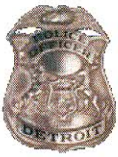
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**VEHICULAR PURSUITS**

**303.2 - 1 PURPOSE**

This directive outlines the responsibilities of sworn members in regards to **regarding** vehicular pursuits. The Detroit Police Department places the highest value on the lives and safety of its officers and the public at large. The Department also recognizes its responsibility to apprehend persons who endanger the public by fleeing to avoid prosecution. However, vehicle pursuits shall not be conducted in such a manner as to recklessly endanger the lives of officers **Department members** and/or citizens.

**303.2 - 2 POLICY**

While operating Department vehicles in emergency situations, all members shall evaluate the seriousness of the offense and the risk of initiating the pursuit. Although police officers **sworn members** are exempted under state law from the observation of certain traffic regulations, in various circumstances, they are required by law and Department policy to maintain control of their vehicle at all times, and must recognize that the safety of the public is a **the** primary concern.

**303.2 - 3 Definitions**

**303.2 - 3.1 Catching up to a Vehicle**

*For the purpose of this directive, catching up to a vehicle means a marked or semi-marked Department vehicle may exceed the prima facie speed limit (while still obeying all other traffic laws) for the purpose of catching up to, identifying, and stopping a criminal and or traffic violator.*

**303.2 - 3.2 Due Regard for the Safety of Others**

*To give consideration and attention to the safety of citizens and Department members alike prior to initiating and/or during a pursuit.*

**303.2 - 3.3 Felony**

*A crime that is generally considered more serious in nature than a misdemeanor. A felony offender, upon conviction, may be sentenced to a term in a Michigan prison.*

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