

## **Chapter 21**

### **VEHICLES**

#### **21.1 VEHICLE POLICY**

The agency has a written policy regarding the proper use and operation of police vehicles. The directive establishes guidelines for response modes to routine, emergency, pursuit situations, and traffic accidents to include the use of emergency equipment, including emergency lights, siren, and hazardous warning lights in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statute 189.940(5).

To include:

- A. Death or injury,
- B. Hit & run,
- C. Alcohol or drugs
- D. Damage to public vehicle or property,
- E. Physical altercation,
- F. Traffic congestion,
- G. Damage to vehicle requiring tow
- H. Yearly review on emergency vehicle operation procedure

#### **21.2 PURSUIT DRIVING**

A written directive governs pursuit of motor vehicles to include:

- A. Evaluation of circumstances;
- B. Responsibilities of initiating officer;
- C. Responsibilities of secondary units;
- D. Responsibilities of communications personnel;
- E. Responsibilities of supervisory personnel;
- F. Forced stopping;
- G. Termination of pursuit; and
- H. Inter and intra jurisdictional pursuits.
- I. Roadblocks

J. Yearly review on vehicle pursuit procedure

- Copy of Policy
- Copy of completed Pursuit Form

### **21.3 SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES**

The operation and utilization of any agency aircraft or special purpose vehicle are governed by an appropriate written directive, which establishes control, accountability, and prescribes proper usage thereof.

- *Including Bicycles*

### **21.4 SAFETY RESTRAINING DEVICES**

A written directive requires the use of safety restraining devices in agency vehicles for employees and passengers, including prisoners.

### **21.5 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

The agency utilizes a formal process for the reporting of and maintenance of vehicles used by the agency.

- *Completed vehicle maintenance form*