


PBP FORM 290  PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE <i>"...honor, integrity, courage, respect, and compassion."</i>		SUBJECT: "FOOT PURSUITS"		ORDER NUMBER: 40-05.02	
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1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines and procedures to aide and facilitate the safe apprehension of any suspect who flees from a Pittsburgh Bureau of Police officer on foot and to prevent injury.

2.0 Policy

- 2.1 Whenever an officer decides to engage, or continue to engage, in a foot pursuit, a quick risk assessment must take place.
- 2.2 Officers must evaluate the risk involved to themselves, to other officers, the suspect and the community versus what would be gained from pursuing the suspect.
- 2.3 A foot pursuit will constitute a priority assignment to which available units will respond, as saturation of the area with officers is a proven technique in successfully ending a foot pursuit.
- 2.4 Bureau of Police Supervisors shall be responsible for reviewing the tactical soundness of foot pursuits when they occur.

3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 Foot Pursuit: A situation in which an officer, on foot, chases a suspect in an effort to detain or arrest that individual when reasonable suspicion exists that a crime is about to be committed, is being committed or has been committed and the suspect is resisting apprehension by fleeing from the officer.
- 3.2 Suspect: Includes any individual who a police officer reasonably believes is about to commit, is committing or has committed an offense or poses an immediate threat to the safety of the public, other officers, or themselves.
- 3.3 Contact/Cover: [REDACTED]

4.0 Procedure

4.1 Factors to Consider when initiating a foot pursuit:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4.2 The decision to initiate or continue a foot pursuit requires weighing the need to apprehend the suspect against the degree of risk to which the officer and others are exposed as a result of the pursuit.

4.3 If possible, officers should consider the feasibility of the following strategies or tactics prior to initiating foot pursuits:

[REDACTED]

4.4 Once the foot pursuit has been initiated, the pursuing officer must notify police radio of as much of the following information as possible:

- 4.4.1 Unit Identifier,
- 4.4.2 Location,
- 4.4.3 Direction of Travel,
- 4.4.4 Description of suspect,
- 4.4.5 If armed with a weapon,
- 4.4.6 Reason for foot pursuit.
- 4.4.7 Number of Suspects

4.5 [REDACTED]

4.6 Police Radio shall notify a supervisor of the pursuit circumstances and any other relevant information.

4.7 [REDACTED]

4.8 [REDACTED]

4.9 Officer(s) shall terminate a foot pursuit:

- 4.9.1 When ordered by a Supervisor,
- 4.9.2 When the officer believes that the danger to the pursuing officers or the public outweighs the necessity for immediate apprehension of the suspect.
- 4.9.3 If the suspect's identity is known and he/she is not an immediate threat to the safety of the public or other officers, consider terminating the pursuit and apprehend at later date.

4.10 After termination of the foot pursuit, officers will notify Police Radio with the last known location of suspect or point of apprehension.

5.0 Supervisor Responsibilities

5.1 The role of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Supervisor is to monitor a foot pursuit and appropriately direct resources to safely apprehend the suspect.

5.2 [REDACTED]

5.3 [REDACTED]

5.4 The Supervisor shall terminate a foot pursuit at any time if it is determined the danger to the pursuing officer(s) or the public outweighs the necessity for immediate apprehension of the suspect(s).

5.5 Following each incident, debrief members involved and if feasible his/her shifts.

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