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The Office of CPP Follows Up on Vehicle Pursuit Policy Recommendations After 20 Months of Silence From SDPD

On November 18, 2024, the Commission issued a package titled Pursuit Policy Recommendations to Chief Wahl of the San Diego Police Department

The safety of vehicle pursuits remains an urgent priority for the Commission and the public. Both have waited since January 2025 for an update. To reflect the urgency of this issue, the OCPP has requested SDPD provide a substantive response within 30 days regarding the requests listed below. The OCPP will continue its monitoring and review of SDPD's procedure and practice of vehicle pursuits.

This morning, the Office of the Commission on Police Practices requested updates from SDPD regarding the status of the accepted 2024 Vehicle Pursuit Recommendations. The Office asked the following:

1. SDPD provide an updated version of Department Procedure 1.03 - Pursuit Procedures;
2. SDPD provide its analysis of vehicle pursuit data;
3. Whether SDPD has explored creating a Vehicle Pursuit Review Board;
4. SDPD provide updated versions of investigative manuals;
5. Whether SDPD has identified any technology which would make vehicle pursuits safer, and;
6. SDPD provide all vehicle pursuit reports between April 2024 and July 2026.

About the Commission on Police Practices (CPP)

The Commission on Police Practices is an independent community oversight body for the San Diego Police Department. It has investigatory, review, and auditing authority to make factual determinations and issue advisory recommendations regarding officer conduct and SDPD policies and practices. Created by voter-approved Measure B, the Commission’s mission is to hold law enforcement accountable to the community and increase public trust, resulting in greater safety for both the community and law enforcement.

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