



**CHEVY CHASE
VILLAGE
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief: John Fitzgerald

GENERAL ORDER: 5-9; PURSUIT

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CALEA: 41.2.2-a-b-c-d-e-f-g-h-i-j-k

I. POLICY

Chevy Chase Village Police Officers will not engage in vehicular pursuits under **any** circumstances. (CALEA 41.2.2-d-h)

II. INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Chevy Chase Village Police Department includes providing and maintaining a feeling of security and safety to persons residing within the Village, and visitors to the Village. Each incident in which the Department becomes involved should be resolved in a fashion that maintains the positive level of confidence that the community has in the Department.

III. PURSUIT DYNAMICS (CALEA 41.2.2-a)

“The majority of research and professional literature has concluded that pursuit creates a far greater risk than benefit to the officer, the public, and the suspect. The question is – Is it worth it?” A jury may ultimately review what you do and how you do it.

Fleeing suspects are usually traffic offenders – irrationally afraid of being stopped.

Pursuit activity **CAUSES** the suspect to continue to operate at high speeds.

Once the officers turn off their emergency equipment and reduce speed, the pursued vehicle usually slows.

Police chases grow increasingly dangerous the longer they last.

The most frequent reason for the conclusion of a pursuit is the suspect driver voluntarily stopping.

**IV. OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY
(CALEA 41.2.2-b-c-d-g-h-i)**

Village Officers will strictly adhere to the Department’s Pursuit Policy.

**V. SUPERVISOR’S RESPONSIBILITY
(CALEA 41.2.2-f-i)**

Supervisors shall enforce the Department’s Pursuit Policy and conduct a documented investigation of each pursuit in accordance with this General Order.

**VI. DISPATCHER’S RESPONSIBILITY
(CALEA 41.2.2-e)**

Dispatchers will advise the patrol officer that pursuits do not conform to Department policy and immediately notify the lieutenant and Chief of Police.

**VII. CHIEF OF POLICE’S RESPONSIBILITY
(CALEA 41.2.2-i-j-k)**

The Chief of Police will conduct an administrative review of each pursuit. Annually, the Chief of Police will conduct a documented analysis of any pursuits and complete a documented review of current pursuit policies and department reporting procedures.