

Memorandum

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

FROM: Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: DUTY MANUAL ADDITION: L 9023
INITIATING AND ENGAGING IN A
FOOT PURSUIT**

DATE: December 17, 2022

APPROVED

Memo #2022-062

BACKGROUND

Foot pursuits are inherently dangerous. When making the decision to initiate or engage in a foot pursuit, Department members are expected to act upon reasonable suspicion or probable cause. While engaged, Department members should weigh the totality of the circumstances, including assessing the seriousness of the crime for which the subject is wanted. Refer to Training Bulletin #2022-040 regarding Foot Pursuit Guidance for further information.

On September 13, 2022, the Independent Police Auditor presented the [2021 Year End Report \(link\)](#) to City Council. This report contains numerous recommendations including the following:

Recommendation #7 reads: “The Duty Manual should provide guidance on when officers engage in foot pursuits.”

ANALYSIS

The Duty Manual has been revised to reflect changes described below. Additions are shown in *italics and underlined*.

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Added 12-17-22

Department members may initiate and engage in a foot pursuit to aid in the detention or arrest of a subject when supported by reasonable suspicion or probable cause. During foot pursuits, Department members should assess the seriousness of the crime for which the subject is wanted with the danger to officers, the subject, and the public.

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ORDER

Effective immediately, all Department personnel shall adhere to the above Duty Manual sections.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Mata', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

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