

# PENNSYLVANIA POLICE PURSUITS



2014

## ANNUAL REPORT



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code defines a pursuit as "an active attempt by a police officer operating a motor vehicle to apprehend one or more occupants of a motor vehicle when the driver of the vehicle is resisting the apprehension by maintaining or increasing his speed or by ignoring the police officer's audible or visual signal to stop." Since 1996, the Vehicle Code has required police departments in Pennsylvania to make a record of all vehicle pursuits and to report them to the Pennsylvania State Police.

Police officers in Pennsylvania reported a total of 1,506 pursuits in 2014. The following are noteworthy statistics taken from this report:

- ☛ 9 individuals were killed as a result of pursuit-related crashes. Of the 9 fatalities, all 9 were violators.
  
- ☛ 523 pursuits resulted in a total of 687 crashes (more than one crash may occur during a single pursuit), with 199 of the pursuits resulting in injury to the violators, police, and/or uninvolved persons.
  
- ☛ 70.19% of pursuits resulted in the apprehension of one or more violators. 54.12% of the apprehensions were accomplished using a trailing pursuit, the least forceful technique.

## PENNSYLVANIA POLICE PURSUIT ANNUAL REPORT

Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Title 75, the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, §6341-§6345, requires police agencies within the Commonwealth to make a record of all motor vehicle pursuits and report this data to the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). The PSP is required to collect these reports, analyze the data, and compile and publish an annual summary of the findings.

The purpose of the detailed analysis contained within the Pennsylvania Police Pursuit Annual Report is to help identify both positive and negative factors influencing the outcome of vehicular pursuits, validate or refute the merits of pursuit policies and apprehension techniques, and recognize training successes and deficiencies. The analysis of pursuit statistics enhances the safety of police officers and the public they serve.

The information contained in this report is broken down into three major sections:

-  Pursuit Factor Analysis
-  Five-Year Trend Analysis
-  Cross-Tabulation Analysis

Pursuit Factor Analysis examines the dynamics involved before, during, and after a pursuit was initiated by police. Pursuit Factor Analysis considers variables such as the reasons pursuits were initiated, the types of vehicles pursued, the tactics utilized by police during pursuits, and the reasons pursuits were terminated. Some other pursuit-related aspects analyzed in this section are pursuit-related crashes, injuries, fatalities, and property damage. A summary of Pursuit Factor Analysis is found within this report. Previous year comparison Pursuit Factor Analysis data can be found in Appendix A.

Five-Year Trend Analysis examines pursuit trends over the past five years in five major pursuit factor categories (total number of pursuits, apprehension rates, crash rates, total number of fatalities, and total number of injured persons). By examining these trends, officials can better identify and address successes and deficiencies in pursuit techniques and policies. A Five-Year Trend Analysis can be found in Appendix B.

Cross-Tabulation Analysis breaks down pursuit factor data in relation to one another, providing greater insight into the dynamics of police pursuits. For example, Reason Initiated - Crash Cross-Tabulation Analysis examines the likelihood of pursuit-related crashes based upon the reasons pursuits were initiated. The results of this analysis can reveal valuable information concerning the likelihood of a crash occurring in relation to the reason a pursuit was first initiated (e.g., traffic violation, driving under the influence, stolen vehicle, felony criminal activity). Officials can utilize the results of the Cross-Tabulation Analysis to identify problem areas and make the necessary changes to pursuit policies, training, and techniques. A summary of the Cross-Tabulation Analysis is found within this report. Further details of the Cross-Tabulation Analysis can be found in Appendix C.

Detailed definitions of terminology contained in this report can be found in Appendix D.

## **PURSUIT FACTOR ANALYSIS**

Pursuit factors listed in this section were compiled and analyzed from data obtained from the Pennsylvania Police Pursuit Reporting System. These factors were comprehensively analyzed by combining pursuit reports from municipal police departments and the Pennsylvania State Police.

Due to the lack of a national pursuit database, and because law enforcement agencies maintain different reporting procedures, there is little comparative information available for use in conducting extensive analytical research on this subject. However, several independent studies revealed similar results as Pennsylvania in the analysis of certain pursuit factors such as apprehension, collision, and fatality rates.

Pursuit factor data for calendar year 2014 is provided below. Previous-year data is provided for comparison in Appendix A. A Five-Year Trend Analysis is contained in Appendix B.

### **Reason Initiated:**

The most common reason for a pursuit to be initiated was for other traffic offenses, such as exceeding the maximum speed limit, stop sign and yield sign violations, etc. (Appendix A, Fig. 1). These factors accounted for 53.05% of all pursuits.

Felony criminal offenses were the second highest cause, accounting for 14.28% of initiated pursuits, while 14.01% of pursuits originated due to driving under the influence (DUI) or suspected DUI operator (Appendix A, Fig. 1).

### **Apprehension:**

This pursuit factor was designed to identify the number and percentage of pursuits that resulted in a violator's arrest. Furthermore, if a violator was not arrested, this factor serves to identify why an arrest was not made. More than half of the pursuits (59.43%) ended with an apprehension during the pursuit. In addition, 10.76% of pursuits resulted in a delayed apprehension. By combining "during" and "delayed" apprehensions, approximately 70.19% of all pursuits resulted in an arrest (Appendix A, Fig. 2).

### **Reason Terminated:**

This pursuit factor categorizes the reasons why pursuits were terminated or what factors caused a pursuit to end.

Of the 1,506 pursuits, 27.49% were discontinued by the police. Pursuits were discontinued for a number of reasons, including officer/supervisor decision to end the pursuit, the violator eluded the police, etc. (Appendix A, Fig. 3).

29.08% of pursuits were ended because the violator stopped voluntarily. Stopped by collision accounted for 19.06% of all terminated pursuits (Appendix A, Fig. 3).

### **Crash Type:**

65.27% of the reported pursuits ended without a collision. Of the 1,506 total pursuits, 523 resulted in a total of 687 crashes. The following is a breakdown of the types of crashes that were reported (Appendix A, Fig. 4). More than one crash may occur during a single pursuit.

- Violator Crash 379
- Police Crash 35
- Uninvolved Crash 16
- Violator/Police Crash 47
- Violator/Uninvolved Unoccupied Crash 59
- Violator/Uninvolved Occupied Crash 60
- Violator/Police Deliberate Intent 21
- Violator/Uninvolved Deliberate Intent 4
- Police/Violator Legal Intervention 44
- Uninvolved/Police Crash 3
- Police/Tire Deflation Deployment Crash 3
- Uninvolved/Tire Deflation Deployment Crash 1
- Violator/Tire Deflation Deployment Crash 15

### **Ending Apprehension:**

This pursuit factor measures what apprehension techniques police utilized to end each pursuit. Over half (54.12%) of all pursuits ended as a result of a trailing pursuit. Pursuit data analysis reveals that police utilized minimum or no force in the majority of pursuits (Appendix A, Fig. 5).

**Violators Arrested:**

The majority of pursuits ended with the apprehension of the fleeing violator. Of the reported pursuits, 64.48% involved the arrest of one offender, while 11.42% involved the arrest of multiple violators (Appendix A, Fig. 6).

**Type of Police Vehicle:**

Marked police vehicles were solely involved in 81.27% of the pursuits; 9.96% involved unmarked police vehicles only; and 8.76% utilized both marked and unmarked vehicles (Appendix A, Fig. 7).

**Type of Vehicle Pursued:**

Pursuit analysis indicates that 59.30% of police pursuits involved automobiles; 11.49% involved motorcycles; and 25.50% involved vans, pick-ups, or sport-utility vehicles (Appendix A, Fig. 8).

**Number of Injuries:**

Of the 1,506 initiated pursuits, 199, or 13.21%, resulted in injuries to 234 persons (more than one injury can occur during a single pursuit). Of the 234 injured persons, 173 were violators, 30 were police officers, and 31 were uninvolved persons (Appendix A, Fig. 9).

**Number of Fatalities:**

A total of 9 deaths occurred during police pursuits in 2014. A breakdown of the fatalities is as follows: 9 violator deaths (Appendix A, Fig. 10).

**Property Damage:**

Violators incurred an average of \$931.89 in property damage per pursuit; police incurred an average of \$290.47 in damage per pursuit; and uninvolved persons incurred an average of \$702.74 in property damage per pursuit (Appendix A, Fig. 11).

## Nonpursuit-Related Offenses:

Nonpursuit-related offenses represent those violations which did not occur during the pursuit, but occurred prior to the encounter, during initiation, or at the apprehension stage of the pursuit. Nonpursuit-related Vehicle Code violations occurred in 73.51% of the reported pursuits; nonpursuit-related Crimes Code violations occurred in 34.73% of the reported pursuits; and nonpursuit-related controlled substance offenses occurred in 25.10% of reported pursuits (Appendix A, Fig. 12).

Vehicle Code violations were heavily concentrated in Chapter 15 and Chapter 38. Violations primarily consisted of the following offenses (Appendix A, Fig. 14):

### Chapter 15

-  Drivers Required to be Licensed
-  Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended or Revoked

### Chapter 38

-  Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance

Criminal violations were heavily concentrated in Chapter 39 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. Chapter 39 violations primarily consisted of the following offenses (Appendix A, Fig. 15):

-  Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition
-  Receiving Stolen Property
-  Unauthorized Use of Automobiles and Other Vehicles

Controlled substance violations were heavily concentrated in Sections CS13(a)32 and CS13(a)16. These sections are comprised of the the following offenses (Appendix A, Fig. 16):

-  CS13(a)32 Possession of Paraphernalia
-  CS13(a)16 Possession of a Controlled Substance

## **Pursuit-Related Offenses:**

Pursuit-related offenses represent those violations committed during the course of a pursuit (Appendix A, Fig. 13).

Pursuit-related Vehicle Code offenses were primarily comprised of Chapter 33 and Chapter 37 violations. Chapter 33 and Chapter 37 violations encompass the following offenses (Appendix A, Fig. 17):

### **Chapter 33**

- 🚗 Driving on Right Side of Roadway
- 🚗 Limitations on Driving on Left Side of Roadway
- 🚗 No-Passing Zones
- 🚗 One-way Roadways and Rotary Traffic Islands
- 🚗 Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic
- 🚗 Stop Signs and Yield Signs
- 🚗 Duty of Driver on Approach of Emergency Vehicle
- 🚗 Turning Movements and Required Signals
- 🚗 Driving Vehicle at Safe Speed
- 🚗 Maximum Speed Limits

### **Chapter 37**

- 🚗 Careless Driving
- 🚗 Trespass By Motor Vehicle
- 🚗 Homicide By Vehicle
- 🚗 Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer
- 🚗 Driving Without Lights to Avoid Identification or Arrest
- 🚗 Homicide By Vehicle While DUI
- 🚗 Aggravated Assault By Vehicle While DUI
- 🚗 Reckless Driving
- 🚗 Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicle or Property
- 🚗 Accidents involving Damage to Unattended Vehicle or Property

Pursuit-related Crimes Code offenses were primarily comprised of Chapter 27 violations. Chapter 27 violations include the following offenses (Appendix A, Fig. 18):

- 🚗 Simple Assault
- 🚗 Aggravated Assault
- 🚗 Recklessly Endangering Another Person

## **FIVE-YEAR TREND ANALYSIS**

Five-Year Trend Analysis examines pursuit trends over the past five years in five key pursuit factor categories (total number of pursuits, apprehension rates, crash rates, total number of fatalities, and total number of injuries). By examining pursuit trends, officials can better identify and address successes and deficiencies in pursuit techniques and policies. A Five-Year Trend Analysis can be found in Appendix B.

## **CROSS-TABULATION ANALYSIS**

This section analyzes pursuit factors in relation to one another, providing greater insight into the dynamics of police pursuits.

### **Apprehension - Type of Vehicle Pursued:**

Most fleeing violators/vehicles are apprehended during police pursuits. Apprehension rates, consisting of "during" and "delayed" apprehensions, for the different types of vehicles pursued were as follows in 2014: automobiles, 72.12%; motorcycles, 56.07%; vans/pick-ups/sport-utility vehicles, 73.18%; other vehicles (example: all-terrain vehicles), 61.11%; and truck-tractor/semitrailers, 100.00% (Appendix C, Fig. 19).

### **Crash - Type of Vehicle Pursued:**

The majority of reported pursuits (65.27%) did not involve collisions. 63.83% of pursued automobiles, 79.19% of pursued motorcycles, and 61.72% of pursued vans/pick-ups/sport-utility vehicles were not involved in crashes (Appendix C, Fig. 20).

### **Reason Terminated - Type of Vehicle Pursued:**

27.49% of police pursuits were discontinued by the officer(s) involved. In analyzing the reasons why each pursuit was discontinued with respect to the type of vehicle pursued, it was discovered that the greatest percentage of discontinued pursuits (46.82%) involved a motorcycle (Appendix C, Fig. 21).

### **Reason Initiated - Apprehension:**

Pursuits initiated because of a DUI or suspected DUI operator resulted in an arrest 83.41% of the time. Apprehension rates for pursuits initiated for felony criminal offenses, misdemeanor criminal offenses, other traffic violations, stolen or suspected stolen vehicles, and summary criminal offenses ranged from 64.06% to 73.49% (Appendix C, Fig. 22).

**Reason Initiated - Crash:**

This comparison examines the likelihood of pursuit-related crashes based upon the reasons pursuits were initiated. The following "reason initiated" categories had the following prevalence of crashes in 2014: DUI or suspected DUI operator, 36.49%; felony criminal offenses, 45.12%; misdemeanor criminal offenses, 30.56%; other traffic offenses, 29.66%; stolen or suspected stolen vehicles, 55.96%; and summary criminal offenses, 28.13% (Appendix C, Fig. 23).

## **CONCLUSION**

Few areas of police work raise as much public scrutiny as police pursuits. The basic dilemma associated with high-speed police pursuits of fleeing individuals is deciding whether the benefits of potential apprehension outweigh the risks to police officers, the public, and the violator(s).

The detailed analysis in this report can be used to help identify both positive and negative factors influencing the outcome of vehicular pursuits, validate or refute the merits of pursuit policies and apprehension techniques, and recognize training successes and deficiencies. It is intended that the statistics gathered will enable police departments throughout the Commonwealth to enhance the safety of their officers and the public they serve.

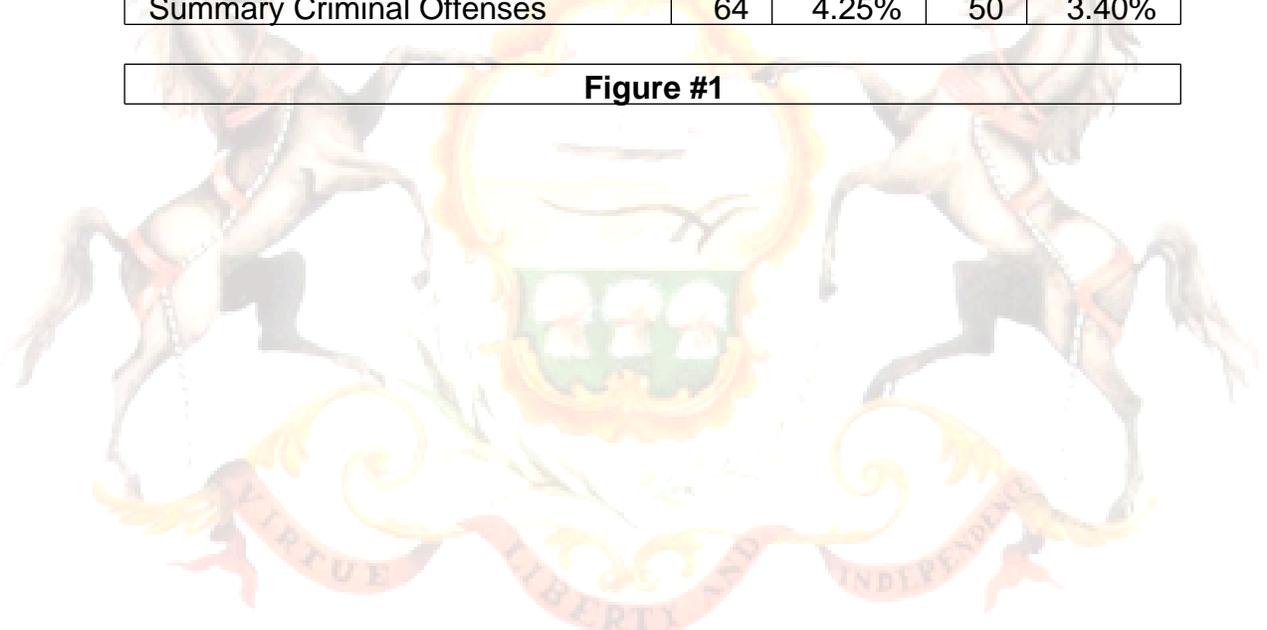
# **APPENDIX A**

## **PURSUIT FACTOR ANALYSIS**

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

REASON INITIATED	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
DUI or Suspected DUI Operator	211	14.01%	201	13.65%
Felony Criminal Offenses	215	14.28%	207	14.06%
Misdemeanor Criminal Offenses	108	7.17%	108	7.34%
Other Traffic Offenses	799	53.05%	784	53.26%
Stolen or Suspected Stolen Vehicle	109	7.24%	122	8.29%
Summary Criminal Offenses	64	4.25%	50	3.40%

**Figure #1**

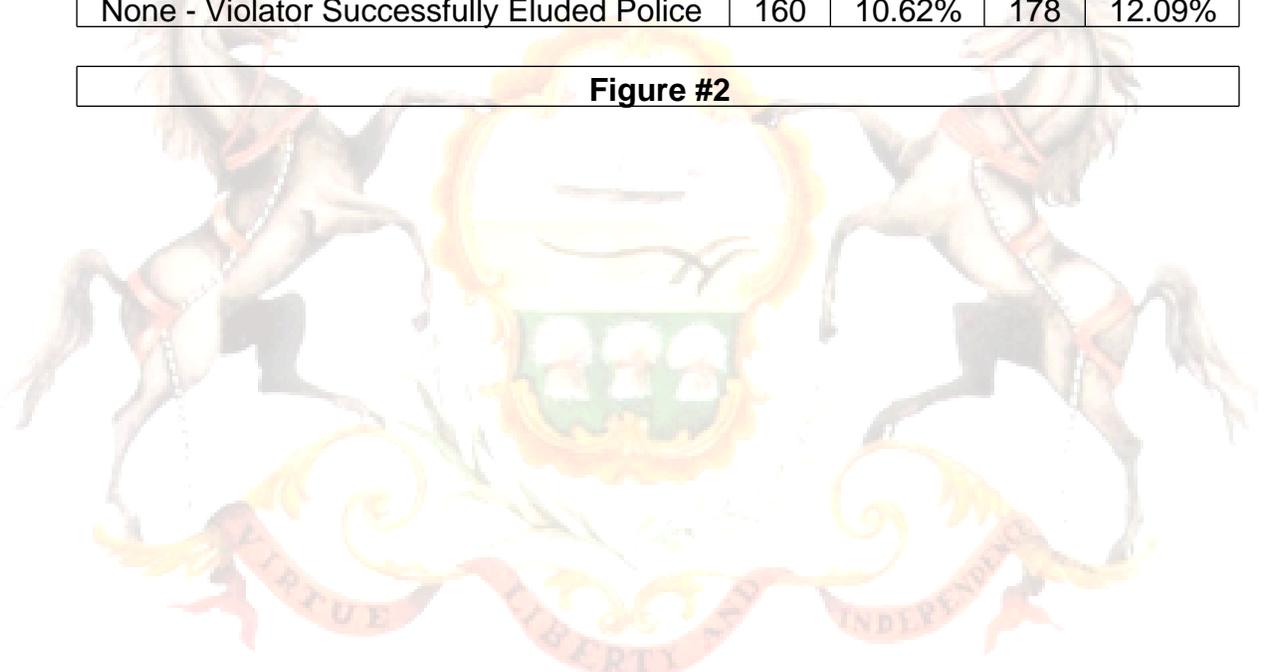


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APPREHENSION	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
Apprehended During Pursuit (Incl. on Foot)	895	59.43%	885	60.12%
Delayed - After Termination	162	10.76%	142	9.65%
None - Decision Made to Terminate	198	13.15%	164	11.14%
None - Stopped, but Escaped on Foot	91	6.04%	103	7.00%
None - Violator Successfully Eluded Police	160	10.62%	178	12.09%

**Figure #2**

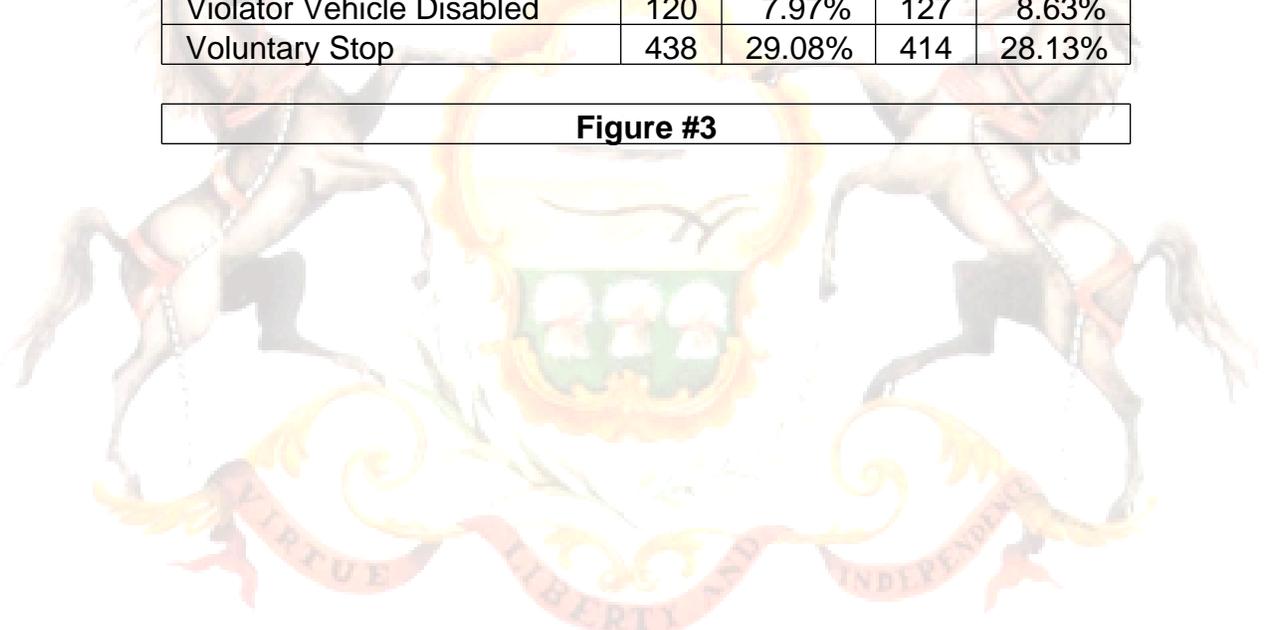


## Pursuit Report

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

REASON TERMINATED	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
Violator Abandoned Vehicle	147	9.76%	150	10.19%
Crash/Collision (All)	287	19.06%	290	19.70%
Discontinued	414	27.49%	399	27.11%
Other Police Action/Induced	97	6.44%	87	5.91%
Police Vehicle Disabled	3	.20%	5	.34%
Violator Vehicle Disabled	120	7.97%	127	8.63%
Voluntary Stop	438	29.08%	414	28.13%

**Figure #3**



## Pursuit Report

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

CRASH TYPE	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
Pursuits Without Crashes	983	65.27%	958	65.08%
Pursuits With Crashes	523	34.73%	514	34.92%
Police/Tire Deflation Deployment Crash	3	0.44%	2	0.30%
Uninvolved/Tire Deflation Deployment Crash	1	0.15%		
Violator/Tire Deflation Deployment Crash	15	2.18%	12	1.79%
Violator Crash	379	55.17%	359	53.50%
Police Crash	35	5.09%	22	3.28%
Uninvolved Crash	16	2.33%	15	2.24%
Violator/Police Crash	47	6.84%	58	8.64%
Violator/Uninvolved Crash	119	17.32%	106	15.80%
Violator/Police Deliberate Intent	21	3.06%	27	4.02%
Violator/Uninvolved Deliberate Intent	4	0.58%	7	1.04%
Police/Violator Legal Intervention	44	6.40%	60	8.94%
Uninvolved/Police Crash	3	0.44%	3	0.45%
<b>Total Crashes: *</b>	<b>687</b>		<b>671</b>	

**Figure #4**

\* Multiple crashes may occur during a single pursuit.

## Pursuit Report

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

ENDING APPREHENSION	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
None	518	34.40%	448	30.43%
Trailing Pursuit	815	54.12%	855	58.08%
Other Induced Stop	47	3.12%	41	2.79%
Rolling Roadblock	24	1.59%	25	1.70%
Legal Intervention	35	2.32%	48	3.26%
Partial Roadblock	20	1.33%	14	.95%
Tire Deflation Device	33	2.19%	31	2.11%
Total Roadblock	3	.20%	3	.20%
Firearms	7	.46%	5	.34%
Air Support	4	.27%	2	.14%

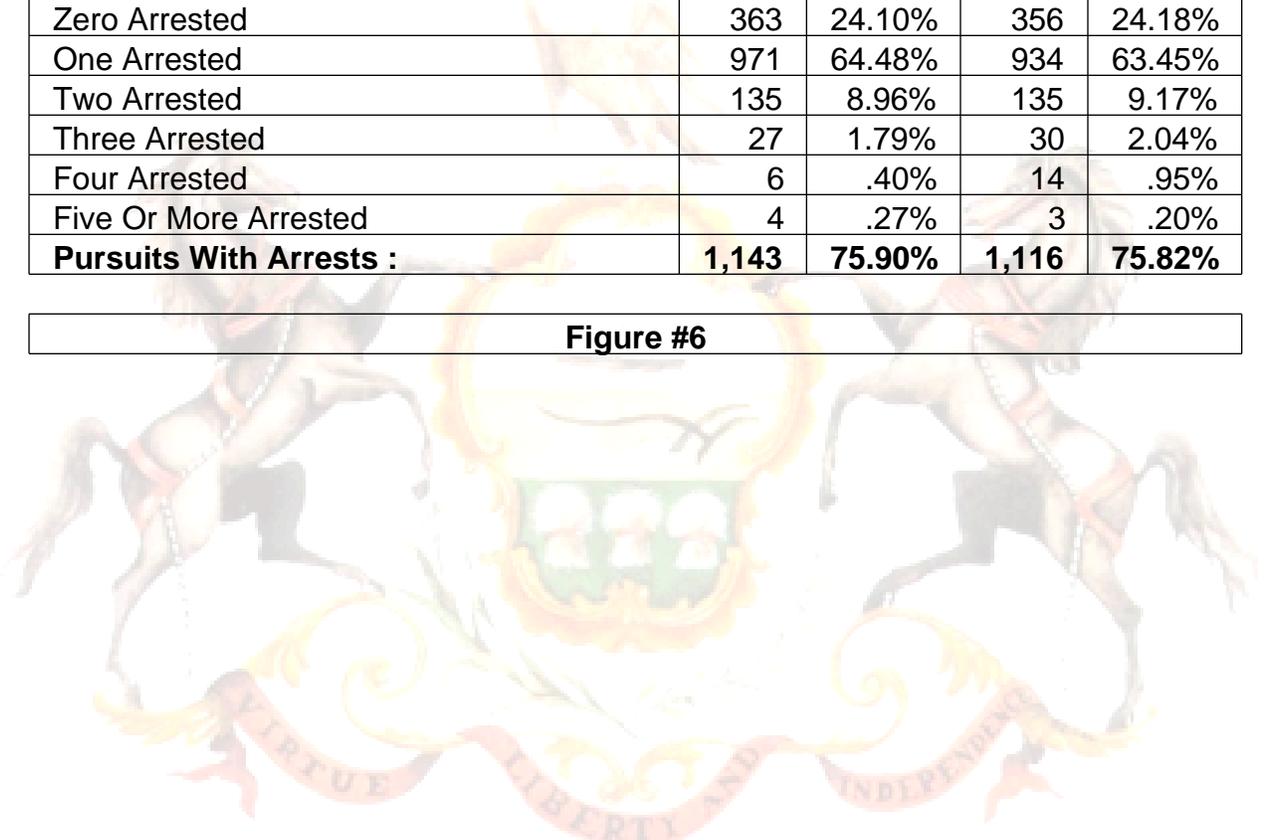
Figure #5

## Pursuit Report

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VIOLATORS ARRESTED/PURSUIT	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
Zero Arrested	363	24.10%	356	24.18%
One Arrested	971	64.48%	934	63.45%
Two Arrested	135	8.96%	135	9.17%
Three Arrested	27	1.79%	30	2.04%
Four Arrested	6	.40%	14	.95%
Five Or More Arrested	4	.27%	3	.20%
<b>Pursuits With Arrests :</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>75.90%</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>75.82%</b>

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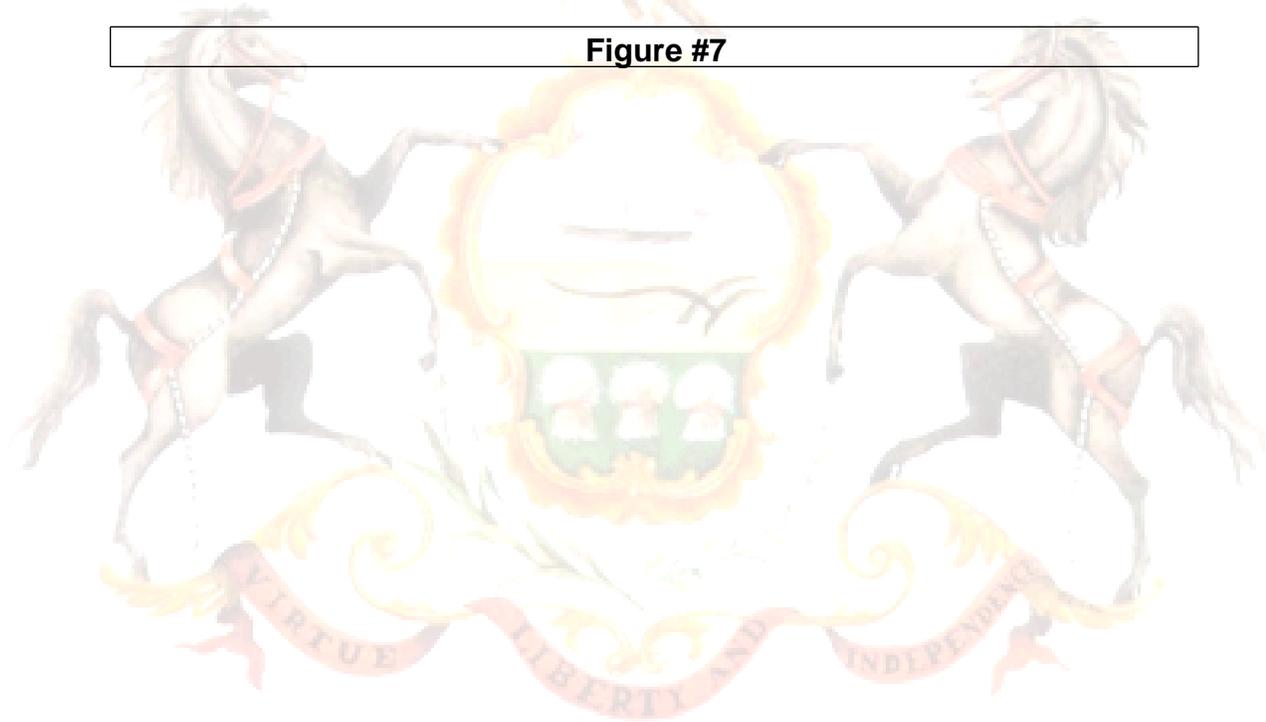


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# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

TYPE OF POLICE VEHICLE	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
Marked And Unmarked	132	8.76%	164	11.14%
Marked	1,224	81.27%	1,158	78.67%
Unmarked	150	9.96%	150	10.19%

**Figure #7**

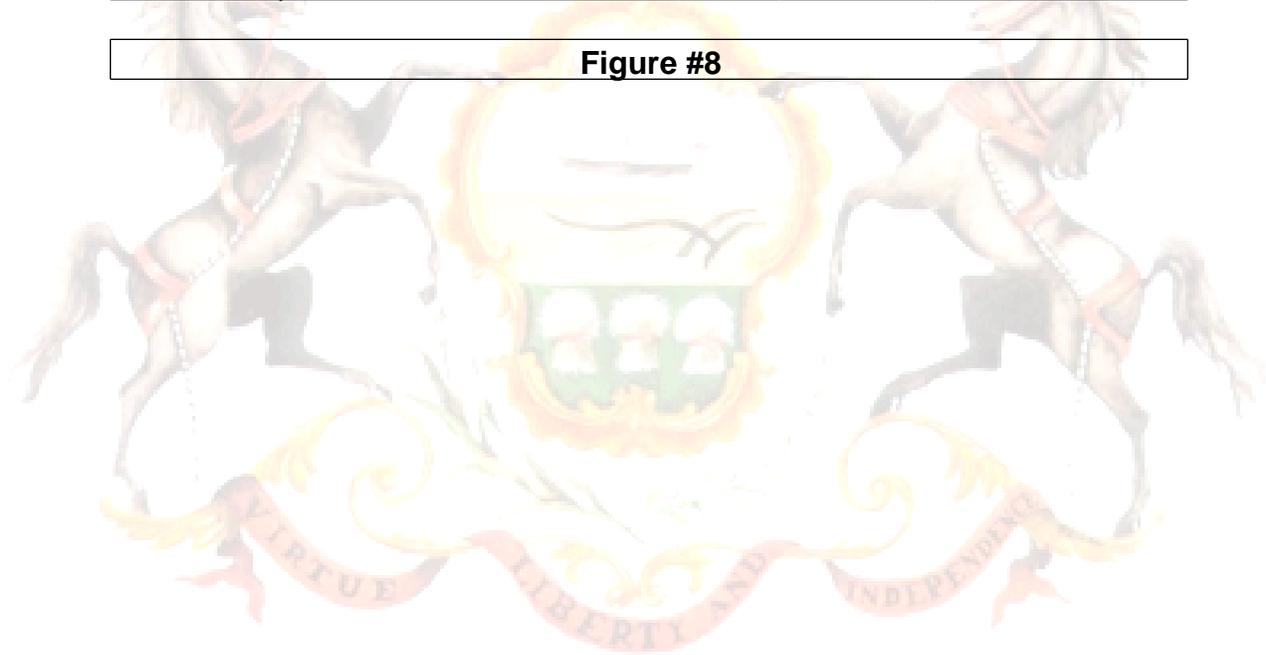


## Pursuit Report

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

TYPE OF VEHICLE PURSUED	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
Automobile	893	59.30%	885	60.12%
Motorcycle	173	11.49%	150	10.19%
Other	54	3.59%	53	3.60%
TT or TT/STLR	2	.13%	3	.20%
Van/Pickup/SUV	384	25.50%	381	25.88%

**Figure #8**



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# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

NUMBER PURSUITS WITH INJURIES	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
Pursuits With Injuries	199	13.21%	203	13.79%
Pursuits Without Injuries	1,307	86.79%	1,269	86.21%
Violators Injured	173	73.93%	163	69.66%
Police Officers Injured	30	12.82%	40	17.09%
Uninvolved Persons Injured	31	13.25%	31	13.25%
<b>Total Injured: *</b>	<b>234</b>		<b>234</b>	

**Figure #9**

\* Multiple injuries may occur during a single pursuit.

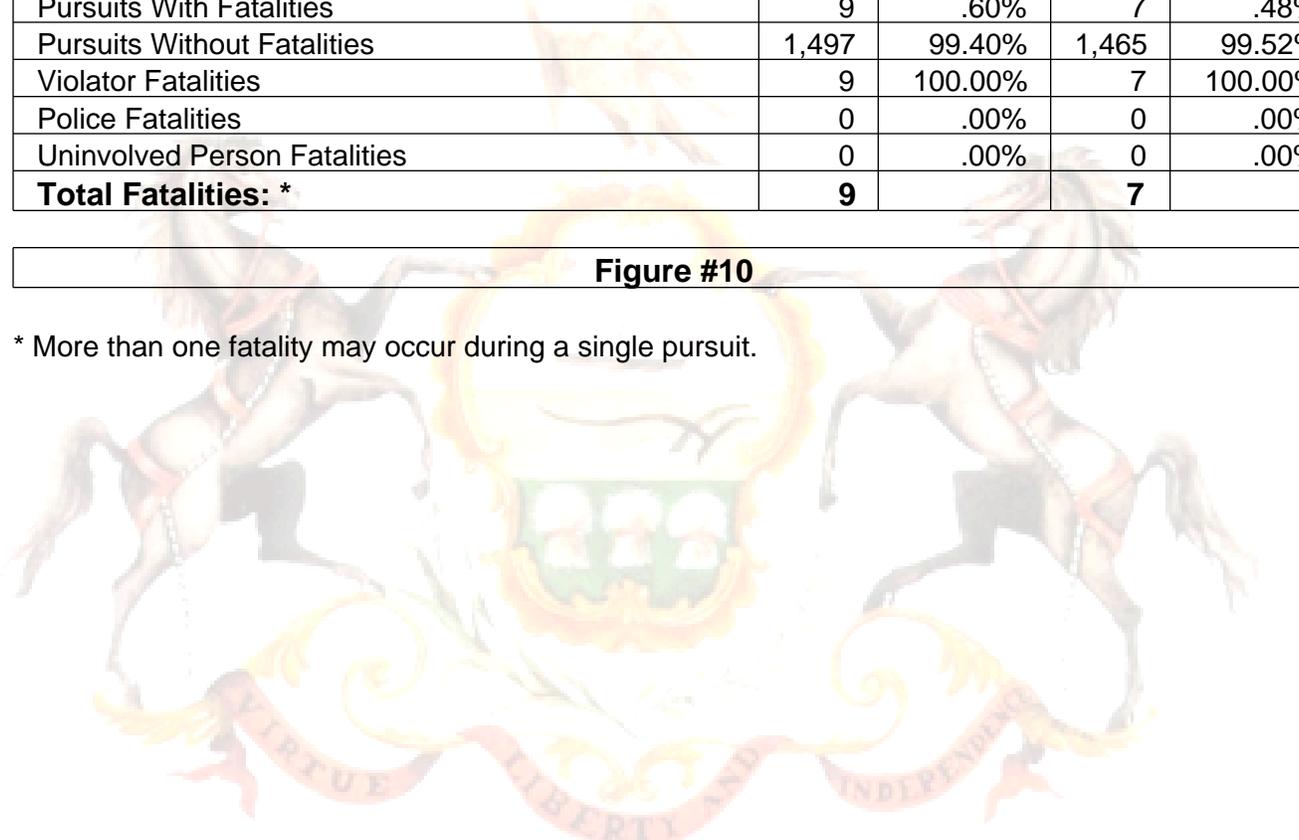
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NUMBER OF PURSUITS WITH FATALITIES	2014		2013	
	N	%	N	%
Pursuits With Fatalities	9	.60%	7	.48%
Pursuits Without Fatalities	1,497	99.40%	1,465	99.52%
Violator Fatalities	9	100.00%	7	100.00%
Police Fatalities	0	.00%	0	.00%
Uninvolved Person Fatalities	0	.00%	0	.00%
<b>Total Fatalities: *</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>7</b>	

**Figure #10**

\* More than one fatality may occur during a single pursuit.



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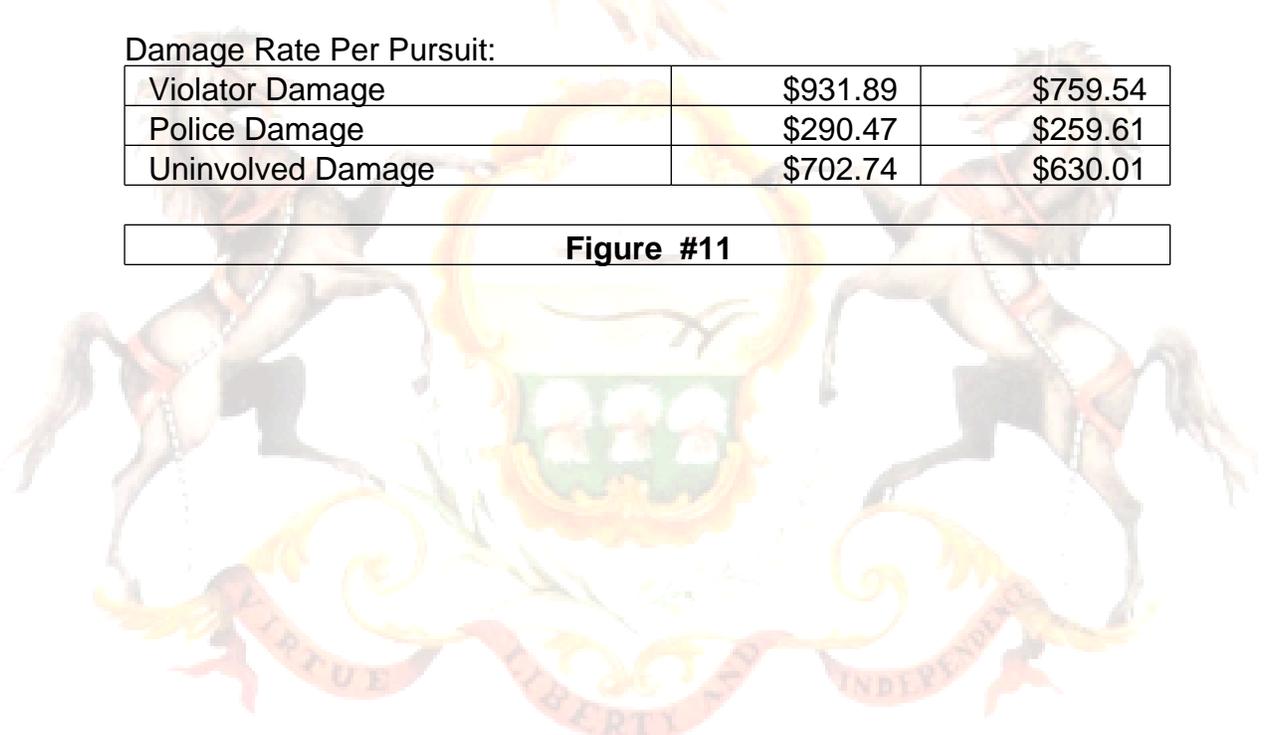
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	2014	2013
<b>PROPERTY DAMAGE TOTALS</b>		
Violator Damage	\$1,403,432.00	\$1,118,049.00
Police Damage	\$437,448.00	\$382,147.00
Uninvolved Damage	\$1,058,330.00	\$927,368.00

Damage Rate Per Pursuit:

Violator Damage	\$931.89	\$759.54
Police Damage	\$290.47	\$259.61
Uninvolved Damage	\$702.74	\$630.01

**Figure #11**

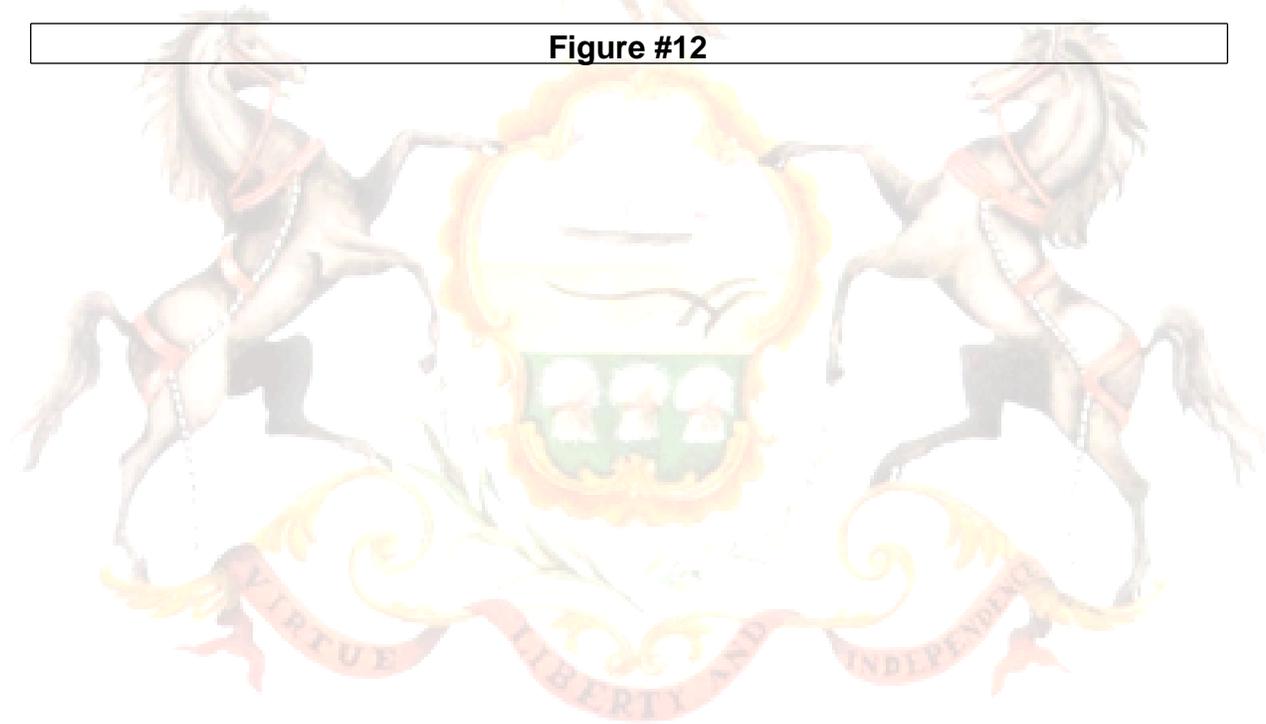


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	2014	2013
TYPES OF NONPURSUIT-RELATED OFFENSES	Pursuits	Pursuits
Crimes Code	523	530
Vehicle Code	1,107	1,095
Controlled Substance	378	326

Figure #12

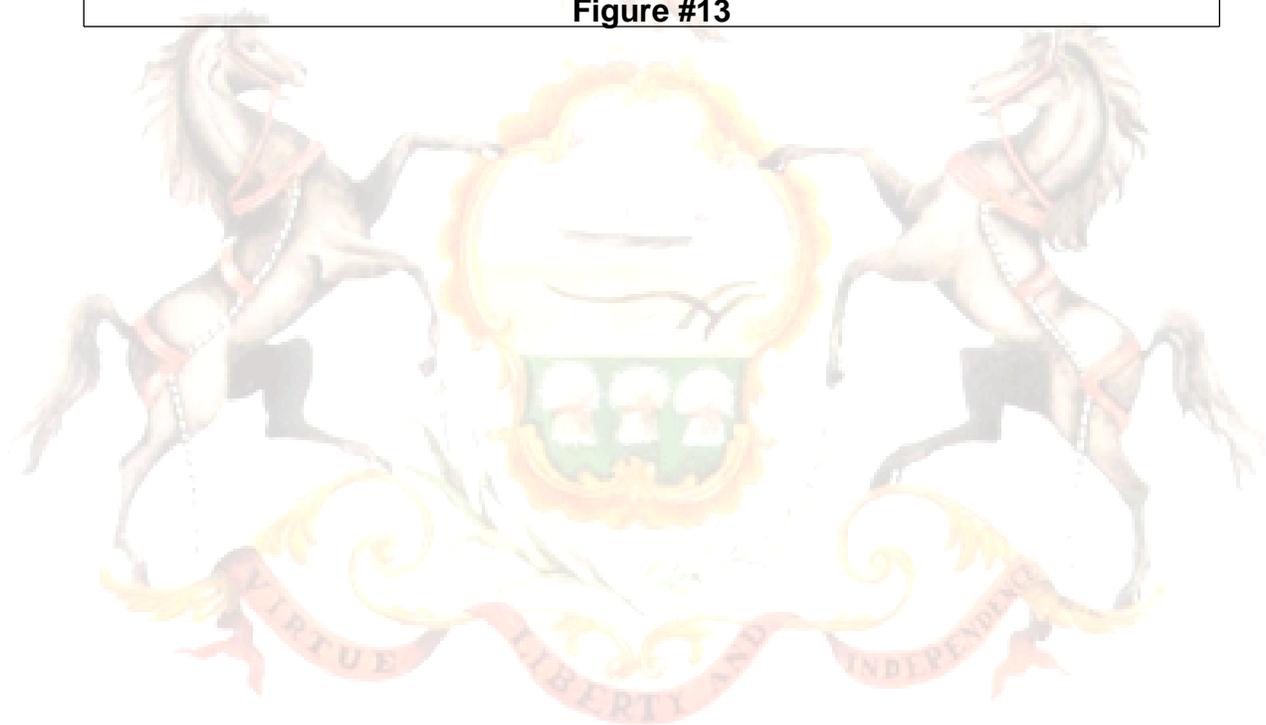


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	2014	2013
TYPES OF PURSUIT-RELATED OFFENSES	Offenses	Offenses
Crimes Code	778	839
Vehicle Code	5,420	5,181

**Figure #13**



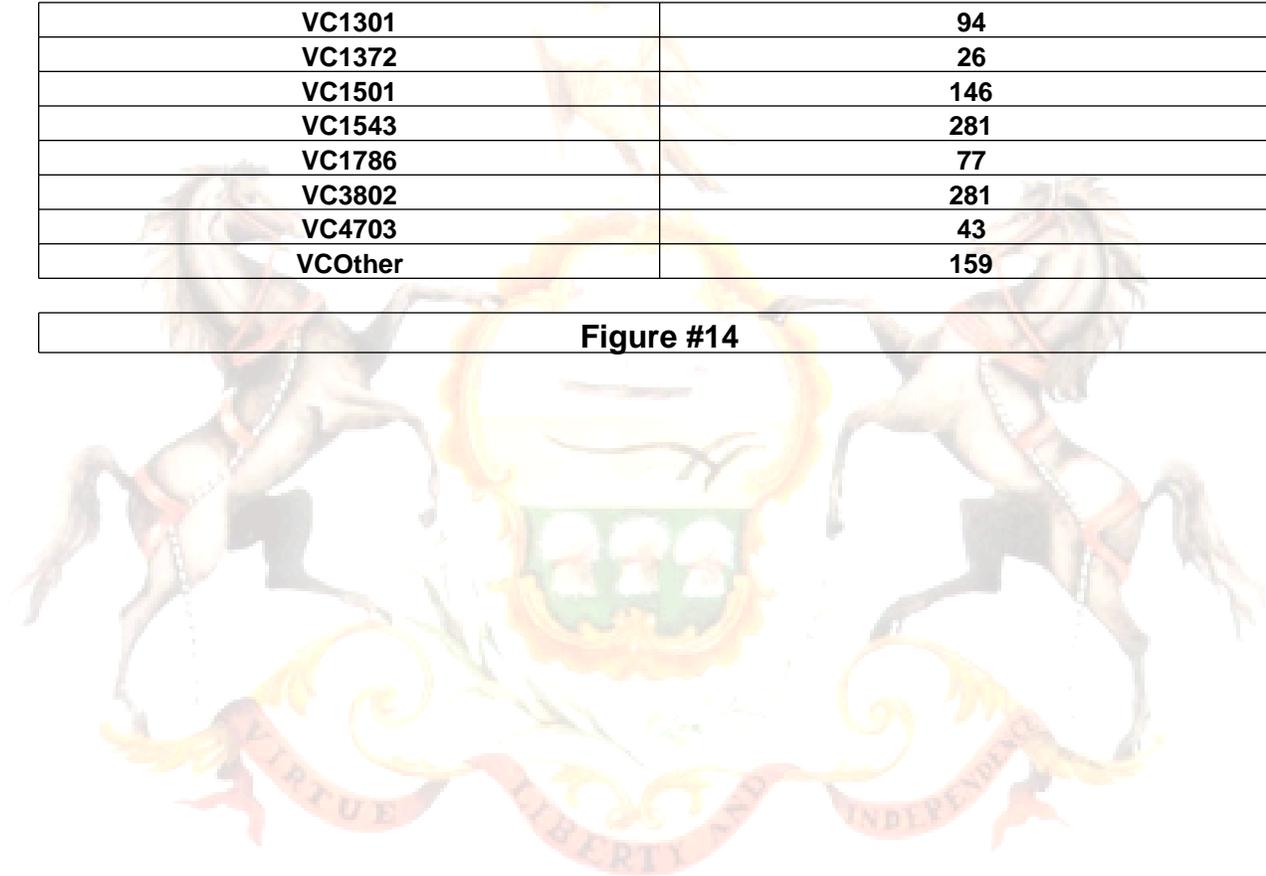
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## TYPES OF NONPURSUIT-RELATED VEHICLE CODE OFFENSES

VC1301	94
VC1372	26
VC1501	146
VC1543	281
VC1786	77
VC3802	281
VC4703	43
VCOther	159

Figure #14



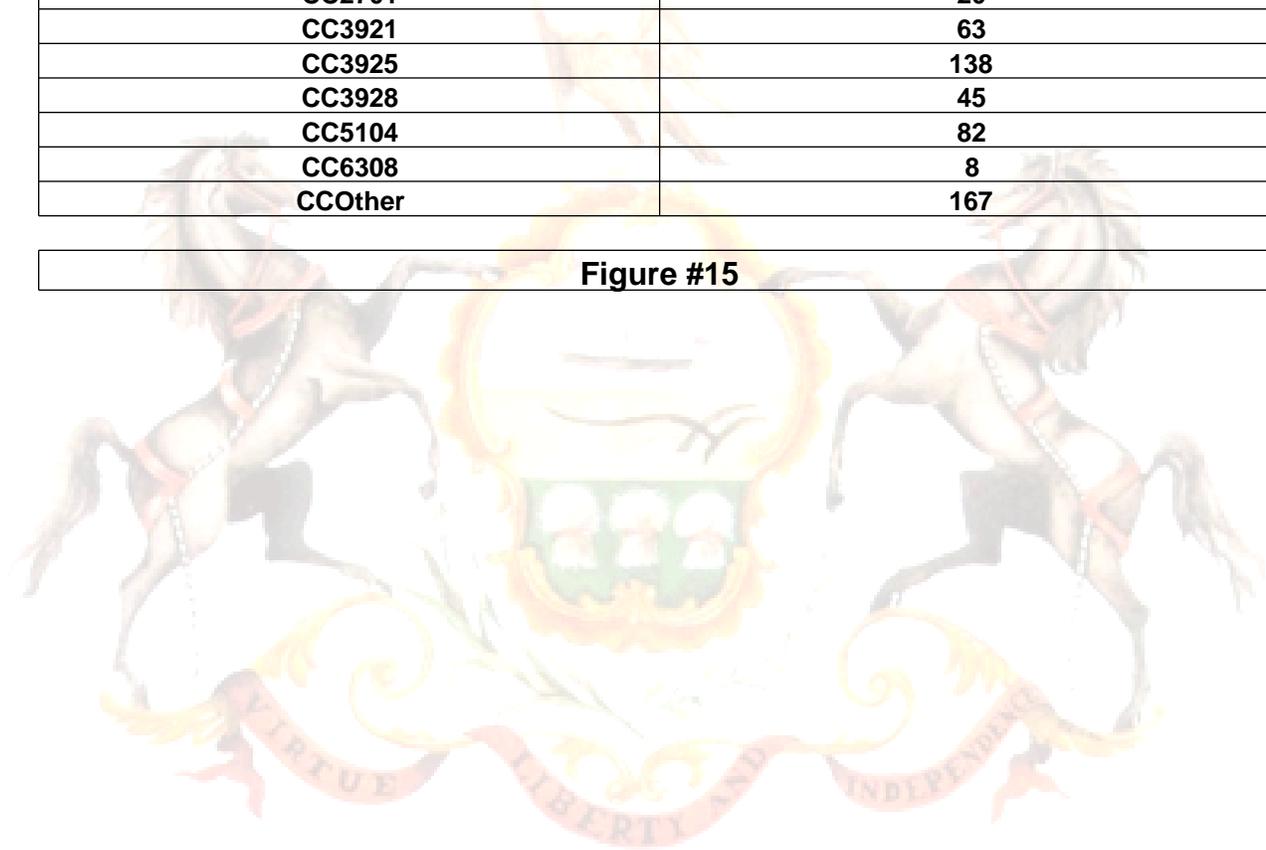
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## TYPES OF NONPURSUIT-RELATED CRIMES CODE OFFENSES

CC2701	20
CC3921	63
CC3925	138
CC3928	45
CC5104	82
CC6308	8
CCOther	167

Figure #15



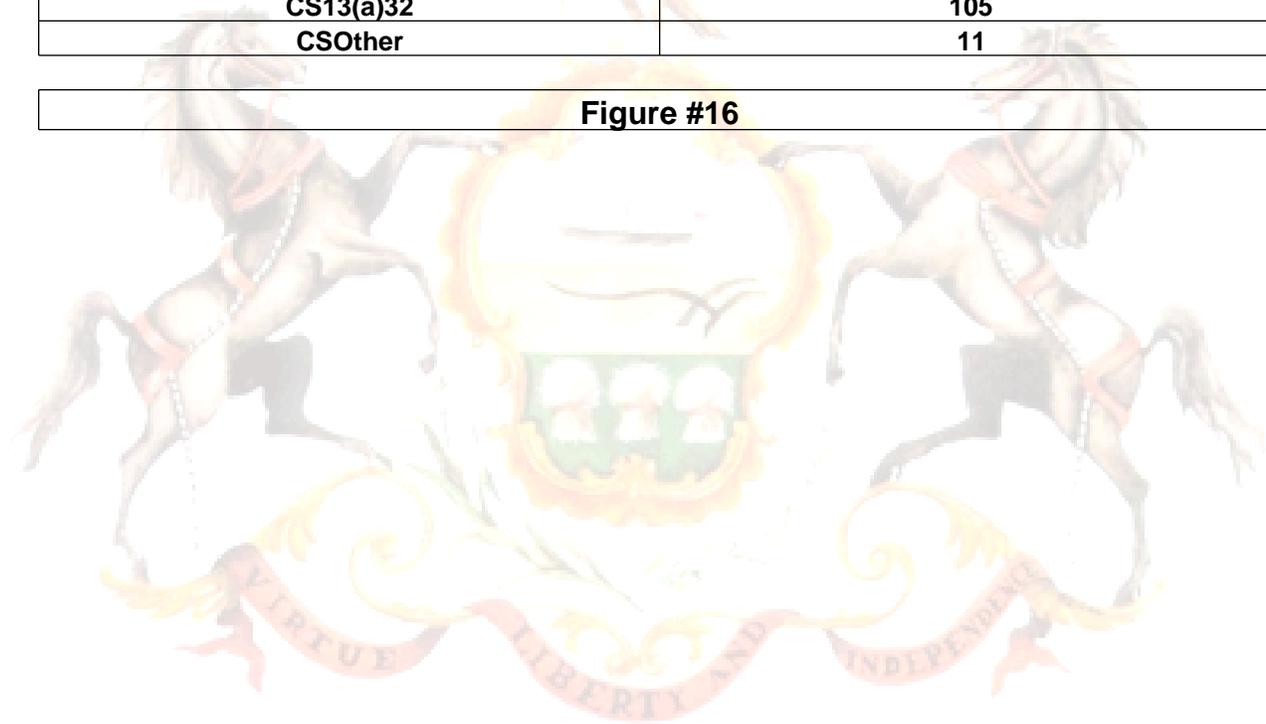
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## TYPES OF NONPURSUIT-RELATED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES

CS13(a)00	12
CS13(a)16	103
CS13(a)30	72
CS13(a)31	75
CS13(a)32	105
CSOther	11

Figure #16



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## TYPES OF PURSUIT-RELATED VEHICLE CODE OFFENSES

VC3111	145
VC3112	291
VC3301	171
VC3306	63
VC3307	63
VC3308	68
VC3309	229
VC3323	444
VC3325	120
VC3334	260
VC3361	384
VC3362	243
VC3714	506
VC3717	48
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VC3736	733
VC3743	78
VC3745	102
VCOther	232

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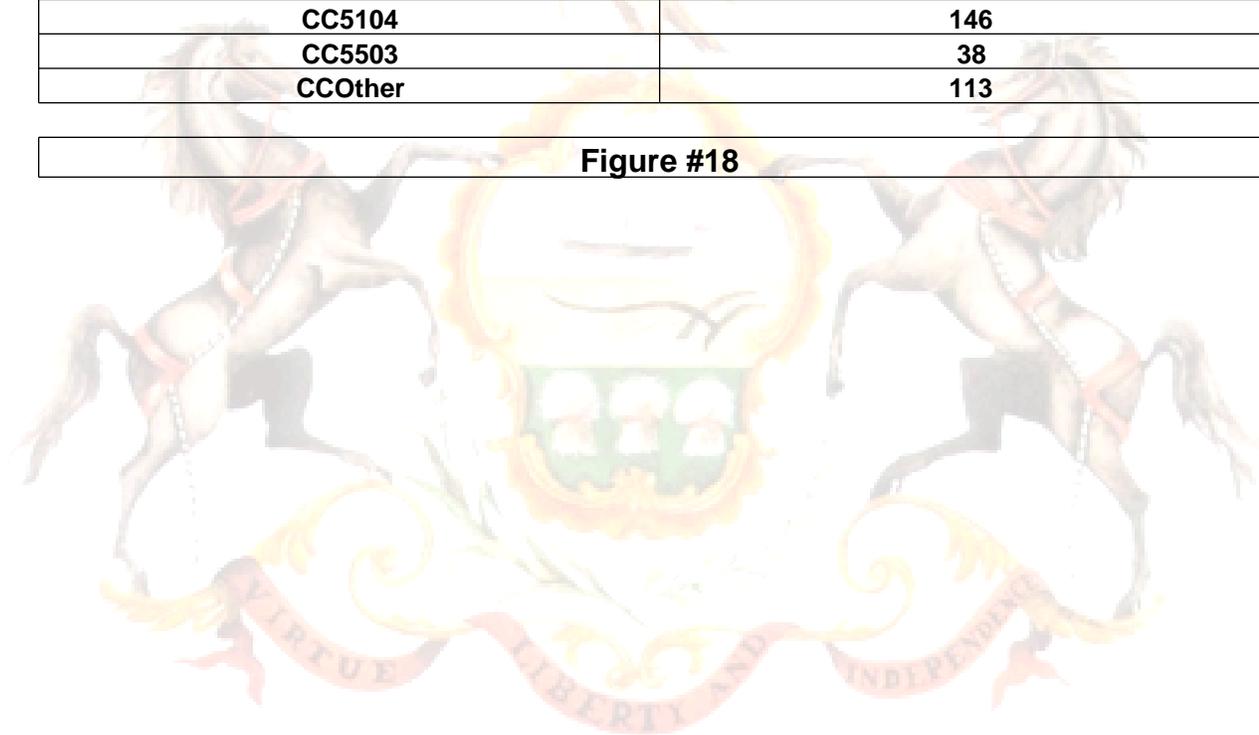
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## TYPES OF PURSUIT-RELATED CRIMES CODE OFFENSES

CC2701	27
CC2702	71
CC2705	346
CC3304	37
CC5104	146
CC5503	38
CCOther	113

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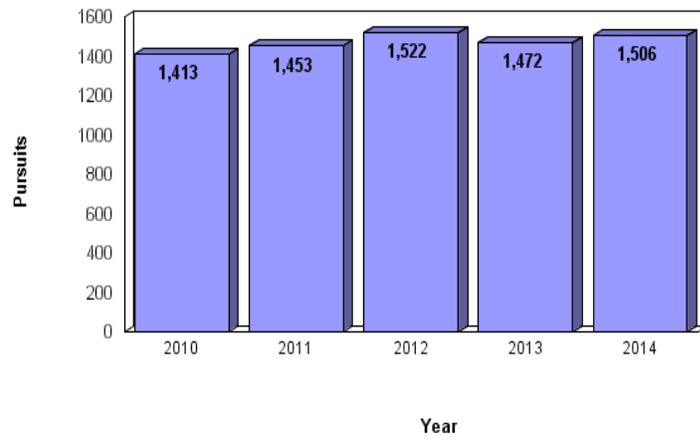


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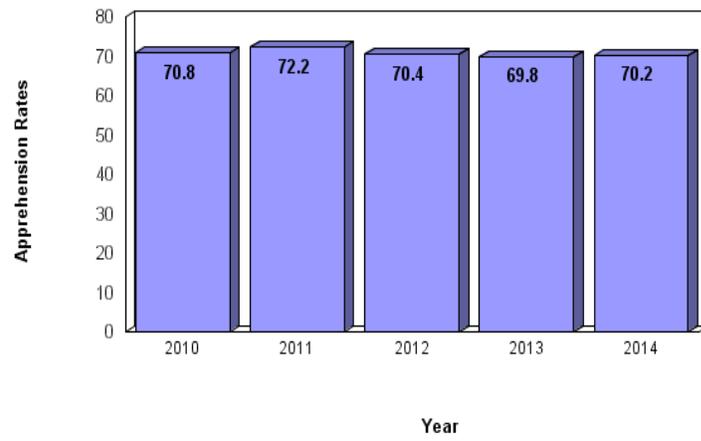
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## **FIVE-YEAR TREND ANALYSIS**

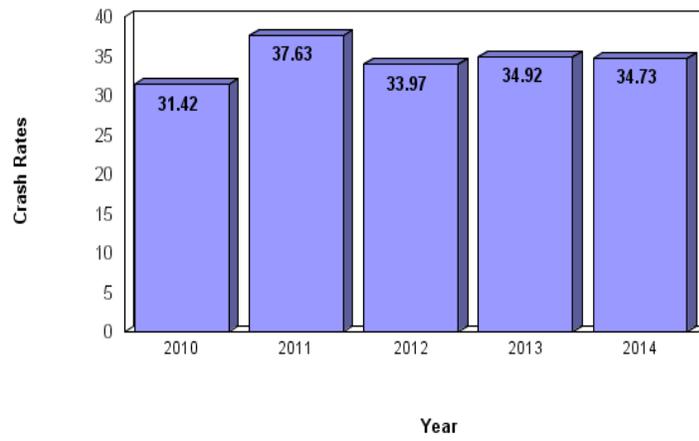
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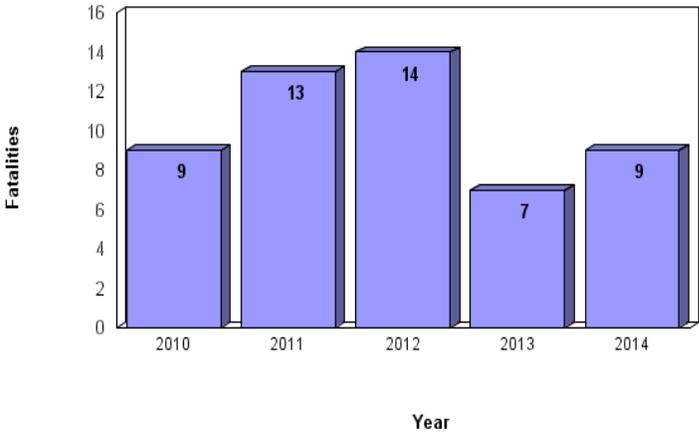
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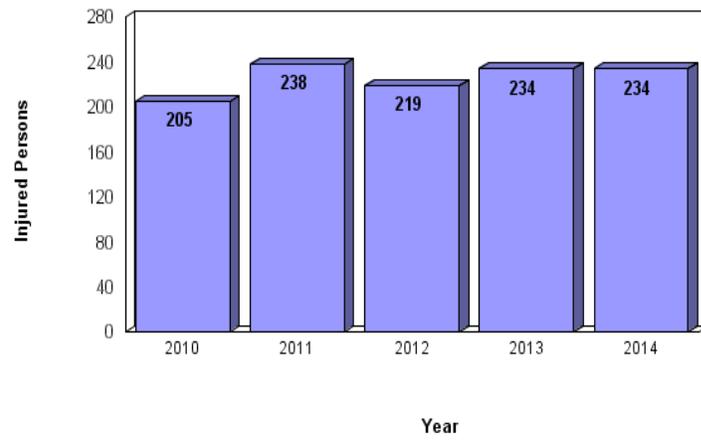
## Trends Crash Rates



# Trends Total Fatalities



## Trends Total Injured Persons



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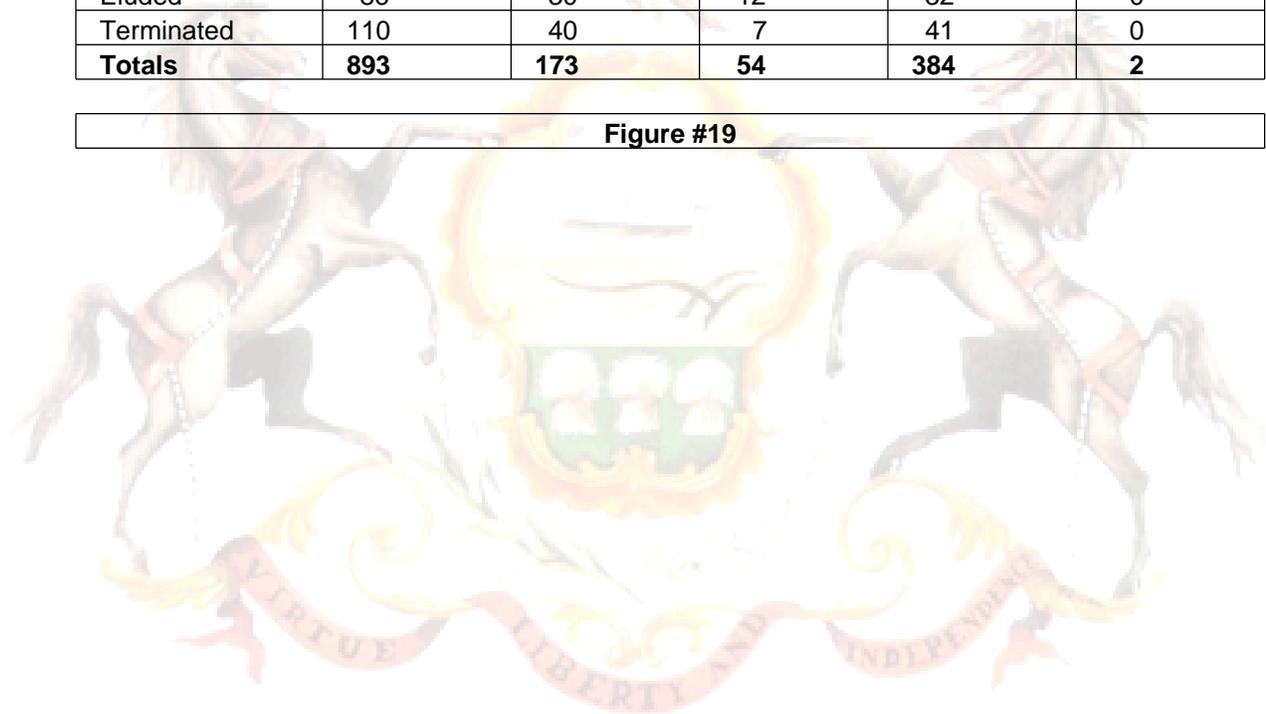
## **CROSS-TABULATION ANALYSIS**

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

## APPREHENSION - TYPE OF VEHICLE PURSUED

	<b>AUTO</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>VAN-PU-SUV</b>	<b>TT/ST</b>
Delayed	95	28	6	33	0
During	549	69	27	248	2
Escaped on Foot	53	6	2	30	0
Eluded	86	30	12	32	0
Terminated	110	40	7	41	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>2</b>

Figure #19



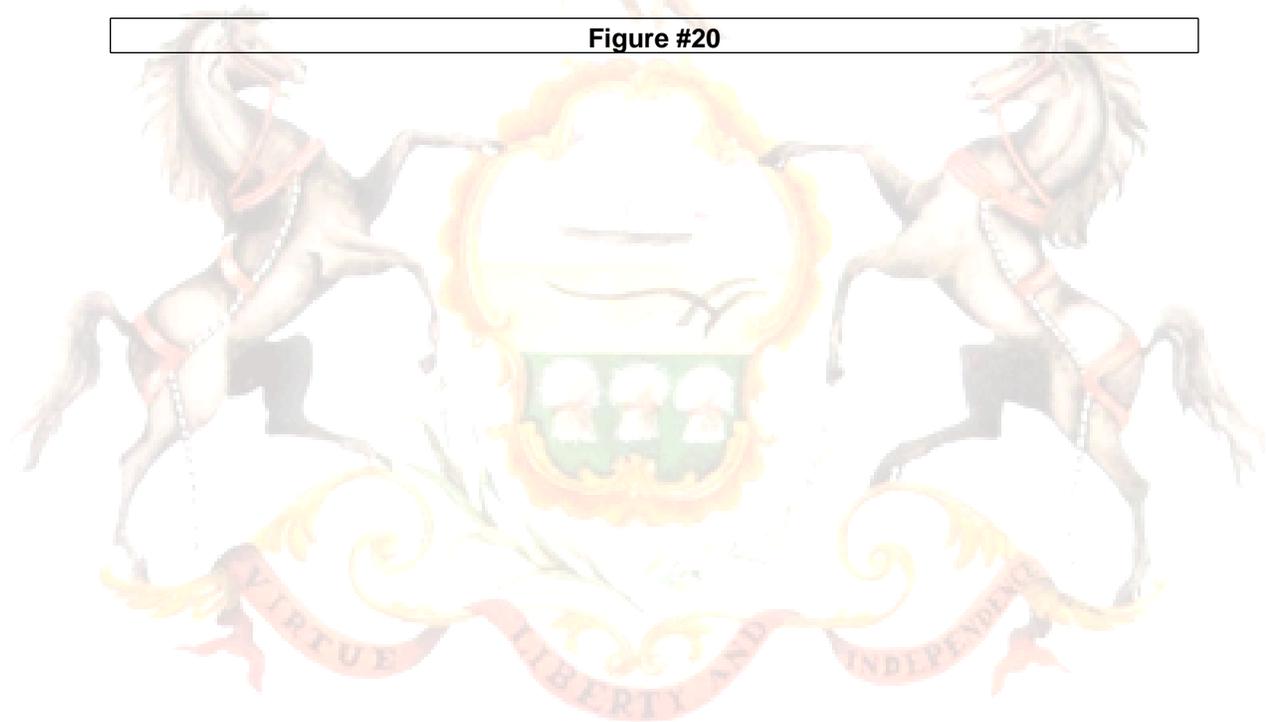
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## CRASH - TYPE OF VEHICLE PURSUED

	AUTO	MC	OTHER	VAN-PU-SUV	TT/ST
None	570	137	38	237	1
Crashes	323	36	16	147	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>2</b>

Figure #20



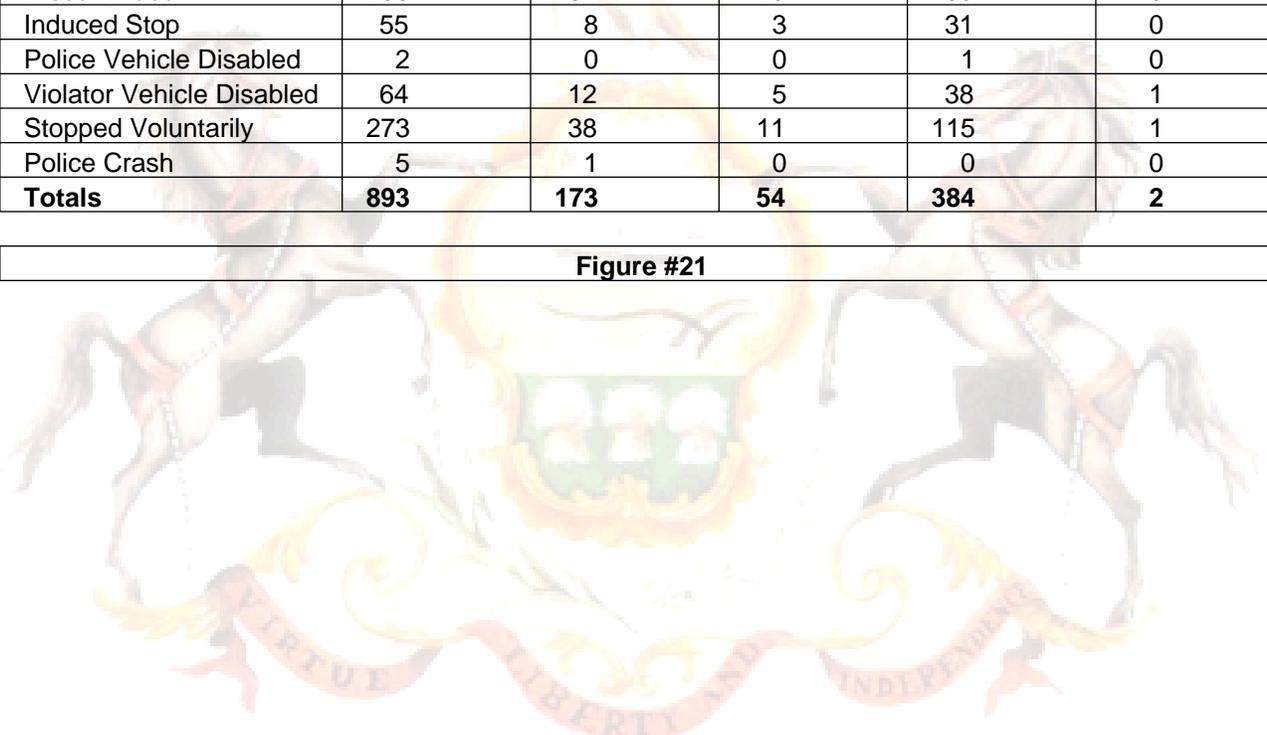
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## REASON TERMINATED - TYPE OF VEHICLE PURSUED

	<b>AUTO</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>VAN-PU-SUV</b>	<b>TT/ST</b>
Abandoned	92	12	4	39	0
Stopped by Collision	172	21	11	77	0
Discontinued	230	81	20	83	0
Induced Stop	55	8	3	31	0
Police Vehicle Disabled	2	0	0	1	0
Violator Vehicle Disabled	64	12	5	38	1
Stopped Voluntarily	273	38	11	115	1
Police Crash	5	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>2</b>

Figure #21



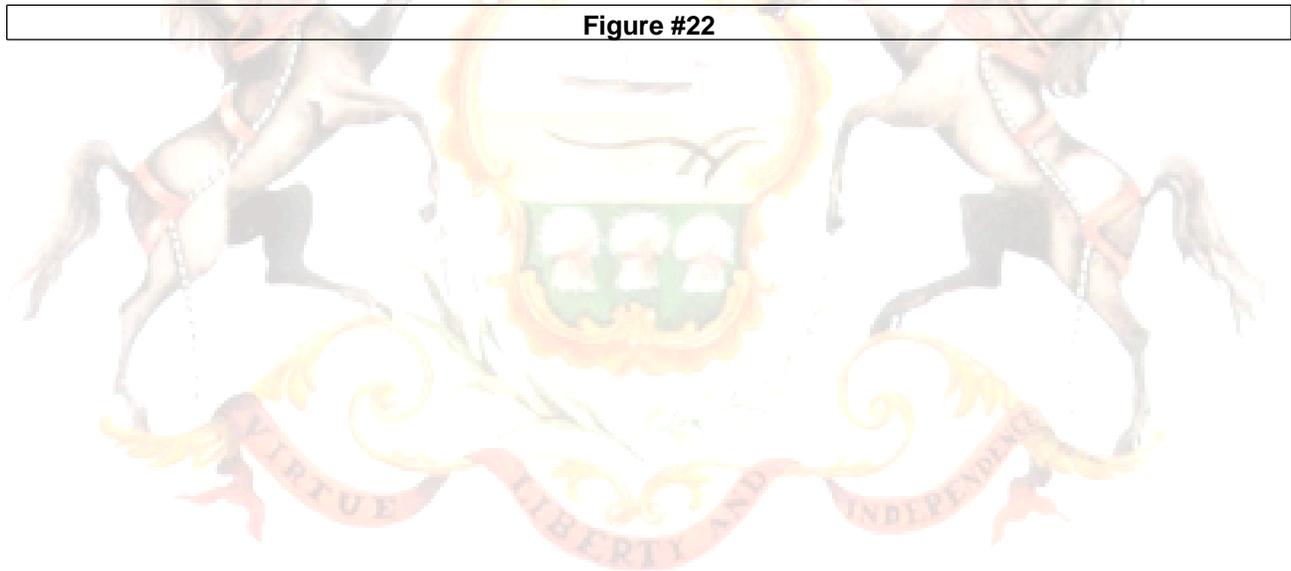
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## REASON INITIATED - APPREHENSION

	Delayed	During	Escaped	Eluded	Terminated
DUI or Suspected DUI Operator	15	161	5	10	20
Felony Criminal Offenses	22	136	7	23	27
Misdemeanor Criminal Offenses	12	59	3	10	24
Other Traffic Offenses	96	440	60	97	106
Stolen or Suspected Stolen Vehicle	10	65	12	12	10
Summary Criminal Offenses	7	34	4	8	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>198</b>

Figure #22



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## REASON INITIATED - CRASH

	Initiated	Crash *	%
DUI or Suspected DUI Operator	211	77	36.49%
Felony Criminal Offenses	215	97	45.12%
Misdemeanor Criminal Offenses	108	33	30.56%
Other Traffic Offenses	799	237	29.66%
Stolen or Suspected Stolen Vehicle	109	61	55.96%
Summary Criminal Offenses	64	18	28.13%
<b>Totals *</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>523</b>	

**Figure #23**

\* Indicates number of pursuits where one or more crashes occurred (multiple crashes may occur during a single pursuit).

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# **APPENDIX D**

# **DEFINITIONS**

## **APPENDIX D DEFINITIONS**

The following terms and phrases are utilized in the Pennsylvania Police Pursuit Annual Report. For the purpose of this report, these terms and phrases have the following meanings:

1. **REASON INITIATED:** Offense or suspected offense for which the officer initially decided to pursue the vehicle.
  - A. **DUI OR SUSPECTED DUI:** The driver was known to be or suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance.
  - B. **OTHER TRAFFIC:** Any other traffic violation except driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance.
  - C. **SUMMARY CRIMINAL:** Any known or suspected summary criminal offense.
  - D. **MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL:** Any known or suspected misdemeanor criminal offense.
  - E. **FELONY CRIMINAL:** Any known or suspected felony criminal offense, except those relating to known or suspected stolen vehicles.
  - F. **STOLEN OR SUSPECTED:** The vehicle is known to be or suspected of being stolen.
  
2. **TYPE OF VEHICLE PURSUED:**
  - A. **AUTOMOBILE:** Passenger cars and minivans, regardless of the manner in which they are registered.
  - B. **VAN/PICK-UP/SUV:** Full-size vans, all pick-up trucks, and sport-utility vehicles (even though they may be registered as station wagons).
  - C. **MOTORCYCLE:** All two-wheeled motorcycles, mopeds, and motor-driven pedalcycles.
  - D. **OTHER:** All other vehicles.

- E. **TT OR TT/STLR:** Tractor Trailer, Tractor Semi-Trailer, or any other type of commercially registered vehicles.

3. **APPREHENSION:**

- A. **NONE – VIOLATOR SUCCESSFULLY ELUDED POLICE:** Self-explanatory.
- B. **NONE – DECISION MADE TO TERMINATE:** The pursuit was terminated due to a decision made by the pursuing officer(s) or by their supervisor(s), even though the officer(s) was able to continue the pursuit.
- C. **NONE – STOPPED, BUT ESCAPED ON FOOT:** The violator vehicle was stopped, but the violator escaped on foot.
- D. **APPREHENDED DURING PURSUIT:** The violator was apprehended during the pursuit. This includes during any foot pursuit or search.
- E. **DELAYED – AFTER TERMINATION OF PURSUIT:** The violator was apprehended after the pursuit was terminated. This includes cases in which the violator was identified through investigation, or the violator was identified during the pursuit and a decision was made to terminate the pursuit. The violator is then apprehended at a later time.

4. **REASON TERMINATED:**

- A. **PURSUIT DISCONTINUED:** Self-explanatory.
- B. **POLICE CRASH:** The pursuit was terminated because the pursuing police vehicle was involved in a crash.
- C. **POLICE VEHICLE DISABLED:** The pursuit was terminated because the pursuing police vehicle suffered a mechanical failure other than that caused by a crash.
- D. **VIOLATOR STOPPED VOLUNTARILY:** The violator stopped voluntarily, without the use of road spikes, roadblocks, induced stops, or other apprehension techniques, and surrendered.

- E. **VIOLATOR ABANDONED VEHICLE:** The violator stopped voluntarily, then fled on foot.
  - F. **VIOLATOR STOPPED – CRASH:** The violator was involved in a crash which ended the pursuit.
  - G. **VIOLATOR VEHICLE DISABLED:** The pursuit was terminated because the violator vehicle suffered mechanical failure other than that caused by a crash, or other police action.
  - H. **STOPPED BY OTHER POLICE ACTION:** The violator was stopped by apprehension techniques other than trailing pursuit (e.g., legal intervention, roadblock, tire deflation device).
5. **CRASH TYPE:**
- A. **NO CRASH:** Self-explanatory.
  - B. **VIOLATOR CRASH:** A crash involving only the violator vehicle.
  - C. **POLICE CRASH:** A crash involving only a pursuing police vehicle(s).
  - D. **UNINVOLVED CRASH:** A crash involving only a vehicle(s) not involved in the pursuit.
  - E. **VIOLATOR – POLICE CRASH:** A crash involving the violator and pursuing police vehicle(s).
  - F. **VIOLATOR – UNINVOLVED CRASH:** A crash involving the violator vehicle and an occupied vehicle(s) not involved in the pursuit.
  - G. **UNINVOLVED – POLICE CRASH:** A crash involving an occupied vehicle(s) not involved in the pursuit and a pursuing police vehicle(s).
  - H. **VIOLATOR – POLICE DEL. INT. (Deliberate Intent):** Violator vehicle was deliberately driven into a police vehicle.

- I. **VIOLATOR – UNINVOLVED DEL. INT. (Deliberate Intent):** Violator vehicle was deliberately driven into an uninvolved vehicle.
  - J. **POLICE – VIOLATOR LEGAL INT. (Legal Intervention):** Police vehicle was deliberately driven into the violator vehicle as an act of legal intervention.
6. **APPREHENSION TECHNIQUES:**
- A. **TRAILING PURSUIT:** Following a violator vehicle in an attempt to stop it.
  - B. **ROAD SPIKES/TIRE DEFLATION DEVICE:** Road fangs, spike strips, stop sticks, or other devices used to deflate the tires of a pursued vehicle.
  - C. **PARTIAL ROADBLOCK:** A roadblock intended to stop or slow the pursued vehicle while allowing the vehicle to pass through or around the roadblock.
  - D. **TOTAL ROADBLOCK:** A roadblock which completely blocks the pursued vehicle's path, preventing the vehicle from passing through or around the roadblock without striking the roadblock.
  - E. **ROLLING ROADBLOCK:** One or more police vehicles being driven in front of, and in the same direction as, the pursued vehicle. The police vehicles are then slowed to force the pursued vehicle to stop.
  - F. **OTHER INDUCED STOP:** One or more police vehicles being used to force the pursued vehicle to stop. For the purpose of this report, in an induced stop, there is no attempt to make contact with the pursued vehicle.
  - G. **LEGAL INTERVENTION:** For the purpose of this report, deliberately driving a police vehicle into the violator vehicle in an attempt to stop the vehicle.
  - H. **FIREARMS:** Firearms or long guns discharged at the pursued vehicle or driver.
  - I. **AIR SUPPORT:** Assistance in pursuit is provided by any type of aircraft.

7. **NONPURSUIT-RELATED CHARGES:** Charges filed against the operator and/or occupants of the pursued vehicle which are not a result of their conduct during the pursuit.
8. **CC:** Pennsylvania Crimes Code (Title 18).
9. **CS:** The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (Act 64).
10. **FW:** Fireworks Law.
11. **GM:** Game Law.
12. **LL:** Liquor Law.
13. **VC:** Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75).
14. **PURSUIT-RELATED CHARGES:** Charges relating to the violator's operation of the pursued vehicle during the pursuit.
15. **OTHER PURSUIT-RELATED CHARGES:** Additional charges relating to the violator's operation of the pursued vehicle during the pursuit.
16. **HIGHWAY:** Type of highway or roadway on which the pursuit started, traveled on during the pursuit, and on which the pursuit ended.
17. **MARKED VEHICLES DIRECTLY INVOLVED:** The total number of marked police vehicles directly involved in the pursuit.
18. **UNMARKED VEHICLES DIRECTLY INVOLVED:** The total number of unmarked police vehicles directly involved in the pursuit.
19. **INJURIES:**
  - A. **VIOLATOR:** Total number of persons in the violator vehicle who received nonfatal injuries resulting from vehicular operation during the pursuit.
  - B. **POLICE:** Total number of persons in police vehicle(s) who received nonfatal injuries resulting from vehicular operation during the pursuit.

- C. **UNINVOLVED:** Total number of uninvolved persons who received nonfatal injuries resulting from vehicular operation during the pursuit.
20. **FATALITY:**
- A. **VIOLATOR:** Total number of persons in the violator vehicle who died as a direct result of vehicular operation during the pursuit.
  - B. **POLICE:** Total number of persons in the police vehicle(s) who died as a direct result of vehicular operation during the pursuit.
  - C. **UNINVOLVED:** Total number of uninvolved persons who died as a direct result of vehicular operation during the pursuit.
21. **PROPERTY DAMAGE:** Estimated dollar value of property damage, in hundreds, to violator vehicle(s), police vehicle(s), and uninvolved property resulting from the pursuit.
22. **PERSONS IN PURSUED VEHICLE ARRESTED:** Self-explanatory.

## 23. RELATED CRIMES CODE VIOLATIONS:

### **CC09: Inchoate Crime**

- 0901 Criminal Attempt
- 0903 Criminal Conspiracy
- 0907 Possessing Instruments of Crime
- 0908 Prohibited Offensive Weapons

### **CC25: Criminal Homicide**

- 2501 Criminal Homicide
- 2502 Murder
- 2504 Involuntary Manslaughter

### **CC27: Assault**

- 2701 Simple Assault
- 2702 Aggravated Assault
- 2705 Recklessly Endangering Another Person
- 2706 Terroristic Threats
- 2709 Harassment and Stalking

### **CC29: Kidnapping**

- 2901 Kidnapping
- 2902 Unlawful Restraint

### **CC33: Arson, Criminal Mischief and Other Property Destruction**

- 3302 Causing or Risking Catastrophe
- 3303 Failure to Prevent Catastrophe
- 3304 Criminal Mischief
- 3309 Agricultural Vandalism

### **CC35: Burglary and Other Criminal Intrusion**

- 3502 Burglary
- 3503 Criminal Trespass

### **CC37: Robbery**

- 3701 Robbery
- 3702 Robbery of Motor Vehicle

### **CC39: Theft and Related Offenses**

- 3921 Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition
- 3925 Receiving Stolen Property
- 3926 Theft of Services
- 3928 Unauthorized Use of Automobiles and Other Vehicles
- 3929 Retail Theft

### **CC41: Forgery and Fraudulent Practices**

- 4101 Forgery
- 4105 Bad Checks

### **CC43: Offenses against the Family**

- 4303 Concealing Death of Child
- 4304 Endangering Welfare of Children

### **CC49: Falsification and Intimidation**

- 4904 Unsworn Falsification to Authorities
- 4906 False Reports to Law Enforcement Authorities

### **CC51: Obstructing Governmental Operations**

- 5104 Resisting Arrest or Other Law Enforcement
- 5105 Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution
- 5121 Escape
- 5126 Flight to Avoid Apprehension, Trial or Punishment

### **CC55: Riot, Disorderly Conduct and Related Offenses**

- 5503 Disorderly Conduct
- 5505 Public Drunkenness and Similar Misconduct

### **CC61: Firearms and Other Dangerous Articles**

- 6103 Crimes Committed with Firearms
- 6106 Firearms not to be Carried Without a License

### **CC63: Minors**

- 6308 Purchase, Consumption, Possession or Transportation of Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages

## 24. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS:

### CS13 (a): Prohibited Acts; Penalties

- 13(a)16 Possession of a Controlled Substance
- 13(a)30 Possession with Intent to Deliver or Manufacture of a Controlled Substance
- 13(a)31 Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana
- 13(a)32 Possession of Paraphernalia

## 25. VEHICLE CODE VIOLATIONS:

### VC13: Registration of Vehicles

- 1301 Registration and Certificate of Title Required
- 1311 Registration Card to be Signed and Exhibited on Demand
- 1332 Display of Registration Plate
- 1371 Operation Following Suspension of Registration
- 1372 Unauthorized Transfer or Use of Registration

### VC15: Licensing of Drivers

- 1501 Drivers Required to be Licensed
- 1503 Persons Ineligible for Licensing; License Issuance to Minors; Junior Driver's License
- 1504 Classes of Licenses
- 1505 Learners' Permits
- 1511 Carrying and Exhibiting Driver's License on Demand
- 1543 Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended or Revoked
- 1575 Permitting Violation of Title

### VC17: Financial Responsibility

- 1786 Required Financial Responsibility

### VC31: Obedience to and Effect of Traffic Laws

- 3102 Obedience to Authorized Persons Directing Traffic
- 3111 Obedience to Traffic-Control Devices
- 3112 Traffic-Control Signals
- 3114 Flashing Signals

### VC33: Rules of the Road in General

- 3301 Driving on Right Side of Roadway
- 3302 Meeting Vehicle Proceeding in Opposite Direction
- 3303 Overtaking Vehicle on the Left
- 3304 Overtaking Vehicle on the Right
- 3305 Limitations on Overtaking on the Left
- 3306 Limitations on Driving on Left Side of Roadway
- 3307 No-Passing Zones
- 3308 One-Way Roadways and Rotary Traffic Islands
- 3309 Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic
- 3310 Following Too Closely
- 3311 Driving on Divided Highways
- 3312 Limited Access Highway Entrances and Exits
- 3322 Vehicle Turning Left
- 3323 Stop Signs and Yield Signs
- 3324 Vehicle Entering or Crossing Roadway
- 3325 Duty of Driver on Approach of Emergency Vehicle
- 3331 Required Position and Method of Turning
- 3334 Turning Movements and Required Signals
- 3361 Driving Vehicle at Safe Speed
- 3362 Maximum Speed Limits
- 3367 Racing on Highways

**VC35: Special Vehicles and Pedestrians**

- 3523 Operating Motorcycles on Roadways Laned for Traffic
- 3525 Protective Equipment for Motorcycle Riders
- 3546 Driving Through or Around Safety Zone

**VC37: Miscellaneous Provisions**

- 3701 Unattended Motor Vehicle
- 3702 Limitations on Backing
- 3703 Driving Upon Sidewalk
- 3714 Careless Driving
- 3717 Trespass by Motor Vehicle
- 3732 Homicide by Vehicle
- 3733 Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer
- 3734 Driving without Lights to Avoid Identification or Arrest
- 3735 Homicide by Vehicle While DUI
- 3743 Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicle or Property
- 3745 Accidents Involving Damage to Unattended Vehicle or Property

**VC38: Driving after Imbibing Alcohol or Utilizing Drugs**

- 3802 Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance

**VC41: Equipment Standards**

- 4107 Unlawful Activities

**VC47: Inspection of Vehicles**

- 4703 Operation of Vehicle Without Official Certificate of Inspection
- 4730 Violations of Use of Certificate of Inspection

**VC71: Vehicle Theft and Related Provisions**

- 7122 Altered, Forged or Counterfeit Documents and Plates
- 7124 Fraudulent Use or Removal of Registration Plate

**VC77: Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles**

- 7721 Operation on Streets and Highways