



**CITY OF PITTSBURGH
BUREAU OF POLICE
Office of the Chief**
"...accountability, integrity, and respect."

Chief's Order #15-009

TO: All Personnel
FROM: Cameron S. McLay, Chief
DATE: November 23, 2015
SUBJECT: **Modification to General Order 40-5: Motor Vehicle Pursuits**

UNIT: Bureau of Police
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Police Bureau General Order 40-5, Motor Vehicle Pursuits, clearly states,

"The primary goal of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police is the protection of life and property...It is the policy of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police that a motor vehicle pursuit is justified only when the necessity of immediate apprehension outweighs the level of danger created by the pursuit."

The policy goes on to discuss the importance of officers and supervisors holding themselves accountable for exercising sound judgment, as informed by experience, common sense and training.

Regrettably, too many instances occur where our police pursuits create greater danger to the public than the violations we are seeking to address through enforcement. As a result, I am directing a full review of this policy, as well as our systems of accountability for compliance with this important policy.

In the interim, effective immediately, a member of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police may only initiate a motor vehicle pursuit where she /he has reasonable belief the individual(s) in the offending vehicle is involved in a violent, felony crime. Members shall not engage in a motor vehicle pursuit for traffic violations only.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. McLay".

Cameron S. McLay
Chief of Police

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