

**Gautier Police Department**

*Subject:*

**Motor Vehicle Pursuits**

*Effective Date:*

**May 26, 2004**

*Reference:*

**Vehicle pursuit policy**

*Special Instructions:*

**Distribution**

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**Three (3)**

- 8748-1 The purpose of this order is to establish rules and guidelines for police officers concerning pursuit of a motor vehicle. Information contained herein should give each officer the knowledge required to enter into a pursuit, and alert him/her of some of the possible consequences of this activity.
- 8748-2 Motor vehicle pursuit is defined as follows. "An active attempt by a on-duty officer, in a police unit, using audio and visual emergency equipment, to apprehend one or more occupants of a moving vehicle, providing the driver of such vehicle is aware of the attempt and is resisting apprehension by maintaining or increasing the speed, or ignoring the law enforcement officers attempt to stop him."
- 8748 - 3 Only vehicles equipped with audio/visual emergency equipment are to enter into pursuits. Further, if a law enforcement officers vehicle meets the above stated requirements, it shall also be the individual officers duty to be reasonably certain his vehicle is mechanically sound before initiating a motor vehicle pursuit.
- 8748-4 A officer with a vehicle that is not properly equipped with emergency equipment will only attempt to maintain visual contact with the fleeing vehicle without resorting to excessive speed. The officer will immediately radio all relevant information to the Gautier Police Department dispatcher and request immediate assistance. Any police officer driving any vehicle without emergency equipment is to obtain as much relevant information as possible, and either radio or telephone this information to the Gautier Police Department dispatcher.

- 8748-5 Motor vehicle pursuit must be considered to be a serious matter, When a police officer initiates a motor vehicle pursuit of a fleeing vehicle he/she may have a tendency to consider only himself/herself and the occupants of the other vehicle, but he/she must keeping in mind that all other citizens (on or near public highways) could become involved due to overreaction. This is especially true of children who may likely be drawn toward a police unit with lights and sirens in operation. Motor vehicle pursuit is one of the most dangerous task which may befall a police officer. Death or injury could result without warning to the police officer or citizens alike as the result of the chase.
- 8748-6 The seriousness of the possible outcome of a motor vehicle pursuit demands that the officer weighs many factors when deciding whether or not the chase a vehicle in the name of the citizens he serves. Some of the specific questions a officer must ask himself/herself before initiating a vehicle pursuit would include but not limited to the following:
- A. Does the seriousness of the crime committed or being committed warrant a high speed chase at unsafe speeds?
  - B. What is the probability of apprehending the fleeing person?
  - C. Will the pursuit take place on residential streets, in a business district or on a freeway? What is the danger to other innocent citizens in these areas?
  - D. What are the traffic and weather conditions?
  - E. What is the condition of the police cruiser? How are the tires, brakes, steering, etc?
  - F. Is there another officer in the cruiser with him/her?

**Caution:** **Be aware that steel belted radial tires have been known to disintegrate quickly at very high speeds because of excessive build up on the tire pressure.**

- 8748-7 In the instance the chase is initiated, the safety of all concerned must be considered. As previously stated, it is important the officer weighs the seriousness of the offense against the hazards present to innocent citizens who may become involved. As the chase is continued, this question must be asked continuously.
- 8748-8 **CAUTION** – The officer must remember if he/she becomes involved in a traffic accident while involved in a motor vehicle pursuit, he/she may be civilly sued for any and all damages or injury to property or person which might result from his personal negligence.
- 8748-9 Upon initiation of any motor vehicle pursuit the officer involved will immediately radio the dispatcher of the fact he/she is in a chase with emergency equipment operation. He/she must also include the reason for pursuit, the location and direction of the chase, other vehicle description and any other information relevant to the situation.

- 8748-10 The pursuing officer has the prerogative and responsibility to terminate the chase at any time, if in his/her judgement, the risk outweighs the seriousness of the offense, or if other innocent lives are being unduly threatened. This is known as "Better Discretion".
- 8748-11 If there is a second officer in the unit, the passenger will operate the radio. If there is not a second officer in the unit but there is a second unit in the pursuit, the officer in the second unit will take over radio transmissions with details of the pursuit allowing the officer in the lead car to concentrate fully on the motor vehicle pursuit.
- 8748-12 When in pursuit, remember all radio transmissions must be made clearly and slowly. The dispatcher and all supervisors must be able to understand the transmission in order to respond quickly and coordinate the activity to provide proper support.
- 8748-13 When radio traffic reveals a chase is in effect, the dispatcher will answer, "All units stand by - we have a unit in a vehicle pursuit". This should clear the air for emergency traffic from the pursuing unit or his supervisor. This will also tell the pursuing unit his transmission has been heard.
- 8748-14 No other officer shall enter a vehicle pursuit initiated by another police unit unless advised to do so by their superior.
- 8748-15 Roadblocks are very dangerous. They will not be used except on direct orders of the Shift Captain and then only in the most serious of offenses.
- 8748-16 All officers are cautioned of their duty to drive with due regard to the safety of all other persons and property on or near the roadway. This should be carried out at all times.
- 8748-17 Use of emergency equipment does not relieve the officer of the obligation to slow down as necessary, when approaching intersections, railroad crossings, stop lights or stop signs during this chase. Officers may proceed slowly and safely past such stop signs and signals with due regard to all other vehicles and/or pedestrians using the street or highway. Then the chase can continue.

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Signature of receiving Officer & Date

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Signature of witnessing Officer & Date

**C. Required Performance Reporting Evaluation.** Subgrantee agrees to submit all required reporting documentation by the scheduled date(s) as defined in the contract by MOHS. Check all that apply:

X	Monthly Cost Reporting Worksheets for Reimbursement (Individual Officer Report/Step Forms and/or Activity Sheets)
X	Supporting documentation for reimbursement
X	Quarterly Reports
X	Blitz Report Information
	Travel Reimbursements
	Budget Modifications
X	Distribution Plans for Promotional Items
X	Inventory Control Forms for equipment and supporting documentation for reimbursement
X	Closeout Documentation

**Additional Information:**

**D. Training:** Include a detailed assessment of traffic safety training needs within the program area in which you are applying and how this need will be met. (i.e. SFST, ARIDE, DRE, CPS, etc.)

Gautier Police Department would like to have a minimum of (4) officers attend DUI training through SFST, ARIDE, DRE, CPS, etc) that is available in our local or adjacent areas.

**E. Travel:** Include a detailed assessment of travel needs within the program area in which you are applying. Also include a cost estimate for all travel needs (airfare, hotel, per diem, mileage, parking, baggage and other travel related expenses. (Based on current state and federal guidelines).

Purpose of Travel:	Number of People:	Cost:	Total:
N/A			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00

**F. Distribution Plan for Promotional Items:** Include a detailed assessment of promotional item needs within the program area in which you are applying. Please include event, type of item requested, estimate number of items needed and purpose for each event.

<b>Proposed Event</b>	<b>Items Requested</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>	<b>Purpose of Event</b>
School Presentations	DUI awareness bracelets	500	Awareness
School Presentations	Keychains	500	Awareness
School Presentations	Informational Brochures	500	Awareness

**Additional Information:**

These items will be used during our educational seminars at our local schools, community college and various city events.

**G. Equipment:** Please list the cost for each piece of equipment requested. Please note: Federal guidelines require equipment purchased must be essential to the project. All equipment must be approved by MOHS and/or NHTSA and be included on the Conforming Product List (CPL) and must be used specifically for the purposes for which is purchased. CPL list can be found at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/alcohol/carryout/index.htm>

<b>Equipment</b>	<b># requested</b>	<b>Cost (each)</b>	<b>Line Total</b>
Intoximeter Alco-Sensor FST	4	\$529.99	\$2,119.96
Intoximeter FST Mouthpieces	4	\$64.99	\$259.96
ANSI 207 Police Reflective Vest	6	\$46.99	\$281.94
In-car camera	1	\$3,895.00	\$3,895.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$6,556.86</b>

**Please describe how equipment will be used for grant purposes?**

Portable breath tester kits will be utilized for testing sobriety during DUI citations and arrest. The reflective vest will be utilized during night time DUI checkpoint operations to ensure officer safety and the in-car camera system will help to increase convictions for DUI by properly recording DUI arrest and obtain necessary data, supply exact geographic locations of injuries and fatalities reported. The equipment purchases will enable our officers to perform DUI related tasks more effectively so that they successfully meet the program goals

**Additional Information:**

## FY14 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

1. Applicant Agency: Gautier Police Department		3. Ending: September 30, 2014				
2. Beginning: October 1, 2013		Funding Sources				
4. For MOHS Use Only	5. Activity	Federal	State	Program Income	Other (Local-Private)	Total
	DUI Enforcement	\$50,756.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,756.41
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$50,756.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,756.41

**MOHS USE ONLY:**