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#### 4. FOOT PURSUITS.

(1) Officers electing to engage in a foot pursuit should immediately notify the communications center that a foot pursuit is underway and should provide the following information:

- (a) Location and direction of travel.
- (b) Number of suspects.
- (c) Identification or description of the suspects as available. Identify the driver separately.
- (d) Reason for the enforcement stop.
- (e) Any information regarding the use of weapons, threat of force, or other hazards.
- (f) Establish a perimeter to contain suspects as quickly as possible. If a perimeter is established quickly, it will not always be necessary to follow the suspects on foot and alternative methods can be utilized (e.g., canine units, helicopter air support).
- (g) When available, request common radio frequency with assisting allied agencies.

(2) When a foot pursuit begins from a vehicle stop, the officer should ensure there are no additional suspects hidden in the suspect vehicle, then secure the keys of both the patrol vehicle and the suspect's vehicle.

b. All Officers. Every officer participating in a foot pursuit or a suspect search on foot should:

- (1) Ensure the key/fob is removed from the ignition and the patrol vehicle is securely locked.
- (2) Proceed at a slower and more cautious pace when the whereabouts of the suspect(s) is not known or the area of the pursuit is unfamiliar.
- (3) Utilize personal radio extenders on low volume to prevent giving their location to the suspect(s).

- (4) Remove noisy objects from the duty belt and secure in trouser pockets or other suitable location.
  - (5) Utilize the flashlight only as necessary and refrain from standing directly behind it.
  - (6) Discontinue the foot pursuit if the suspect is identified to the point where later apprehension could be accomplished or if officer safety is in jeopardy.
- c. Supervisor. The sergeant or OIC should respond to the scene and coordinate the foot pursuit and/or search for the suspect. The supervisor or OIC may terminate the foot pursuit/search as necessary.

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