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**Attendees:**

- Commissioner Wilson Riles (Chair) - in person
- Sgt. Gabriel Urquiza - in person
- Captain Lisa L. Ausmus - in person
- Acting Captain Perez-Angeles - in person
- Joseph Micallef OIG Policy Analyst – in person
- COS Montgomery - in person
- Commissioner Ricardo Garcia-Acosta
- Deacon Reginald Lyles
- LT. William Febel
- Jose Dorado
- Acting Lieutenant Thomas Sotto

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**Main Topics:**

1. Review of Pursuit Policies
2. Discussion on the Use of Technology in Pursuit Scenarios
3. Community Safety and Police Responsiveness
4. Training and Implementation of Pursuit Policies
5. Community Engagement and Feedback

**Presentations by:**

Sgt. Gabriel Urquiza

[The Oakland Police Department and Pursuit Driving \(Department General Order J-04\)](#)

Joseph Micallef OIG Policy Analyst

[OPD Pursuit Policy: Comparisons to Similar Jurisdictions in California and Nationwide](#)

**Pursuit Policy Resources provided by OPD**

[PERF report on Vehicle Pursuits - A Guide for Law Enforcement Executives on Managing the Associated Risks \(004\)](#)

**Questions and Concerns Raised:**

1. Pursuit Behavior and Public Response:
  - Commissioner Ricardo Garcia-Acosta raised concerns about the behavior observed during pursuits and the public's response to such incidents.
2. Data on Public Safety:
  - Commissioner Garcia-Acosta inquired about the availability of data comparing injuries and accidents under relaxed versus restrictive pursuit policies.
  - Concerns were raised regarding the availability and transparency of pursuit-related collision data from other agencies, including the CHP.
3. Impact of Special Order 992:
  - Questions were raised about the administrative workload and its impact on pursuit decisions and officer behavior.
4. Use of Technology:

- Discussion on the integration of technologies such as Star Chase and drones and the necessity of air support (helicopters) in pursuits.
  - Concerns about the limitations of current technology and the need for updated resources were discussed.
5. Community Safety Concerns:
- Multiple community members expressed concerns about speeding, sideshows, and the effectiveness of current pursuit policies in deterring crime.
  - Specific incidents of community safety risks were highlighted, including reckless driving and coordinated criminal activities during sideshows.

### **Suggestions and Recommendations:**

1. Enhancing Data Transparency:
  - It was suggested that the transparency and availability of data related to public safety and pursuit outcomes be improved.
  - More comprehensive data collection on the impact of pursuit policies on overall road safety was recommended.
2. Review and Update Technology:
  - Recommendations were made to leverage newer technologies, such as advanced drones and fixed-wing aircraft, for better surveillance and tracking during pursuits.
  - Investing in technology can provide continuous aerial support to minimize ground pursuit risks.
3. Administrative Efficiency:
  - Suggestions to streamline the administrative process associated with pursuit reviews to ensure officers can focus more on community safety.
4. Community Engagement:
  - Encouraging more proactive community engagement sessions to gather feedback and educate the public on pursuit policies and police procedures.
  - Recommendations for the police to participate in community-organized events and forums to build trust and better understand community concerns.
5. Policy Review and Adjustments:
  - Recommendations for an ongoing review of Special Order 992 and other pursuit-related policies to ensure they balance safety and accountability.

- Suggestions to explore alternative methods to pursuits that can still hold criminals accountable without compromising public safety.

**Next Steps:**

1. Data Analysis and Reporting:

- The Commission will work on collecting and analyzing more comprehensive data on pursuit-related incidents and their outcomes.
- A report will be prepared to present the findings and make data-driven policy recommendations.

2. Technology Assessment:

- The OPD will conduct an assessment of current technologies in use and explore options for upgrades.
- A proposal for funding and implementing new technologies will be developed and presented to the Commission.

3. Administrative Review:

- The Commission will review the administrative procedures related to pursuits to identify areas for efficiency improvements.
- Training programs will be updated to reflect any changes in procedures.

4. Community Outreach:

- A plan for regular community meetings and forums will be developed to ensure ongoing dialogue.

5. Policy Evaluation:

- A task force will be established to review Special Order 992 and other related policies.
- Recommendations for policy adjustments will be drafted based on community feedback and data analysis.

**Adjournment: 8:00 pm**