

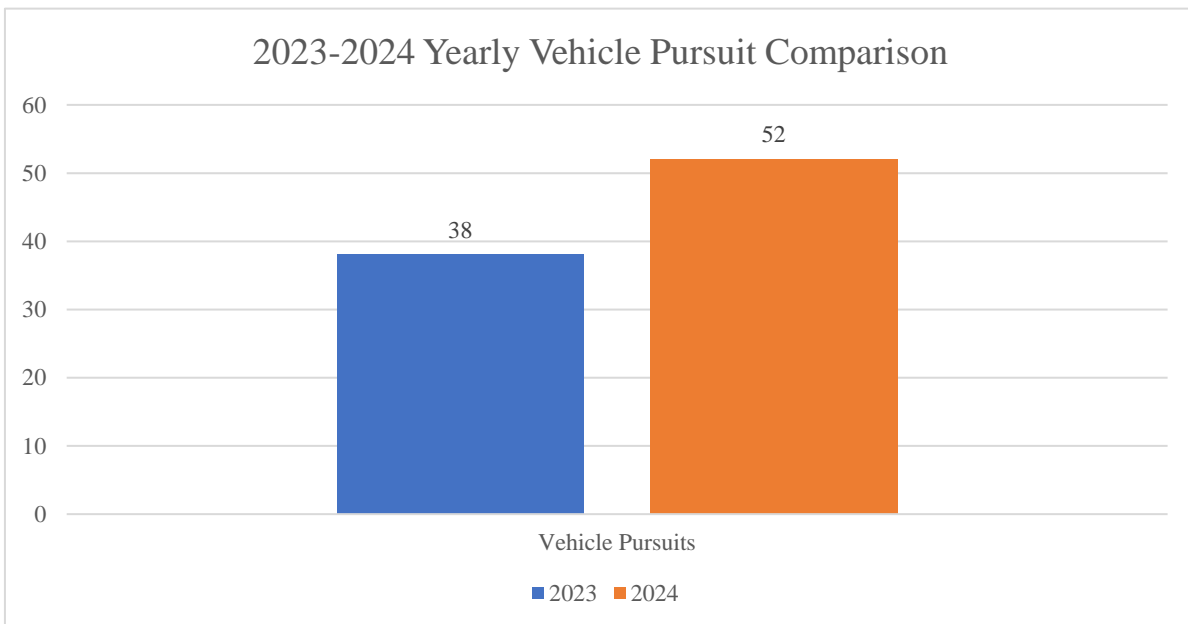
KPD Office of Professional Standards Annual Vehicle Pursuit Analysis - 2024

This is the 2024 Pursuit Analysis Report that is required by CALEA Standard 41.2.2 and Knoxville Police Department policy. The report provides an overview for the department and training staff to examine police officers' actions, evaluate performance and identify areas where officers and supervisors may show deficiencies during pursuits for 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024.

In 2024, there were 52 pursuit reports documented by the Knoxville Police Department. This is an increase of 14 pursuit reports from the 2023 Pursuit Analysis. The data from 2024 reflects a decrease of 18 officer "initiated only" pursuit reports. In 2024, there were three documented disciplinary actions that were administered due to violations of KPD's emergency and pursuit driving policy. One of these non-compliant pursuits was investigated by OPS and appropriate discipline was administered to the two involved officers.

The following report displays graphs, charts and a brief synopsis of the statistics surrounding the actions/conditions officers encounter during a pursuit. From this report, staff can identify areas where the department demonstrates proficiencies as well as areas of concern that may need to be addressed with additional training.

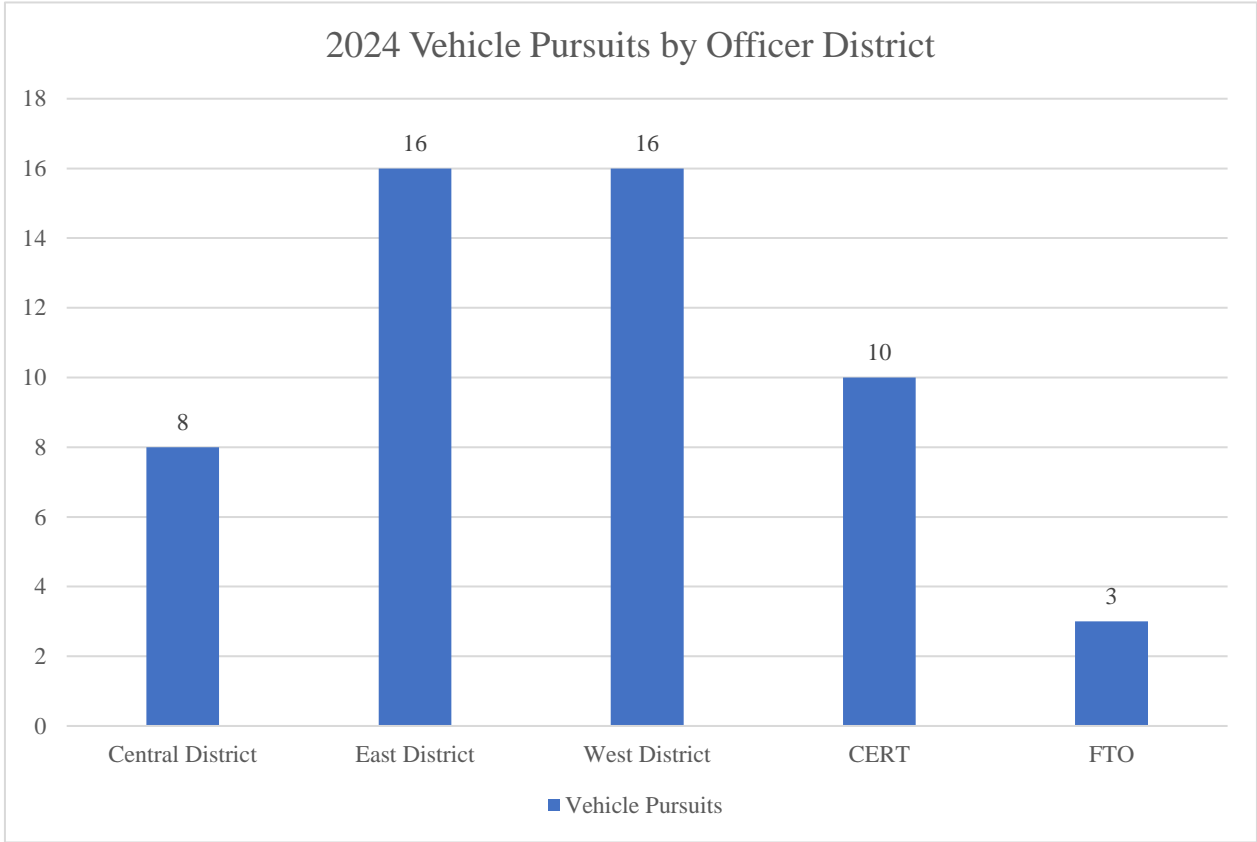
The following chart represents a comparison of the total numbers of vehicle pursuit reports in the years 2023 and 2024. These numbers do not include initiated only reports.



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Comparison by District

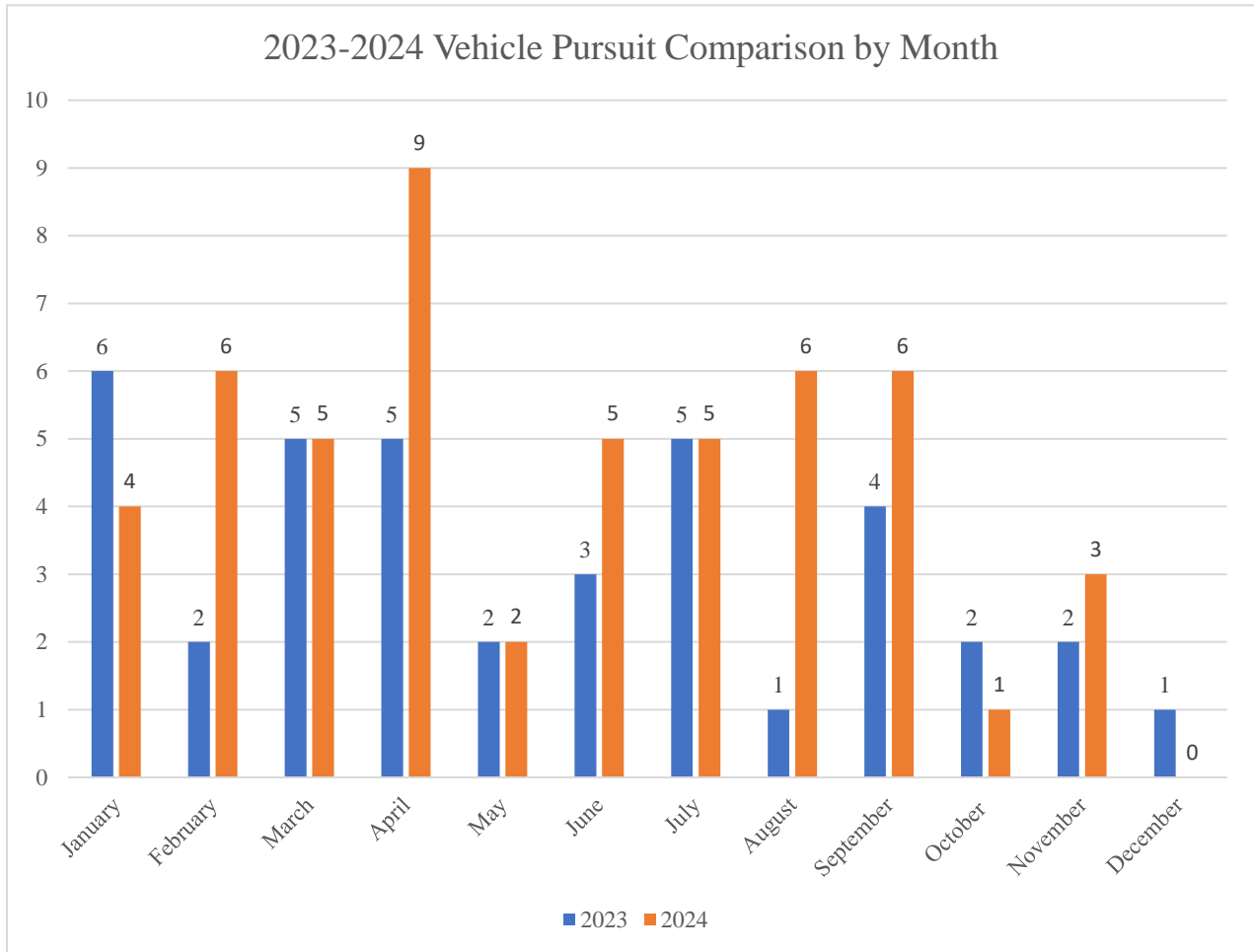
The following chart shows the pursuit report numbers broken down by the involved officers' assigned districts at the time the vehicle flight event occurred.



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Comparison by Month

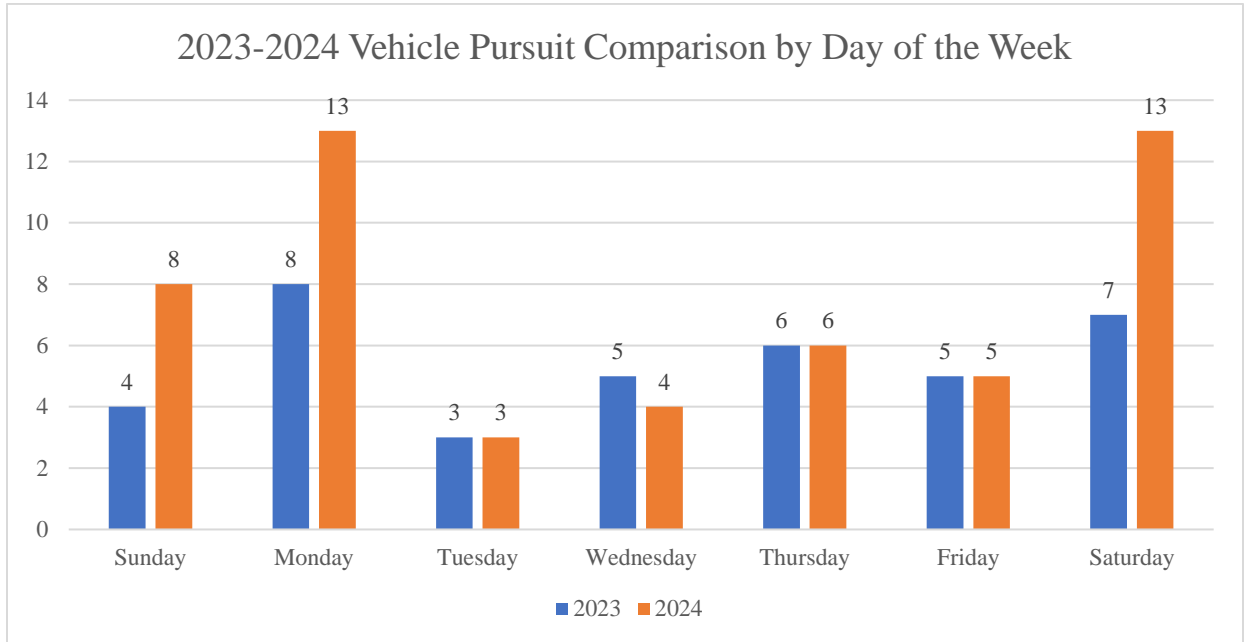
The following chart shows the total number of pursuit reports for the years 2023 and 2024 broken down and compared by month. For 2023, January had the highest number of pursuit reports. In 2024, April had the highest number with nine reports.



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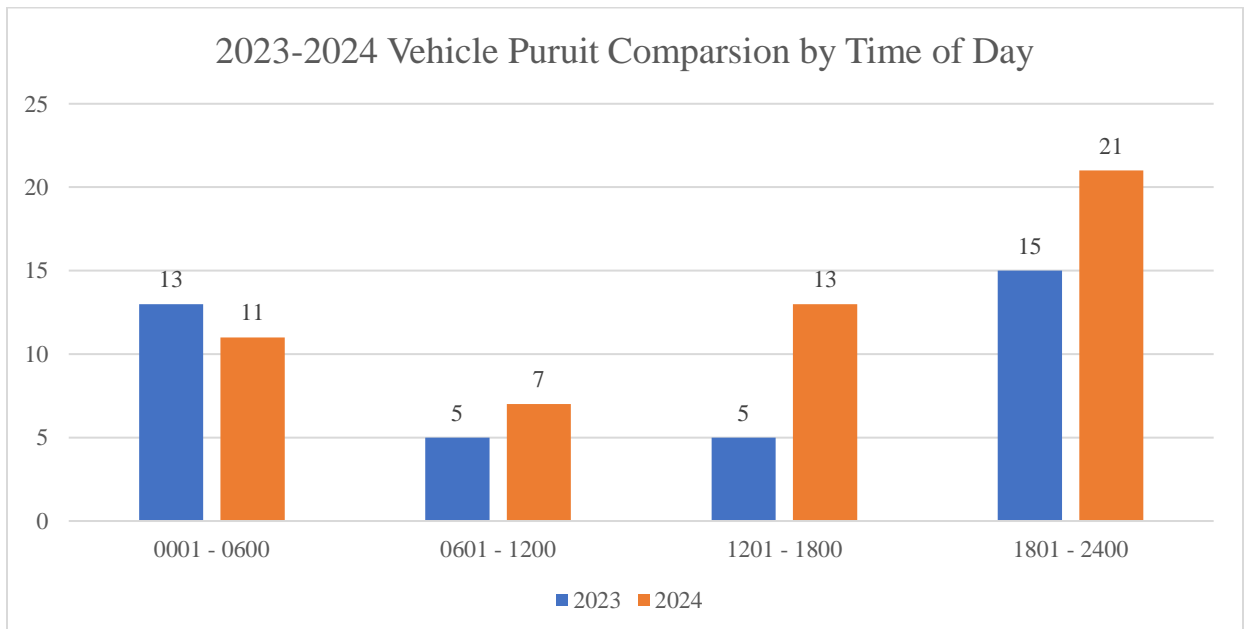
Comparison by Day

The following chart compares the vehicle pursuit reports of 2023 and 2024 by day of the week.



Comparison by Time of Day

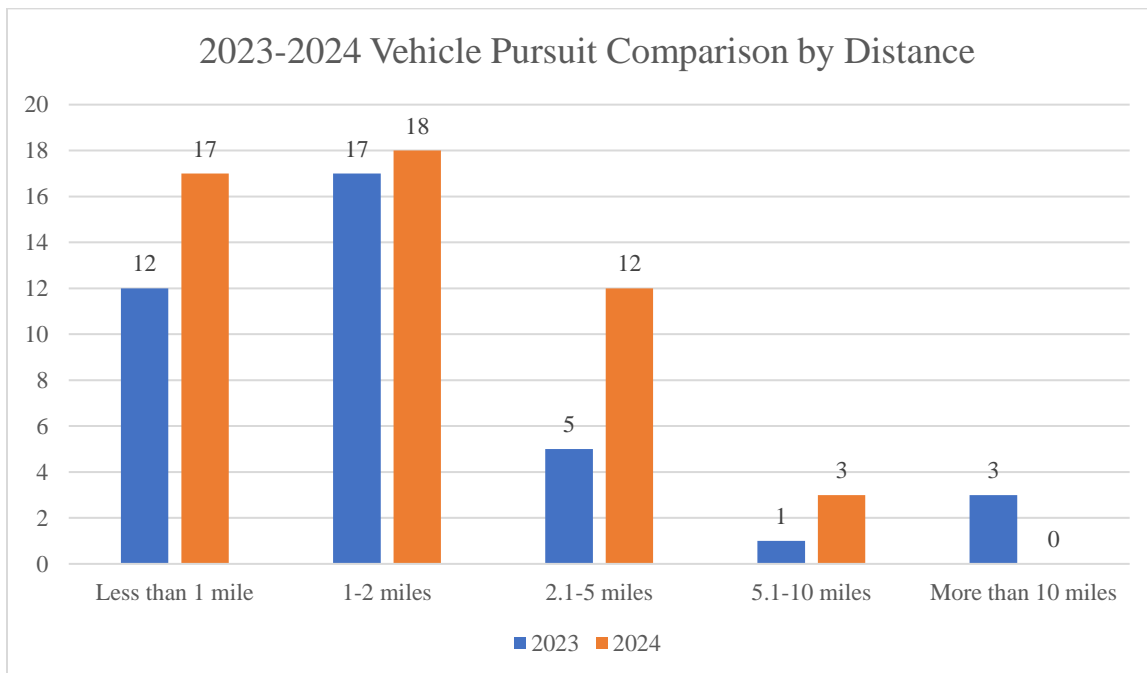
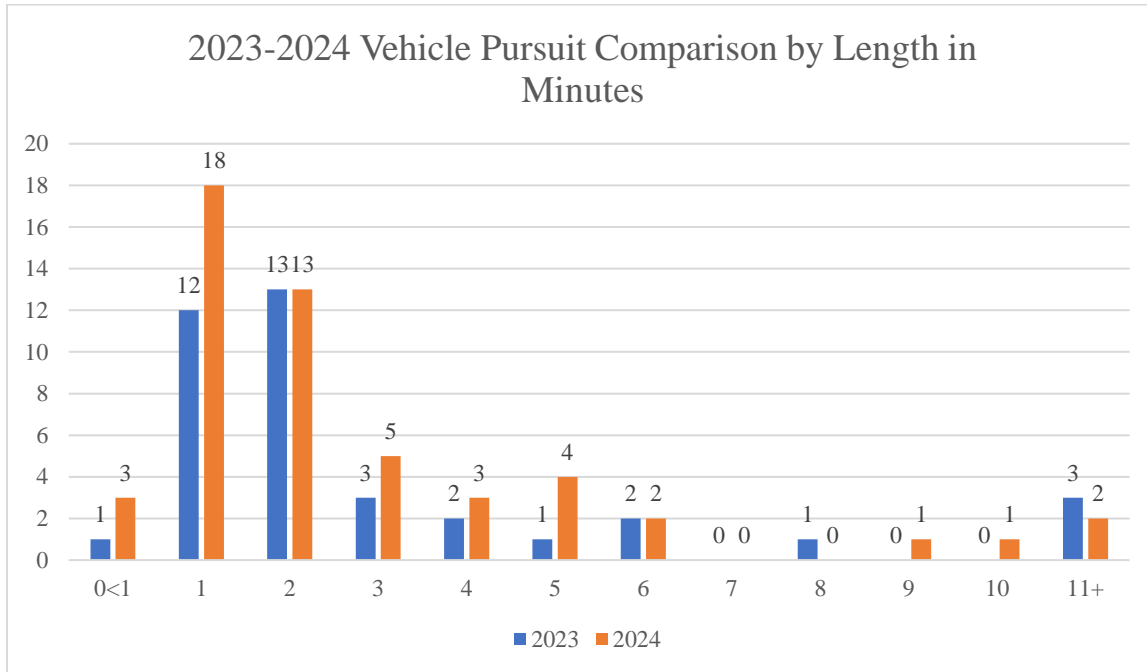
The following chart represents what time of day the vehicle flight incidents documented in 2023 and 2024 occurred.



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Comparison by Length

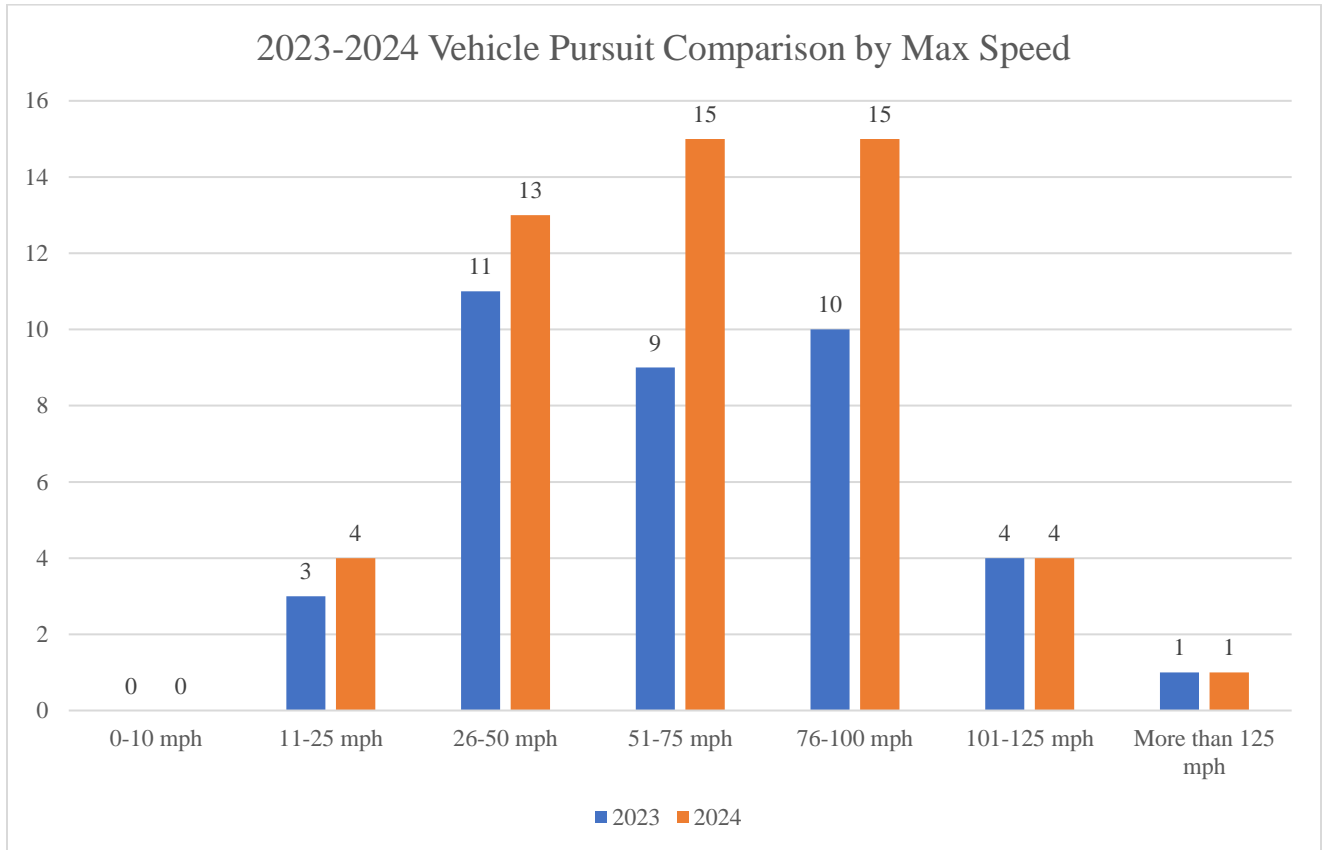
The following graph represent a comparison of the length of pursuits that occurred in 2023 and 2024 by minutes and by distance. Most of the pursuits represented did not last longer than three minutes or cover more than 2.1 miles.



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Comparison by Max Speed

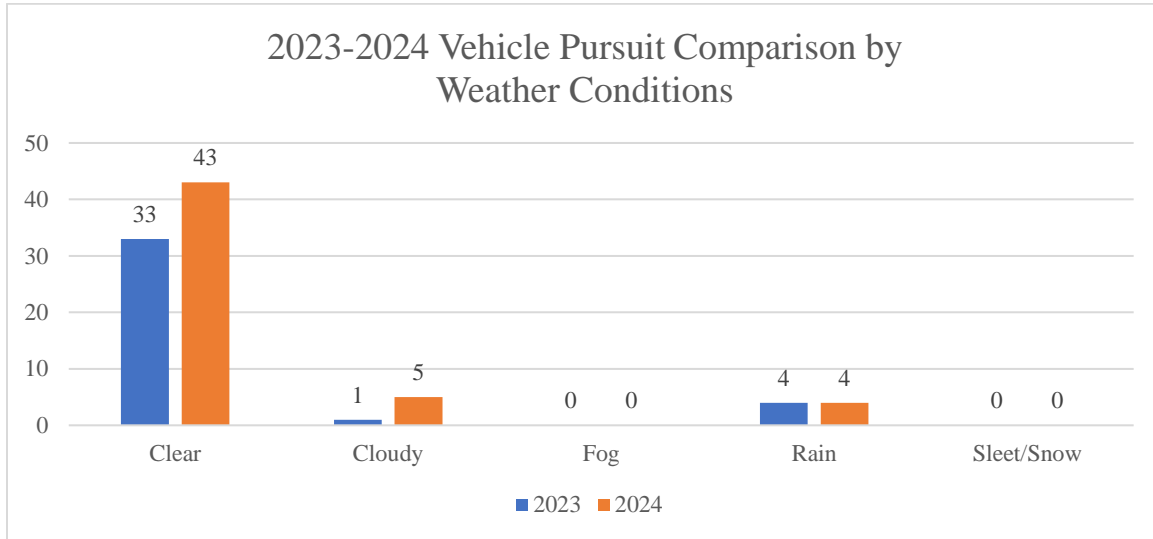
The following chart compares the max speeds of the pursuits reported in 2023 and 2024. It should be noted that this chart does not indicate how long the pursuing officer was driving at the indicated speed, just that he or she reached the listed top speed at some point during their pursuit.



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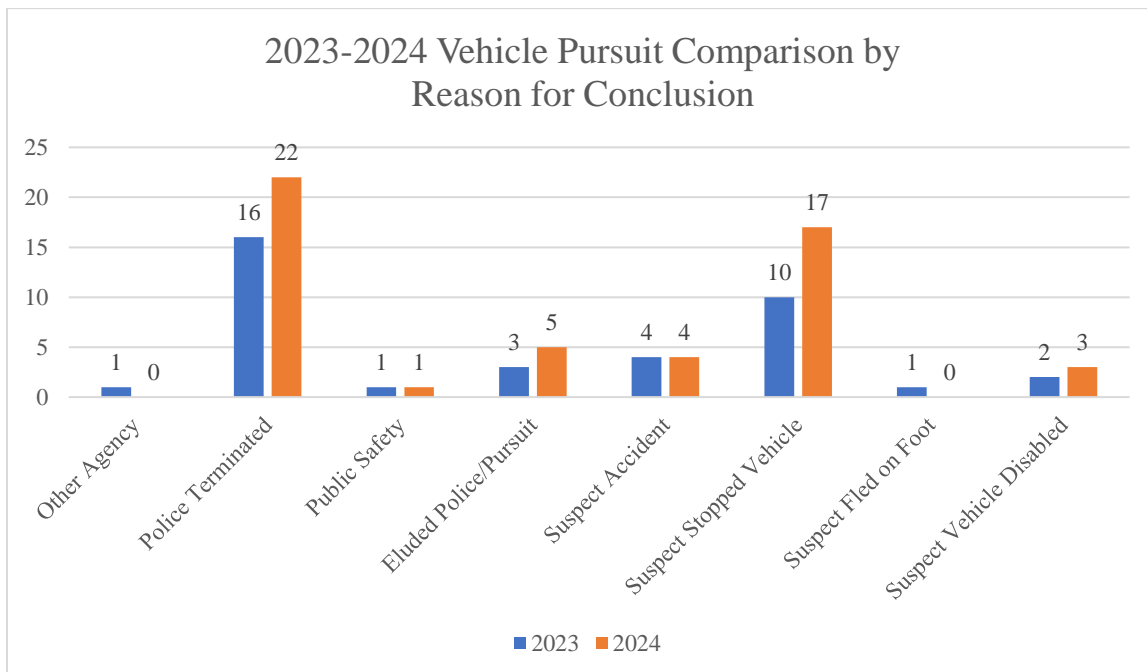
Comparison by Weather Conditions

The following chart shows the documented weather conditions during each reported pursuit during 2023 and 2024. The majority were conducted when weather conditions were clear.



Comparison by Reason for Conclusion

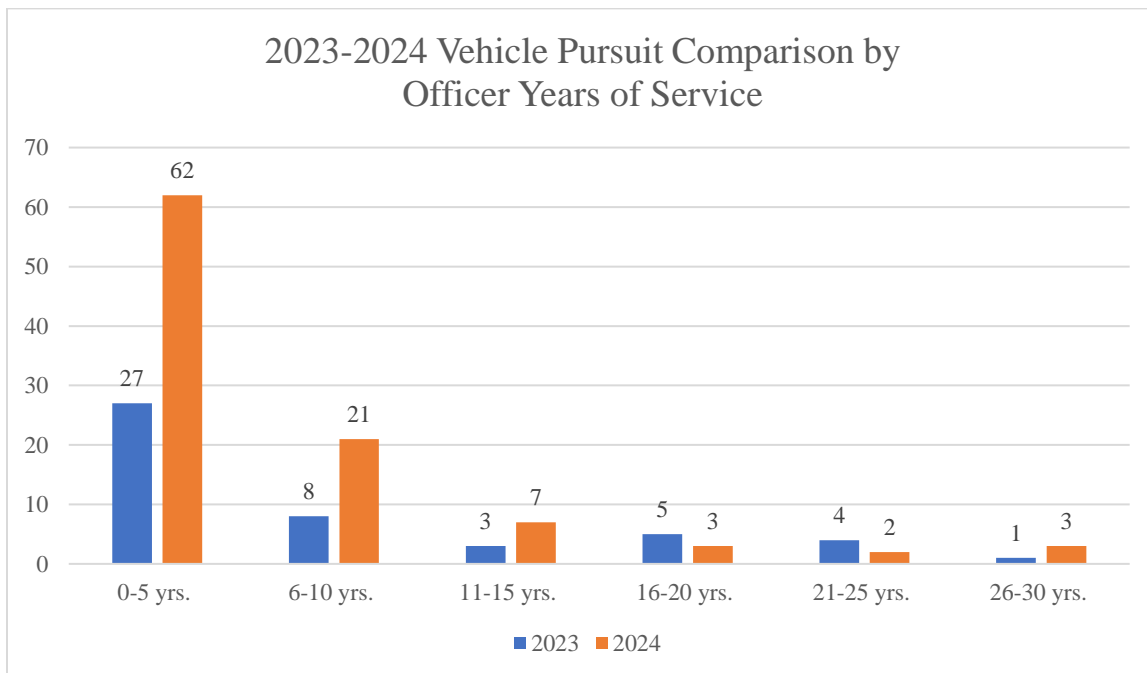
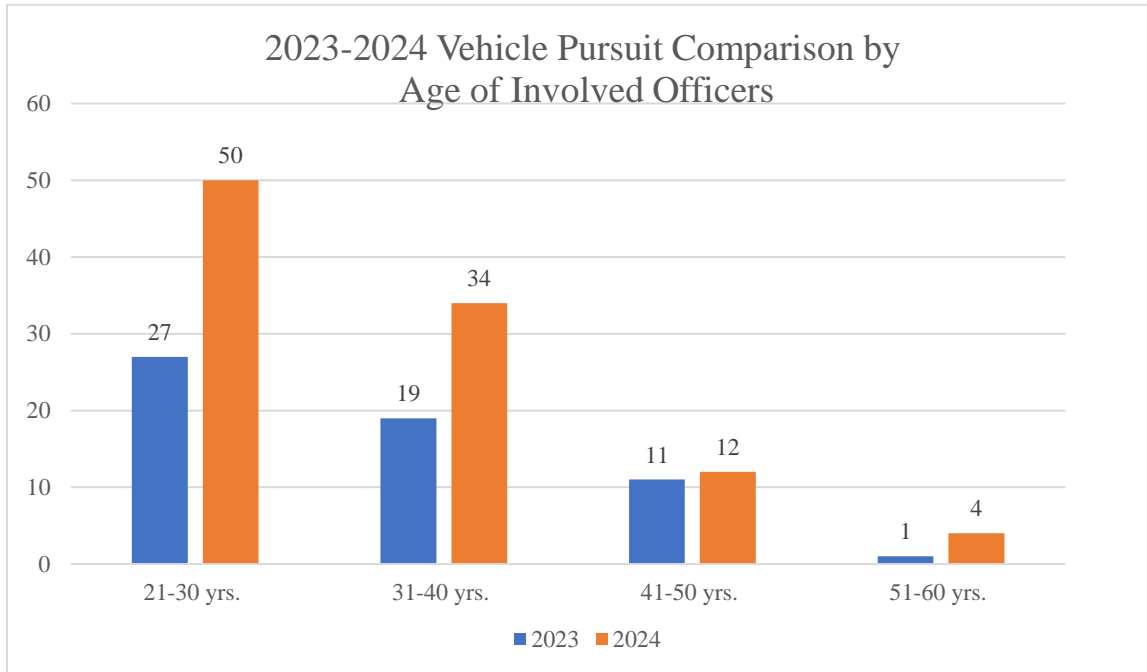
The following chart represents the most common conclusions of vehicle pursuits. The majority of pursuits concluded because the involved officer or their supervision made the decision to terminate.



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Involved Officer Demographics

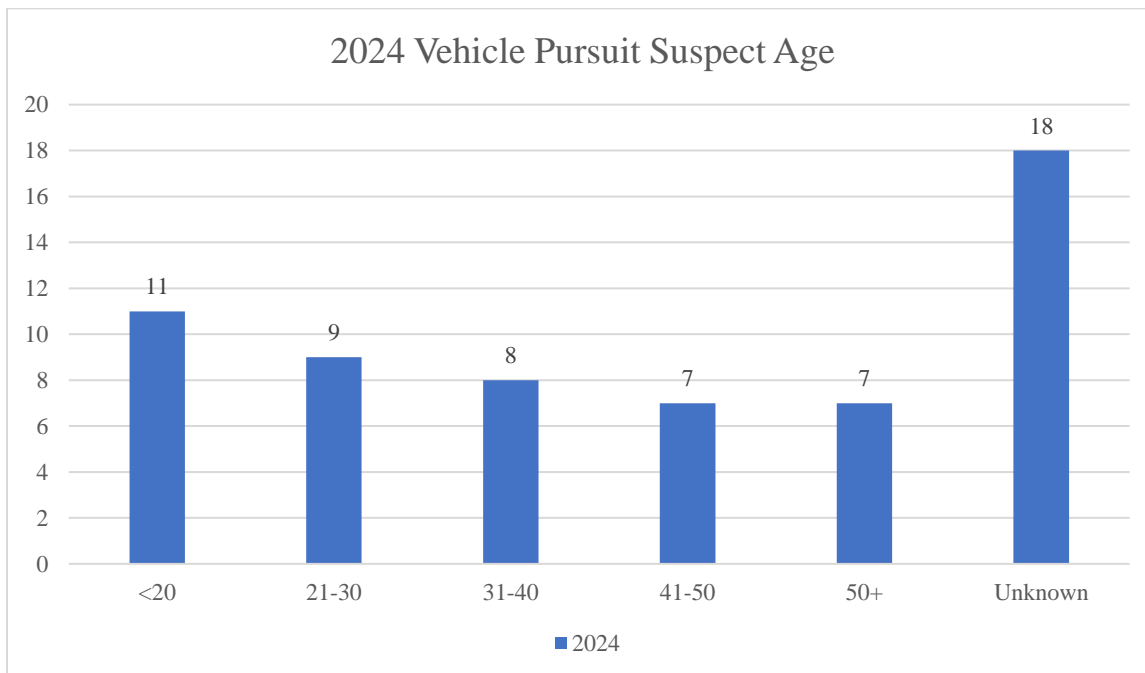
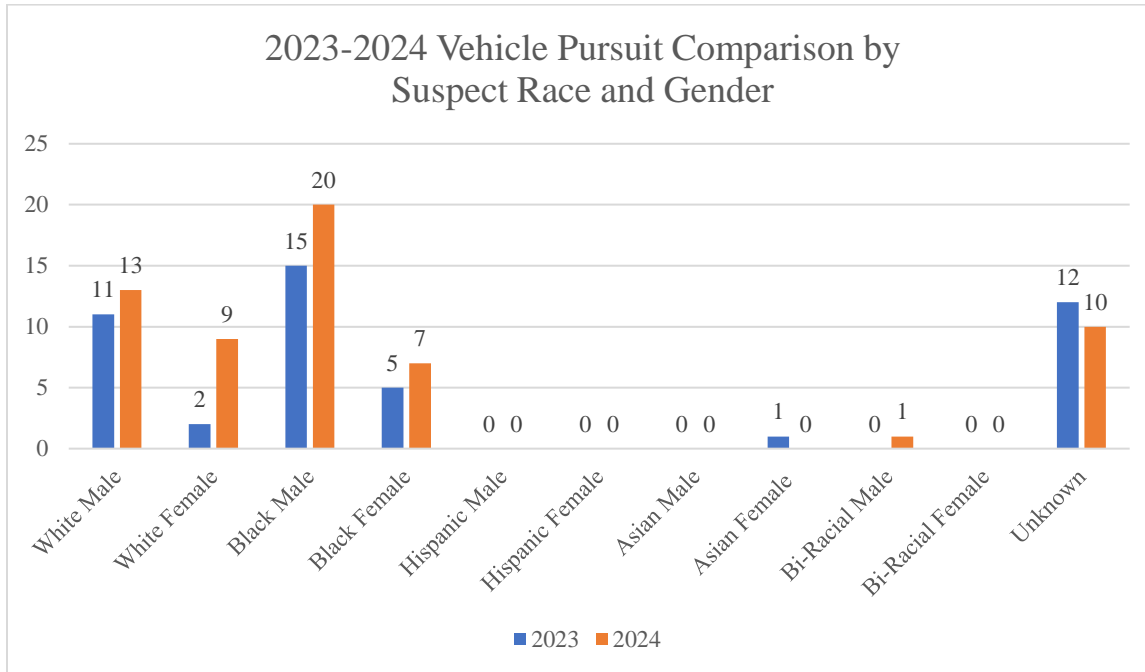
The following charts represent a comparison of the ages and the years of service of officers involved in pursuits during 2023 and 2024. Most involved officers for both years were younger than 41 and had less than 10 years of service at the time of the reported incidents.



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Suspect Demographics

The following charts represent the age, gender, and race of individuals who were suspects in vehicle flight incidents. Some of this information is unknown because the fleeing individual(s) eluded pursuing officers.

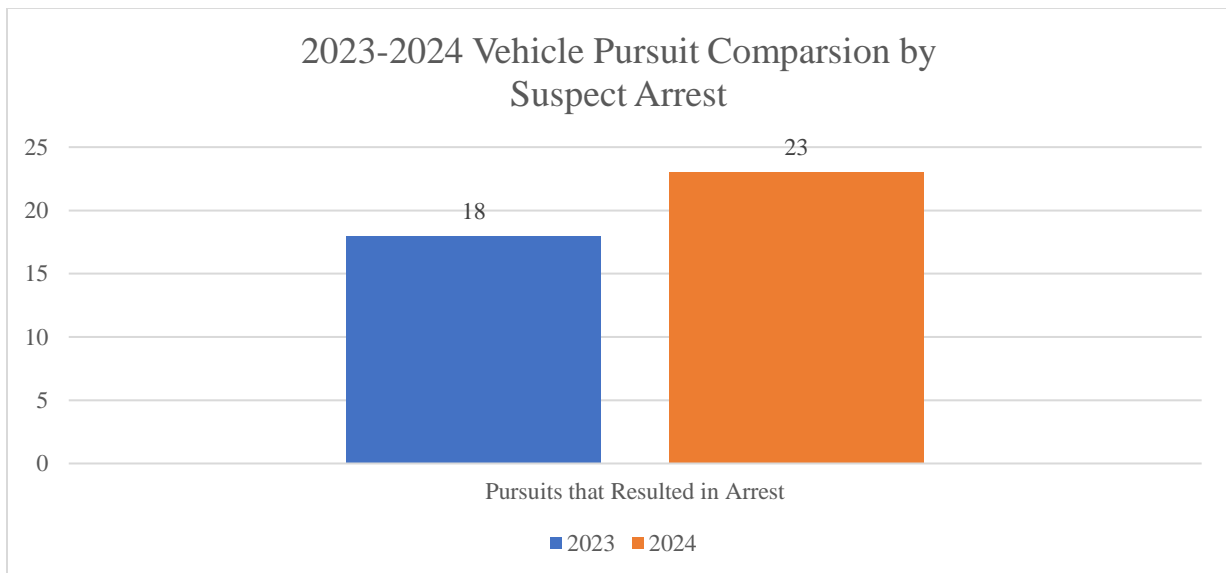
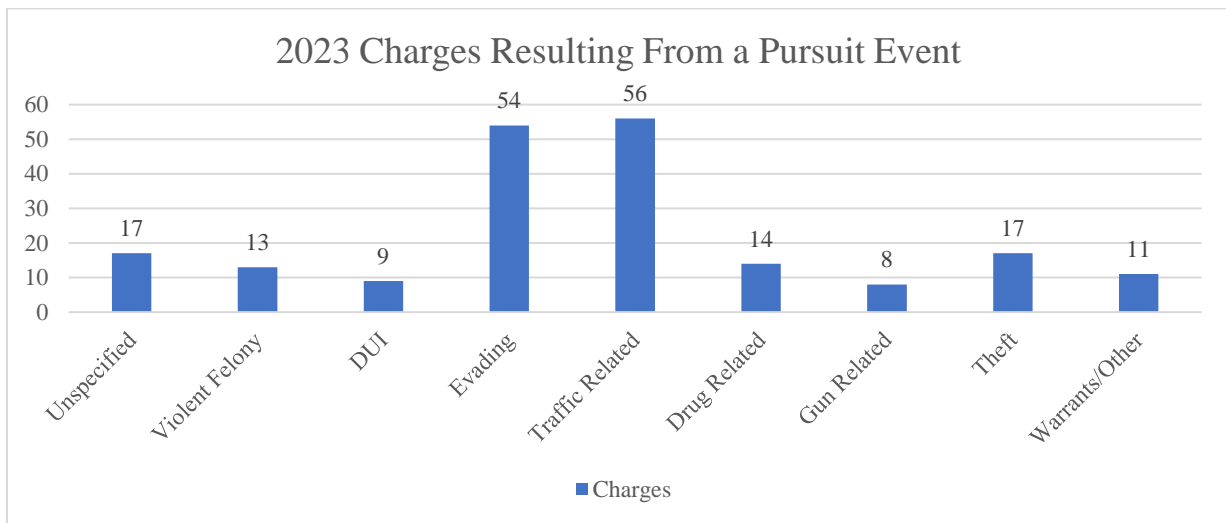


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Charges and Arrests

The following charts represent what types of charges resulted from vehicle pursuits in 2024 and how many suspects were apprehended at the conclusion of a pursuit in both 2023 and 2024. The data related to charges represents both charges that were made after the conclusion of a pursuit and charges on individuals who eluded officers but whose identity was known. Some suspects involved in pursuits had multiple charges.

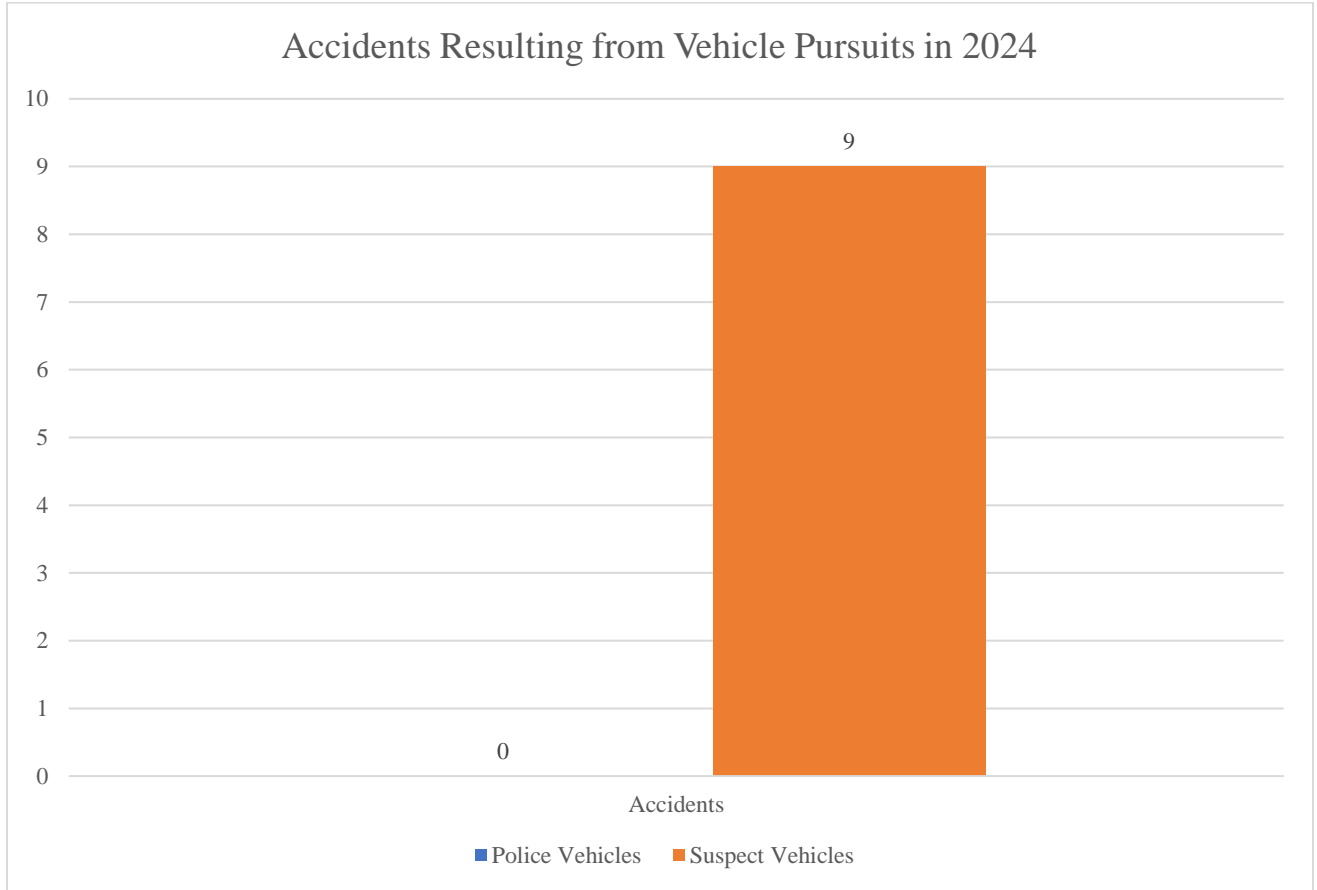
In 2023, 47.4% of vehicle pursuits resulted in an arrest. Similarly, 44.2% of the pursuits in 2024 resulted in an apprehension of a suspect.



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Accidents Resulting from Pursuits

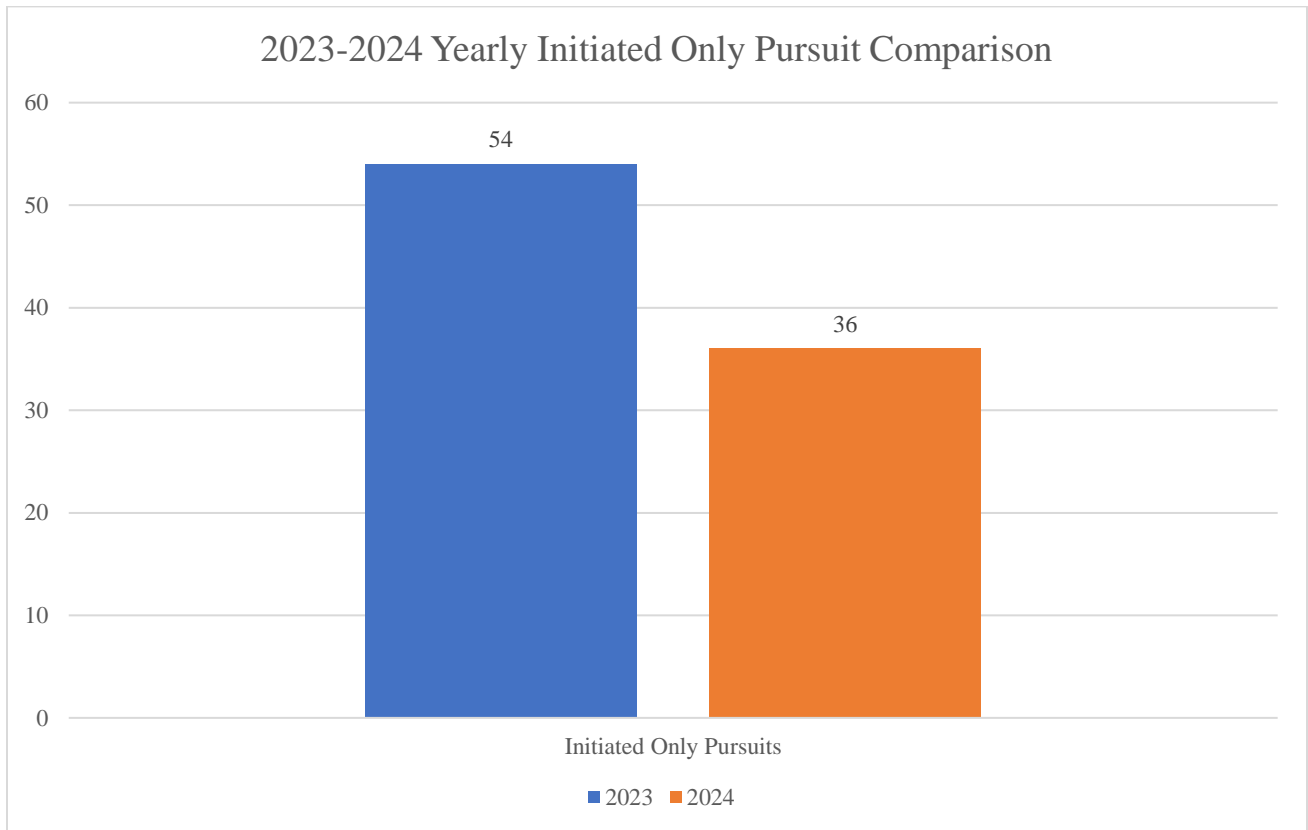
The following charts shows how many suspect vehicles and how many police vehicles were involved in accidents as a result of a vehicle pursuit. Out of the nine reported suspect vehicle accidents, none were indicated as causing injury to the involved individual.



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Initiated Only Pursuit Comparison

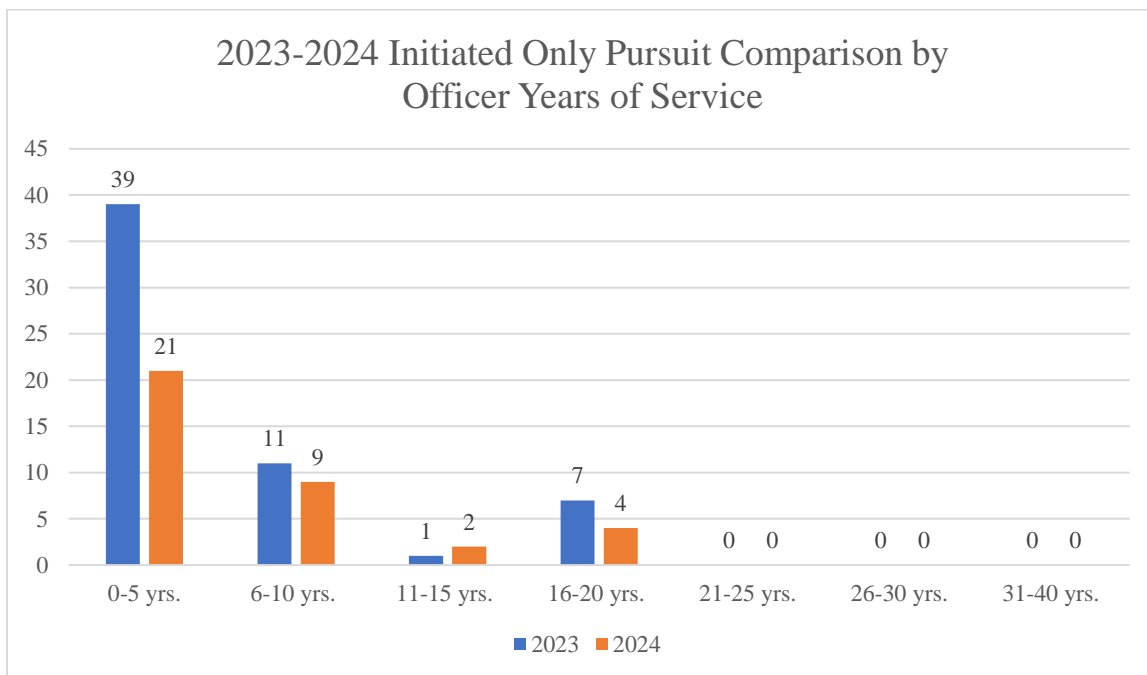
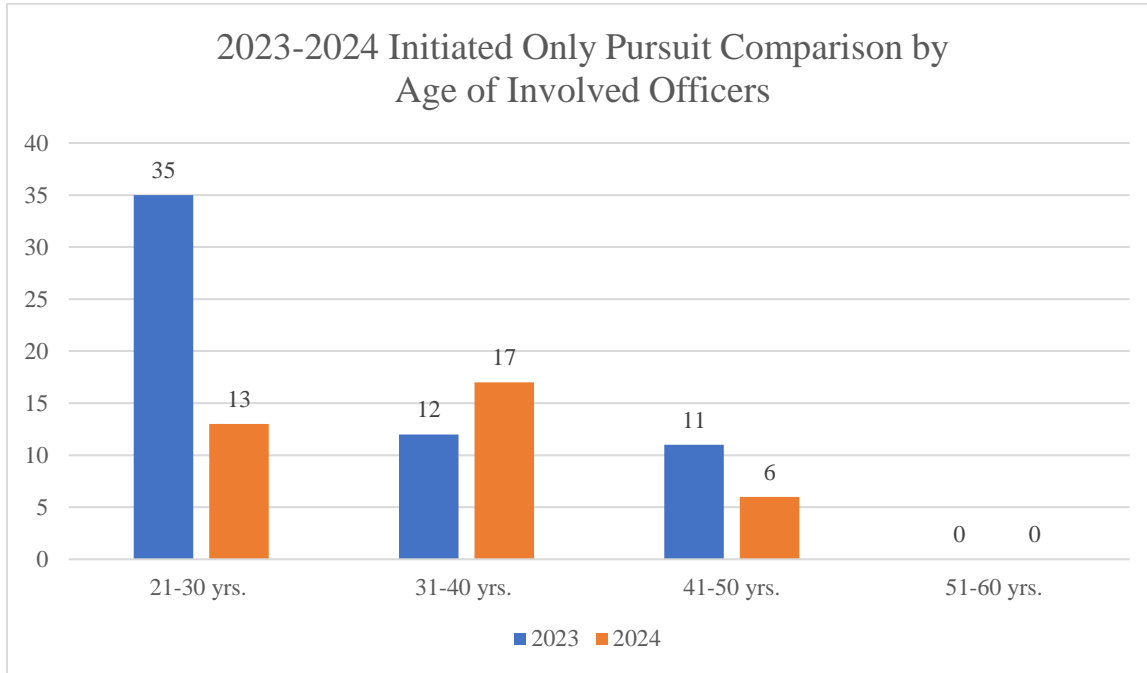
The following chart represents a comparison of the total numbers of initiated only pursuit reports in 2023 and 2024. An “initiated only” pursuit is defined as an interaction with a vehicle by a police unit that resulted in the suspect vehicle fleeing, but the involved officer did not pursue and only initiated emergency equipment.



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Involved Officer Demographics for Initiated Only Pursuits

The following charts provide information regarding the involved officer demographics for initiated only pursuit reports in 2023 and 2024.



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Policy Review

As part of the 2024 Pursuit Analysis, General Order 1.8 – Emergency Equipment and Pursuit Driving was reviewed to determine if any issues with policy or reporting procedure needed to be addressed. The review determined the policy met department needs, but needs review in several areas by subject matter experts. Issues with policy violations are being addressed effectively with training and corrective actions.

OPS Recommendations

As a result of this analysis, the same recommendations for 2023 continue to be valid for 2024. It is recommended that the Knoxville Police Department's pursuit policy (General Order 1.8) continues to be reviewed during in-service training. The focus should be on supervisor management of pursuits, reasons for initiation, speeds, thorough documentation of the vehicle pursuit and officer's tactics used during the pursuit.