



Kern County Sheriff's Office – Communications Section
Policies and Procedures

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POLICY

Recognizing that pursuits of any kind may place personnel in a vulnerable and potentially dangerous situations, the following procedures will be followed:

PROCEDURE

When a unit initiates a vehicle or foot pursuit the dispatcher will do the following:

- Issue Code 33 on the channel and document it in the call text.
- Start the appropriate back-up unit(s) to assist.
- Confirm reason for pursuit if not provided by initiating/pursuing unit.
- As needed repeat directions, street names, and other information given by the pursuing unit. Information will not be repeated unless significant to the pursuit. If the direction is not changing, only every second or third transmission from the unit should be acknowledged by the dispatcher.

Dispatchers will be familiar with the Department pursuit policy E-200 and be cognizant of the information deputies should be providing. For example:

- Location.
- Direction of travel.
- Vehicle or suspect description.
- Traffic conditions (vehicle pursuits only).