

## RECOMMENDATION 111215-7

Revise Directive 630.15 Foot Pursuits... to further clarify when foot pursuits should be initiated or terminated.

### FULL TEXT:

Revise Directive 630.15, Foot Pursuits.

Directive 630.15 should be revised to further clarify when foot pursuits should be initiated or terminated and include at least the following:

Foot pursuits may precipitate the use of unnecessary force as defined by Directive 1010.00. For example, take downs, pushes and tackles used to terminate a foot pursuit can pose a risk of serious physical injury and death to the person being pursued. Take downs, pushes and tackles used to terminate a foot pursuit also pose a risk of injury to the officer employing the technique. These risks are a primary reason why foot pursuits are not required of officers and are a consideration as to whether a foot pursuit should be initiated or terminated.

Foot pursuits should be terminated when partners split and lose sight of each other.

If the identity of the suspect is known, and the suspect is not posing an immediate threat to others, officers should consider terminating the foot pursuit in favor of later apprehension.

Primary considerations in determining whether to initiate or terminate a foot pursuit is the severity of the crime for which the suspect is being pursued, applicable statutes and PPB use of force policies, and the benefit of the suspect's capture.

Radio communication at the initiation of a foot pursuit is mandatory.

In addition, the directive should be revised to eliminate any potential ambiguity on when armed suspects are to be pursued.