



**Portland Police Bureau
Training Division
Tactical Update Foot Pursuits
Lesson Plan Outline and Presentation**

- I. Course Title:** Tactical Update Foot Pursuits
- II. Instructor:** Training Division Staff
- III. Date/Time:** September 17, 2008
- IV. Training Audience:** AA-2008-2
- V. Course Goal:** To have officers updated in the tactical procedures and information in the area of foot pursuits.
- VI. Performance Objectives**
1. Introduction
 2. At the conclusion of this course, officers should have a clear understanding of:
 - How a Foot Pursuit is defined
 - How Tactical Apprehension Strategies are applied.
 3. At the conclusion of this course, officers should have the ability to identify certain behaviors that a subject may display during a foot pursuit which may indicate that the subject is armed.
 4. Officers should be able to evaluate a situation and determine if a "Foot Pursuit" is the best tactical action and if termination is a feasible option.
 5. Officers should be familiar with the changes in dynamics when transitions from a "Foot Pursuit" to a "Tactical Apprehension" take place.
 6. Officers should know what the "Foot Pursuit" restrictions are and why they are in place.

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VI. Course Outline

1. Introduction
2. Foot Pursuit –vs- Tactical Apprehension Strategies



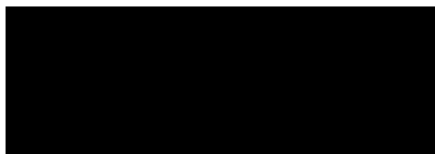
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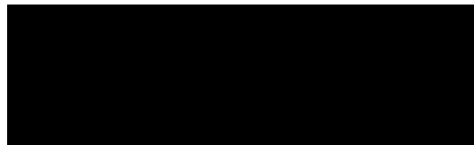
4. Pursuit Transitions



5. Pursuit Termination



6. Restrictions



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1. Introduction

In recent months, several tactical situations have brought to light some questions regarding foot pursuits and their associated tactics. Some of the officers involved in these situations, along with supervisors, have shared some of their observations and concerns on this topic. This presentation is a result of officer input, information gathered at shooting debriefs and research. Officers should have an improved perspective concerning foot pursuits in general and the options that are available to them.

The Bureau will be issuing a new directive on foot pursuits. All officers need to read and be familiar with this new directive when it is made available.

2. Foot Pursuit versus Tactical Apprehension

A. Foot Pursuit Defined

A foot pursuit by definition is: A pursuit on foot by officer(s) where *constant visual contact* is maintained at all times, and the subject is *readily capable of being apprehended* by the pursuing officer(s). Officer may re-engage in the foot pursuit when they regain visual contact and the subject is readily capable of being apprehended.

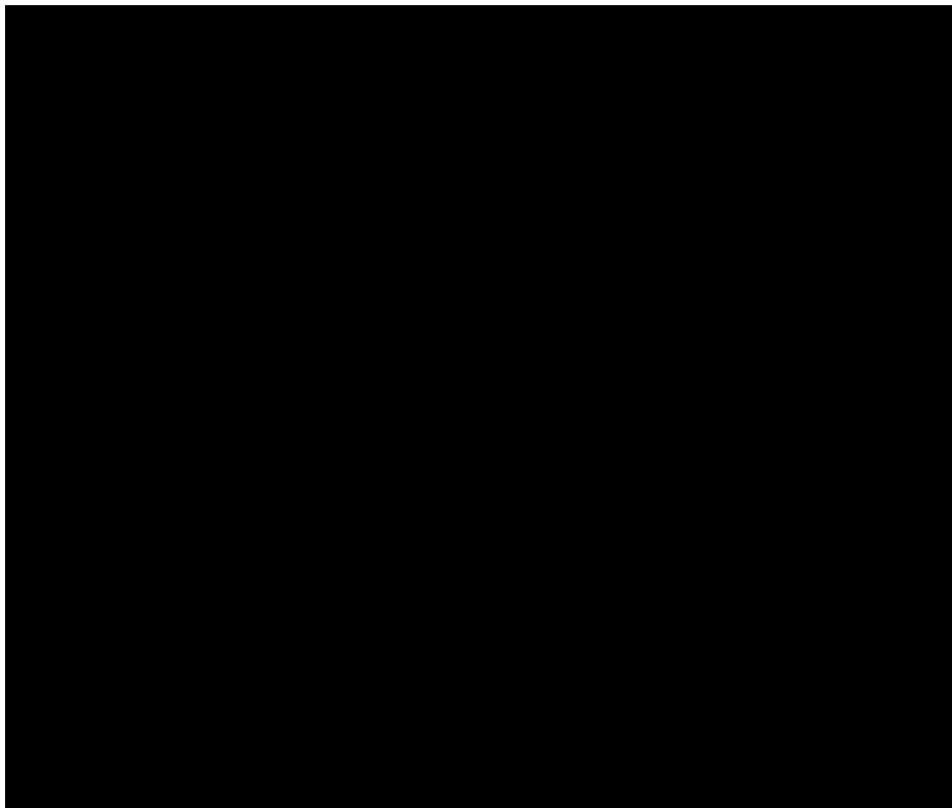
B. Tactical Apprehension Strategies

When a foot pursuit transitions into a tactical apprehension, the following strategies may be applied:

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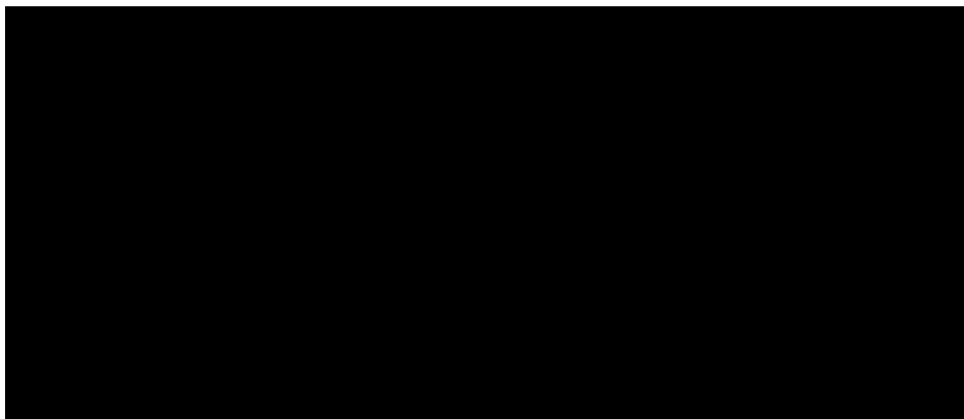
3. Displayed Behaviors of a Subject



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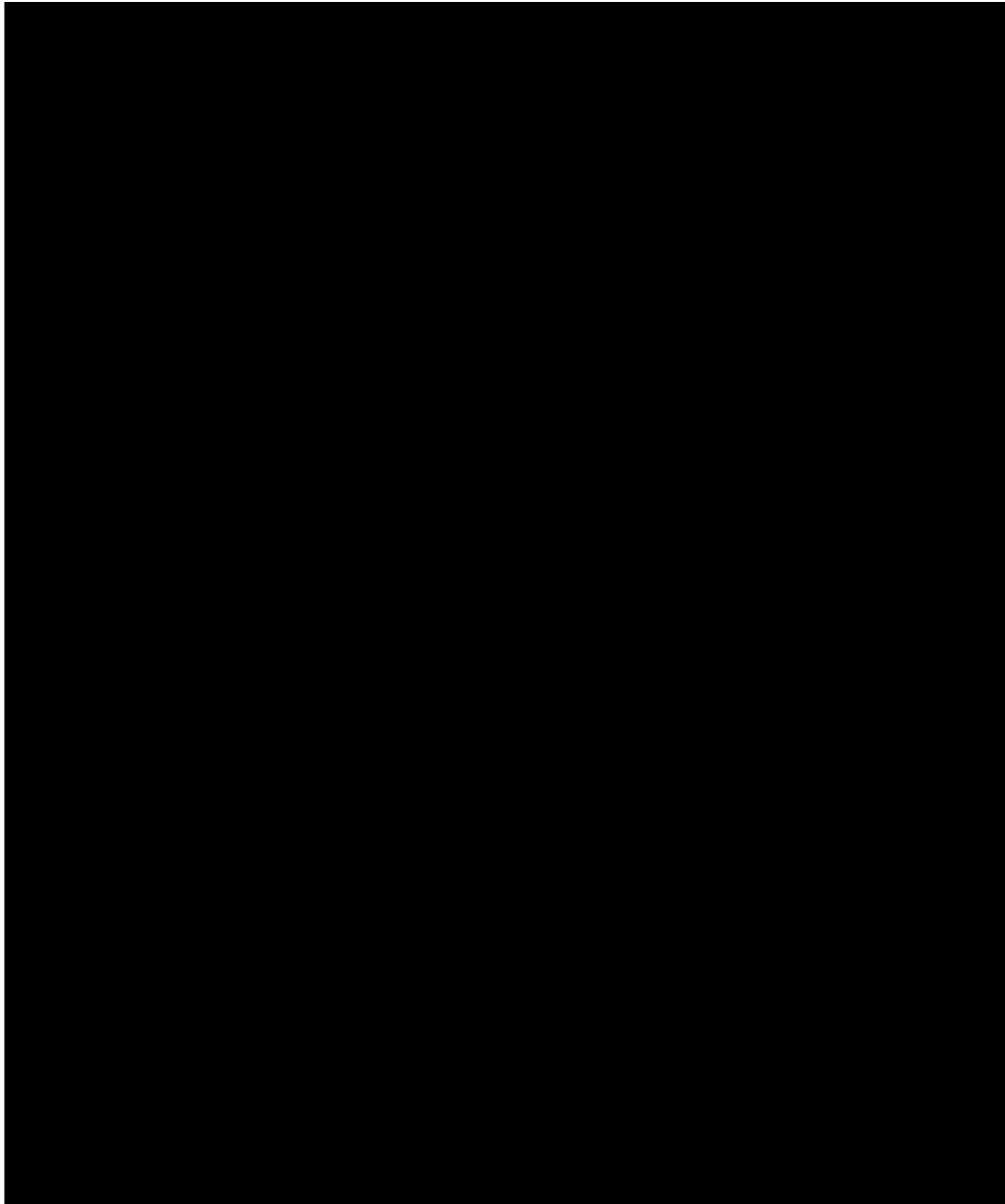
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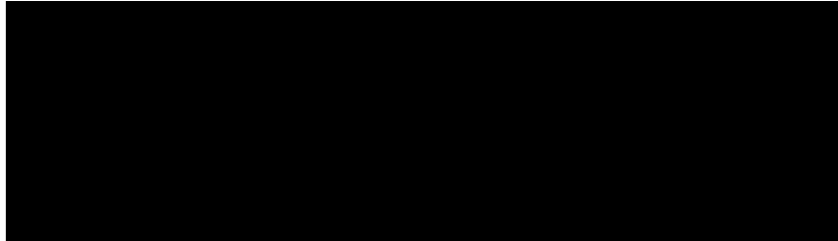
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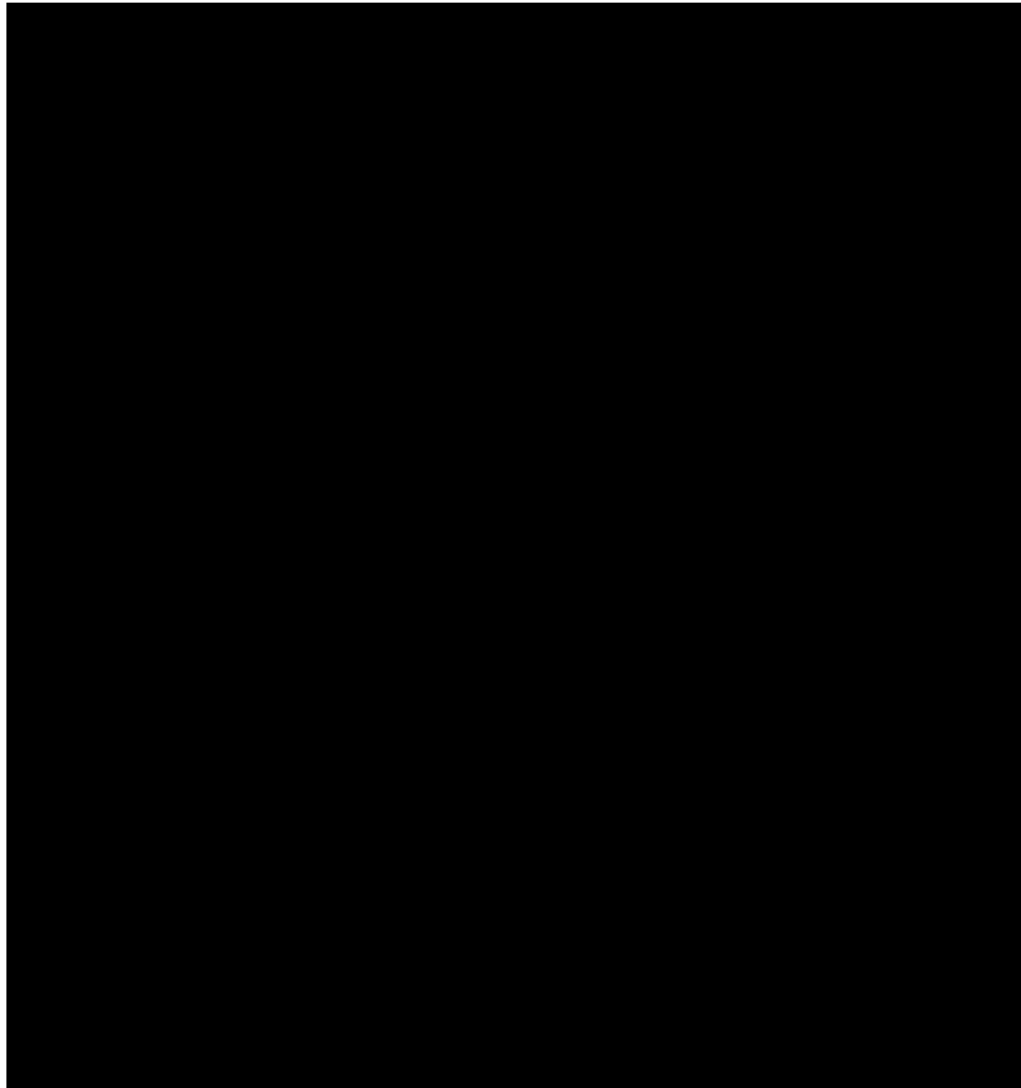
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