


STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

ADVISORY
PURSUIT REPORTING PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 18-161
REFERENCE POSTC GENERAL NOTICE 18-06

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
Training Officers
Protective Services
Resident Troopers

From: Thomas E. Flaherty
Police Academy Administrator 

Date: January 4, 2019

Subject: General Notice 18 – 06 – Standardized Form for Reporting Pursuits by Police Officers pursuant to Public Act 18-161

Chief Keith Mello, POSTC Chairman has asked me to forward this memorandum to all Chief Law Enforcement Officers and others concerned with the reporting mechanism.

Questions have arisen from some Chiefs specifically about Question 18 on the Pursuit Tracking Form – “Criminal History of offender, if any”. You may have received notice that there is a “major flaw” in this form in terms of disclosure of COLLECT information. Chief Viadero and Chief Cetran have queried the COLLECT Unit at DESPP and determined that Question 18 is fine as it is and should be completed as there is no violation of COLLECT protocols as long as there is no identifying information of the offender. Please have your personnel complete the form entirely to the best of their ability.

Another request that we have received is to make the form available as a fillable form. The fillable form is now available on the POSTC website for your use under “Featured Links”.

On January 3, 2019, it was brought to our attention that there was an issue with transmitting Pursuit Tracking forms to the website – Ctpolicepursuit@newtown-ct.gov. This issue has now been corrected. Please make sure that the Pursuit Tracking Forms beginning January 1, 2019 are forwarded to this website. POSTC would encourage each agency to also forward each Pursuit Tracking form to marc.fasano@ct.gov here at POSTC to create a back-up file should another issue arise with the Newtown server.

In addition, we have received an inquiry about the need to complete and submit an annual report to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council not later than January 31, 2020 “regarding pursuits by police officers on the standardized form developed” when Sacred Heart

University will be performing an analysis. I have contacted the Assistant Attorney General DeAnn Varunes who advised that the annual report as required by Public Act No. 18-161 must be submitted to the Police Officers Standards and Training Council as prescribed.

The Annual Pursuit Report Standardized Form will be finalized well before January 31, 2020 and distributed to all law enforcement agencies.

If you have any questions or future issues with transmitting the individual forms, please feel free to contact my office or Marc Fasano at 203-427-2602 or 203-537-3144 as well as by e-mail - thomase.flaherty@ct.gov or marc.fasano@ct.gov.