

43.4 Vehicle Pursuits - **CRITICAL STANDARD**

OPERATIONS

STANDARD 43.4 **The agency has a written directive governing the pursuit of motor vehicles. If the agency authorizes pursuits, the directive will include but not be limited to:**

- A. Evaluating the circumstances;**
- B. Initiating officer's responsibilities;**
- C. Secondary unit(s) responsibilities;**
- D. Dispatcher's responsibilities;**
- E. Supervisor's responsibilities;**
- F. Forcible stopping;**
- G. When to terminate pursuit; and**
- H. Inter- and intra-jurisdictional pursuits.**

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Agency records pertaining to incidents involving the pursuit of motor vehicles are available for review to demonstrate compliance with the policy.
3. Interview(s) with patrol officers, dispatchers and supervisors to verify their understanding of agency policy and their designated role in a pursuit situation.