

STATE OF OHIO



DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION  
AND CORRECTION

SUBJECT: <b>APA Vehicular Pursuit</b>	PAGE <u> 1 </u> OF <u> 2 </u> .
	NUMBER: 100-APA-02
RULE/CODE REFERENCE: ORC 2935.031	SUPERSEDES: 100-APA-02 dated 07/08/10
RELATED ACA STANDARDS:	EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2016
	APPROVED: 

**I. AUTHORITY**

This policy is issued in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 5120.01 which delegates to the Director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction the authority to manage and direct the total operations of the Department and to establish such rules and regulations as the Director prescribes.

**II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standard policy regarding the motor vehicle pursuit of any persons who violate federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, conditions of probation, parole or other supervised release, or any sanction of community control or post release control.

**III. APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all persons employed by or under contract of employment with the Adult Parole Authority (APA).

**IV. DEFINITIONS**

**Emergency Devices** - Flashing lights and sirens.

**Vehicular Pursuit** - The pursuit by a law enforcement officer of a person fleeing or attempting to avoid a lawful arrest when both parties are in motor vehicles.

**V. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) that neither personally owned nor Adult Parole Authority (APA) vehicles will be equipped with emergency devices. No employee while operating a personal motor vehicle or motor vehicle owned by the APA shall engage in the vehicular pursuit of any offender who has violated federal, state, or local laws and ordinances, conditions of probation, parole or other supervised release, or a sanction of community control or post release control.

**VI. PROCEDURES**

- A. Employees of the APA may conduct routine monitoring and surveillance of an offender's activities. Whenever any employee of the APA has reason to believe that an offender under the supervision of the APA has violated the terms of that supervision and the offender flees in a motor vehicle from a lawful arrest, the employee shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the incident. The employee shall provide a complete description of the offender and motor vehicle, if available.
  
- B. Pursuant to DRC policy 102-FUG-03, APA Cooperation with Law Enforcement, an APA employee may, with prior approval from the managing officer/designee, accompany a law enforcement officer (i.e., ride alongs, sting operations, shadowing programs, etc.) who is operating a vehicle equipped with emergency devices in the vehicular pursuit of such offender.
  - 1. If an employee does accompany a law enforcement officer in a vehicular pursuit, the employee must submit an Incident Report (DRC1000) per DRC policy 01-COM-08, Incident Reporting and Notification.