



Law Enforcement Emergency Response and Vehicular Pursuits

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Policy Considerations



- Issue 1:
 - Amend § 46.2-920, to require emergency vehicles to come to a complete stop at a “steady or flashing red signal, traffic light, stop sign, or device indicating moving traffic shall stop” OR run their siren, and their lights as reasonably necessary and proceed through the stop.
 - The vehicle must still reduce its speed, with due regard of the “safety of persons and property.”

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- Issue 2:
 - Require DCJS to establish in-service pursuit and emergency response driver training for law enforcement officers assigned to vehicle patrol duties.
- Issue 3:
 - Increase penalties for § 46.2-817 (felony eluding police) to include vehicle forfeiture.

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- Issue 4:
 - Recommend to DCJS or the Virginia State Police that they establish pursuit reporting and data collection requirements.



Discussion