

## Vehicle Pursuits

### 303.1 TIRE DEFLATION DEVICES

Best Practice **MODIFIED**

#### DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The safety of all officers, citizens, and suspects is the top priority when considering the use of a tire deflation device. The following conditions will be considered when utilizing the tire deflation device:

- (a) There must be adequate distances in all directions for officers deploying the system to observe the suspect vehicle and other traffic as it approaches.
- (b) Traffic/weather conditions population density, and road construction.
- (c) Natural barriers that will give the deploying officer some degree of protection and/or concealment.
- (d) Roadway configurations such as steep embankments, and sharp curves should be avoided

#### POST DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

After deployment of the tire deflation device, officers should:

- (a) Immediately notify dispatch of the results of the deployment.
- (b) Inspect the device and make certain that all of the spikes are accounted for.
- (c) Document the use/attempted use of the device in the narrative of the incident report.
- (d) Following the successful deployment of the tire deflation device, the officer will return it to the Patrol Services Division for any necessary maintenance.