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To encourage students to develop physical coordination, endurance, safety precautions, mental recollection and radio communication skills by participation in a simulated foot pursuit. Students will demonstrate communication skills and safety precautions required by police officers as they pursue a suspect on foot. Students will be able to demonstrate safety skills, proper handling of dangerous persons, proper suspect identification and arrest. The event will reflect actions demonstrated by police officers in real world scenarios.

## Dress Code

Competitors shall wear a uniform consistent with current standards in law enforcement patrol, including a duty belt with training handgun, handcuffs, keys, etc.

## Individuals Information

Team Limit

**3**

# Individuals per Chapter

## Materials

Competitors are required to provide the following materials for the duration of the competitive event. Additionally, no additional materials may be used that are not in the material list.

✓ Photo Identification **QT. 1**

Reference <https://tpsa.info/policies> for more information

✓ All competitors will be required to supply their own equipment needs, i.e. utility belts, training guns, handcuffs with key and any other similar equipment required by uniformed personnel. **QT.**

## Policies

- Competitors in this event must be active members of the Texas Public Safety Association and in good standing with the Texas Public Safety Association.
- Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the Texas Public Safety Association Bylaws and Code of Conduct.
- Plagiarism, copyright violation and falsification of information are prohibited. Any attempt to gain an unfair advantage will not be tolerated. Violation of the code of conduct or bylaws will result in disqualification and revocation of Texas Public Safety Association membership.
- The scenario is a secret topic. Professional ethics demand that competitors DO NOT discuss or reveal the secret topic until after the event has concluded. Violation of the ethics rules will result in disqualification and revocation of Texas Public Safety Association membership.
- Design of the course should cover the length of at least 50 yards, and obstacles an officer may have to overcome, as well as at least two (2) corners that would need to be cleared.

- Although this event is a timed event, students should not disregard safety concerns while engaged in a foot pursuit.
- Students may be seated in a patrol car or standing as if on foot patrol. Judge will provide the information necessary to the student, providing nature of the call and exact description of the suspect.
- The time keeper will begin the clock once the Judge has provided the information necessary to the student and says “start”.
- Student will simulate radio transmissions that he/she is engaged in a foot pursuit. The student should include description of suspect, direction of travel and request additional units for assistance.
- Student will pursue the actor (suspect) providing clear verbal commands.
- Students must demonstrate safe techniques throughout the event. (Students will not engage in take down procedures with the suspect. Example: tackling)
- Student will encounter a maximum of 3 actors, one of which is the suspect.
- Student will then identify the correct suspect. The suspect should be placed in either a prone or kneeling position using verbal commands. (Not required to detain all suspects for this event, all actors may be placed on the ground for safety by the competitor)
- Student will then safely approach the suspect, properly handcuff the suspect.
- Time keeper will stop the clock once the student states “Suspect in Custody”.
- Maximum time for this event is five (5) minutes.

## Procedures

1. Competitor(s)/Team(s) will report to their respective event when called for or at a set reporting time.
2. Competitor(s)/Team(s) must check in with event management upon arrival and present photo identification for verification.
3. Competitor(s)/Team(s) will be directed (by room moderator) into the event room.
4. Instructions will be given (by room moderator) to the Competitor(s)/Team(s).
5. Time will begin upon the judges call of “start”.
6. The two judges must communicate start time and end time of each student.
7. Competitors will return to their staging area once the event has concluded.

## People

- Event Manager QT. 1
- Room Moderator QT. 1
- Judge QT. 3
- Proctors for Testing QT. 1
- Event Assistant QT. 1
- Actor QT. 3

## Supplies

- ✓ Timer QT. 1
- ✓ Rubric/Score Sheets QT. 1
- ✓ Writing Utensil QT. 1

## Space/Location/Rooms

- Large Area **INDOOR/OUTDOOR**

This event must be held in an area large enough to allow for the event requirements. The area needs to contain at least two (2) corners for the competitor to clear. This event may be conducted indoors or outdoors.

<b>Event Name</b>
Foot Pursuit

<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Placement</b>
Point Based	Highest Score Wins

<b>Required Criteria</b>
<b>Disqualification</b> Competitors/Teams must meet the following minimum criteria. Failure to meet criteria will result in disqualification.
Competitor arrested the correct suspect
Competitor did not loose personal weapon
Competitor did not loose handcuffs and had handcuffs for the event

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Lo</b>	<b>Hi</b>
<b>First Section</b> Judge #1		
Competitor responds with proper radio procedures	0	5
Competitor advises that he/she is in pursuit of the suspect	0	5
Competitor relays the proper suspect information and direction of travel	0	5
Competitor requests additional units for assistance	0	5
Competitor uses clear verbal commands for the suspect to stop	0	5
Competitor safely clears corner #1	0	5
<b>Second Section</b> Judge #2		
Competitor safely clears corner #2	0	5
Competitor orders the suspect to a prone or kneeling position	0	5
Competitor's commands to the suspect are clear	0	5
Competitor approached the suspect in a safe manner to handcuff	0	5

Competitor double locked handcuffs	0	1
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