

Resolution file 90986 MPD Mutual aid cost of extraordinary expenses - Blog

The council agenda for this week includes [file 90986](#), titled “Assessing costs associated with mutual aid responses provided by Madison Police Department for the purposes of recouping extraordinary expenses.” I introduced this resolution to raise awareness of both the pursuit practices of the Monona Police Department and our own policies, which align with the [National Standards set by the Department of Justice \(DOJ\)](#). Regarding the financial aspect of this resolution, it is important to understand that Wisconsin State Statutes allow municipalities to invoice each other under certain circumstances. This resolution specifically limits the scope to extraordinary circumstances. If you have any questions after reviewing this document, please feel free to reach out to me. District10@cityofmadison.com ~Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole~ January 11, 2026

We recognize that **mutual assistance** is an essential element of public safety. When one municipality’s personnel and /or equipment are depleted, it is for **the overall good of our collective communities** that, when called upon, neighboring municipalities can provide the necessary support to keep people safe; and,

[Click here to learn more about Wis. Stats. § 175.46 Mutual aid agreements.](#)

WHEREAS, **Wis. Stats. § 66.0513** recognizes that when law enforcement officers are asked by other agencies to assist in performing police duties outside the limits of their jurisdiction, the cost of such a response shall be paid for by their employing law enforcement agency, but then **shall be reimbursed by** the political subdivision whose officer or agent **requested the assistance**; and,

WHEREAS, when matters of urgent public safety require Madison law enforcement officers to provide assistance outside of Madison **consistent with that statute**, the City of Madison is allowed by such law to recoup **wage and disability payments, pension and worker’s compensation claims, damage to equipment and clothing and medical expenses** arising out of such assistance; and,

The language for the whereas clause came directly from Wisconsin State Law defined as follows:

[Wis. Stats. § 66.0513](#) Police, pay when acting outside county or municipality.

(1) Any chief of police, sheriff, deputy sheriff, county traffic officer or other peace officer of any city, county, village or town, who is required by command of the governor, sheriff or other superior authority to maintain the peace, or who responds to the request of the authorities of another municipality, to perform police or peace duties outside territorial limits of the city, county, village or town where the officer is employed, is entitled to the same wage, salary, pension, worker’s compensation, and all other service rights for this service as for service rendered within the limits of the city, county, village or town where regularly employed.

(2) **All wage and disability payments, pension and worker’s compensation claims, damage to equipment and clothing, and medical expense arising under sub. (1),** shall be paid by the city, county, village or town regularly employing the officer. Upon making the payment the city, county, village or town shall be reimbursed by the state, county or other political subdivision whose officer or agent commanded the services out of which the payments arose.

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/66/v/0513>

WHEREAS, the City of Madison must continue to act with fiscal prudence and responsibility for all Madison taxpayers in all manner of operations; and,	WHEREAS, despite this State law, the City has rarely sought such reimbursement, as it has attempted to be a good neighbor to surrounding municipalities with law enforcement agencies that follow law policies and procedures on the reasonable restriction of vehicle pursuits ; and,	WHEREAS, the City of Madison and its Police Department have a policy instituted which sets reasonable restrictions on vehicle pursuits ; and,	WHEREAS, some jurisdictions, like the City of Monona Police Department, have other more aggressive policies which allow for far less restrictions and arguably encourage their officers to engage in pursuits ; and,
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Reasoning for the Whereas clause:

The resolution includes an important financial component, but that is not its only purpose. It also highlights the importance of pursuit policies that prioritize the safety of bystanders and the community at large. This resolution is an opportunity to advocate for written pursuit policies across the county that elevate and address the many concerns raised by the DOJ.

MPD’s SOP takeaway:

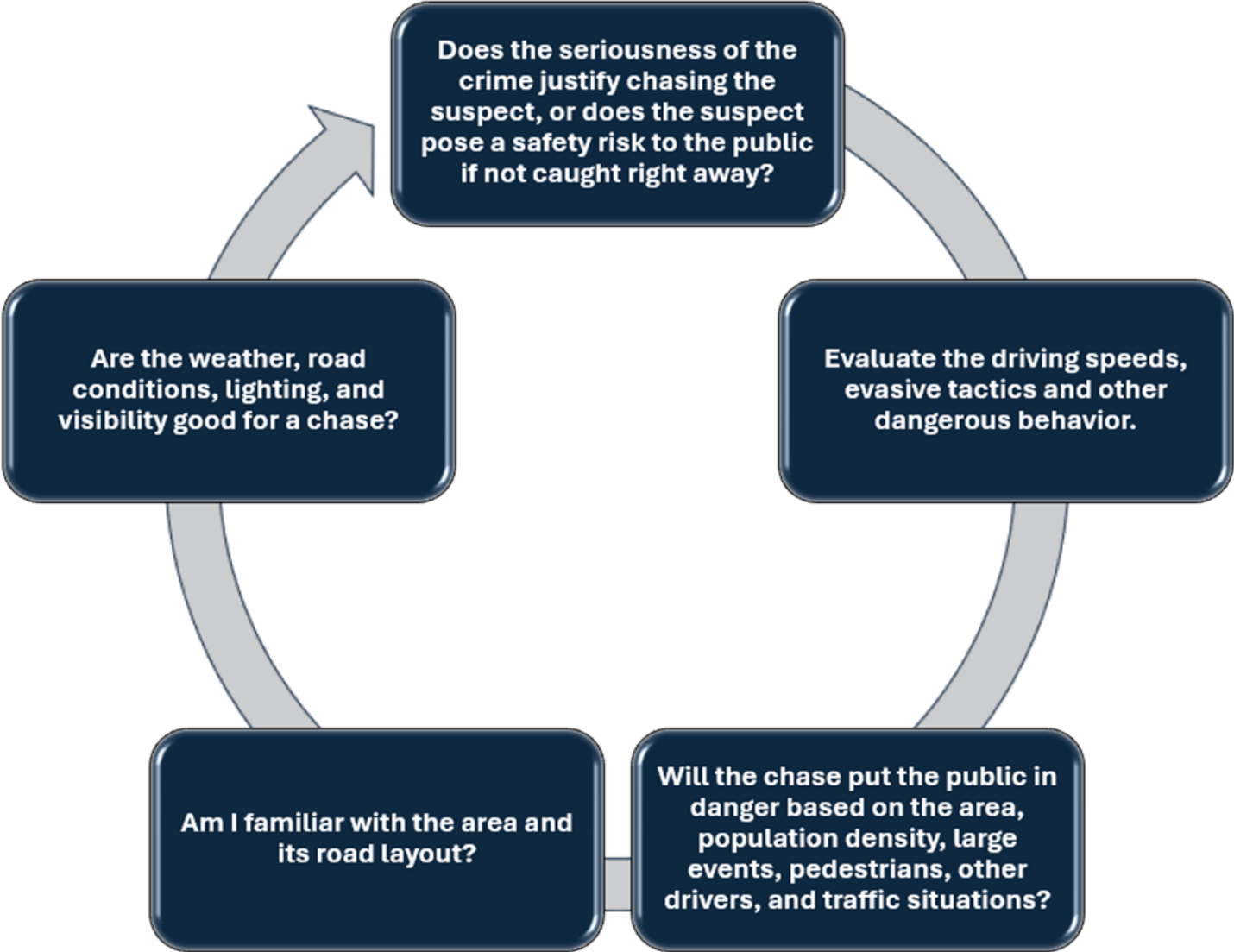
The pursuit of vehicles is authorized only under the following circumstances: Probable cause exists to believe that the vehicle driver and/or occupant(s) has recently committed, is committing, or is about to commit a violent felony.		
Due Regard	Pursuit	Refusal to stop
The concept that officers must drive with due regard for the safety of all persons. The standard is to drive with the same level of care that a reasonably careful person would drive.	An active attempt by a traffic officer in a police vehicle to apprehend one or more occupants of a moving motor vehicle, the operator of which is resisting apprehension by disregarding the officer’s visual or audible signal to stop [their] vehicle, increasing the speed of the vehicle or extinguishing the lights of the vehicle.	Pursuit in which the operator of a motor vehicle is driving at a reasonable speed and in accordance with other traffic regulations (but willfully refusing to pull over and stop).

MPD Due Regard Assessment Summary

WHEREAS, these neighboring jurisdictions, like the City of Monona Police Department, have engaged in several **pursuits** in recent years which have caused additional cost and harm, both economic and physical, to the residents and property owners of the City of Madison, including a recent incident where a City of Madison **Police Officer** was seriously **injured**, a **K9** was **injured**, and a **squad car** was completely **destroyed**, after the officer responded to the **mutual aid request** of the Monona Police Department during a **high speed** and incredibly **dangerous pursuit** of a tow truck driver which ended in a fiery crash;

The optimal results from this resolution are for:

- 1. Municipalities across the county to adopt less aggressive pursuit policies.
- 2. Council members and Board of Trustees in municipalities such as Monona and Maple Grove to review the Department of Transportation (DOT) data and the [Department of Justice \(DOJ\) National Standards](#). If deemed appropriate to act by exercising their right to direct their police departments to develop or revise standard operating procedures centered on community safety.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that when the City of Madison or members of its community incur **extraordinary expenses** after its Police Officers are requested and so engage in **mutual aid assistance** for neighboring jurisdictions, the matter shall be reviewed by the City Attorney and Risk Manager or their designees, and after such review and when appropriate, the City of Madison will invoke **Wis. Stats. § 66.0513** and any other relevant state or federal law, to recover any and all applicable expenses incurred in such assistance, to include the beforementioned incident on September 27, 2025.

Reasoning: [Wis. Stats. § 66.0513](#) doesn't quantify the claim value; the statute uses the word **"All"** to refer to wage and disability payments, pension and workers' compensation claims, damage to equipment and clothing, and medical expense as a result of a mutual aid request. Resolution 90986 limits the scope to **extraordinary expenses** when invoking Wis. Stats. § 66.0513. An extraordinary expense by definition, is infrequent, unplanned, or large in amount, making it significant. The resolution also acknowledges the significant expenses incurred during the Monona incident on Sep 27, 5025, in which MPD responded to a Mutual Aid request. It requests that staff evaluate the specifics of this incident.