

Manhattan Beach Police Department

Emergency Vehicle Operations

Safety Guidelines

Application

General safety guidelines apply to the department-sponsored Emergency Vehicle Operations Training. The intent of these guidelines is to promote student and staff safety awareness and to identify potential hazards and prevent potential injuries. All training presenters and instructors will be furnished with a copy of these guidelines.

All training instructors will be responsible for adhering to all applicable safety guidelines, policies and approved outlines and lesson plans.

Facility Guidelines

Emergency Vehicle Operators training courses will be conducted in a controlled area to restrict access to uninvolved vehicles and/or to pedestrians so they do not present a safety hazard.

The Emergency Vehicle Operations course and training site has been selected with the following considerations in mind:

- a. The course will have a minimum amount of obstructions.
- b. The course will have a minimum amount of surface abrasions (potholes).
- c. The course site will include a sufficient margin for “run out” areas adjacent to the exercises.
- d. The course site will be accessible to Fire, Rescue and other emergency vehicles.

The Emergency Vehicle Operations Staff will complete an inspection of the course site before students will be permitted to commence driver-training exercises. Upon commencement of the training, the staff will continuously inspect the facility conditions so that safety hazards can be detected and corrected.

An area shall be designated to accommodate persons not currently driving or instructing. The designated area will be in a controlled area, away from the training course, and will restrict entry or exit of vehicles and/or pedestrians and will be supervised by staff.

Equipment Guidelines

The Emergency Vehicle Operations vehicles used during the course will be adequately equipped and suitable for the rigors of law enforcement driver training. The Emergency Vehicle Operations vehicles used exclusively for special applications such as “PIT” training will be configured appropriately for this activity.

Use of seat belts will be required any time a driver-training vehicle is in motion, even when the vehicle is operated exclusively on private property.

Helmets, neck restraints, eye protection and five point harness system will be employed by occupants of the PIT “suspect” vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in motion. Lap / shoulder belt combination and eye protection shall be worn by occupants of the PIT “police” vehicle.

During Emergency Vehicle Operations training, a fire extinguisher, first aid kit and appropriate pry-tool will be immediately available at the course site.

The coordinator shall insure that appropriate communications (i.e. radio, phone) are available at the training site.

A maintenance program for all Emergency Vehicle Operations equipment has been established. Prior to and upon completion of the course, the vehicles used in the pursuit , precision skills and PIT portions of the course, will be inspected (to include brakes, wheels, tires, steering, suspension components, fluid levels and related equipment) by City maintenance facility automotive technicians.

Participating agencies (other than the presenter) that utilize their own vehicles for the purpose of the course, will receive a recommendation to have that equipment inspected (to include brakes, wheels, tires, steering, suspension components, fluid levels and related equipment) by their respective maintenance facility automotive technicians.

Instructor Qualifications

All instructors have successfully completed a POST certified Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructors course, or its equivalent.

The number of instructors will depend on the specific type of driving exercises. There will be a minimum of six instructors for twelve students.

Presentation Guidelines

Emergency Vehicle Operations course safety rules will be reemphasized to students prior to actual behind the wheel training.

Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructors will monitor any physical fatigue factors that affect the ability of the students to safely perform.

Reporting Injuries

1. All injuries shall be given immediate first-aid attention.
2. Injured students who require immediate or emergency treatment shall be transported to the nearest emergency facility.
3. A medical evaluation and clearance shall be required if a student loses consciousness during a training event.
4. The instructor shall ensure there is at least one Department issue FIRST-AID kit immediately available for every (20) students.
5. All injuries shall be confirmed in writing on a Report of Industrial Injury Form in accordance with department policy.
6. Students who are relieved from a training event as a result of injury shall not be allowed to resume training without an appropriate medical release.

Emergency Medical Treatment / First Aid

At all times during the course, a fully stocked first aid kit shall be on the training premises. Should the need for immediate medical care arise, Emergency medical assistance will be obtained through the Los Angeles City Fire Department by calling 911. A secondary number for the Los Angeles City Fire Station 20 is (213) 485-6220.

The nearest medical facility with emergency room services is:

Good Samaritan Hospital
1225 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213)977-2121

Trauma
LAC+USC Medical Center
2051 Marengo St.
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323)409-1000