

# Course Outline

## POST Certified Driver Awareness Course

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COURSE LENGTH 7 Hours

- I. **INTRODUCTION**
  - A. Learning Goals and Objectives
    - 1. Enhance student's driving awareness
    - 2. Demonstrate safe driving: forward and in reverse
  
- II. **VEHICLE SAFETY REVIEW** **II(b)**
  - A. Safe Vehicle Operation
    - 1. Vehicle inspection
    - 2. Seat belt usage
  - B. Facility/Course Safety Rules
    - 2. Maximum course speeds
    - 3. Surrounding hazards
  
- III. **LIABILITY** **II(d, f)**
  - A. City Policy & Liability
    - 1. Professional and civil liability
    - 2. Moral issues
    - 3. Collision avoidance and awareness
      - a. Defensive Driving/Intersections/Right of Way
  
- IV. **DRIVING FACTORS** **II(c)**
  - A. Psychological
    - 1. Over-confidence
    - 2. Pride
  - B. Physiological
    - 1. Stress
    - 2. Attention Failure
    - 3. Vision
  - C. Training/Practice
    - 1. Perishable skills
  - D. Environmental
    - 1. Weather conditions
    - 2. Road conditions
    - 3. Equipment failures

- V. **VEHICLE DYNAMICS** **II(g)**
- A. Forward
    - 1. Rear wheel cheat
  - B. Reverse
    - 1. Front end swing
  - C. Weight transfer
- VI. **DRIVING TECHNIQUES** **II(a, b)**
- A. Steering
    - 1. Hand Positions (9 & 3 or 8 & 4)
    - 2. Shuffle Steering
  - B. Vehicle Placement/Distance (18 inches)
    - 1. Maximum 18 inches
  - C. Seat Positioning
    - 1. Adjust seatbelt
    - 2. Looking over the shoulder
- VII. **DRIVING DEMONSTRATIONS**
- A. Instructor demonstration
    - 1. Verbal course description
    - 2. Actual course driving demonstration by instructor with students as passengers
- VIII. **DRIVING COURSE** **II(e)**
- A. Course Exercises
    - 1. Turnaround Maneuver
    - 2. Offset Lane
    - 3. Steering Exercise
    - 4. Parallel Parking
- IX. **DRIVING TEST** **II(b)**
- A. Student Demonstrates Learning Goals and Objectives
    - 1. Student performs each course exercise
    - 2. Student completes components of each exercise
      - a. Roadway position
      - b. Rear-wheel cheat
      - c. Front end swing
      - d. Vehicle placement
      - e. Hazard awareness
      - f. Speed control
      - g. Backing
      - h. Visually locating to the rear
      - i. Proper seating position
    - 3. Student meets minimal acceptable driving level
    - 4. Student utilizes vehicle seatbelt
    - 5. Instructor/course evaluations

- X. **PURSUIT POLICY REVIEW (SB 719)**
  - A. Pursuit Policy (E-12)
    - 1. Definition
    - 2. Responsibilities
    - 3. Procedure
  - B. Initiating a Pursuit
    - 1. Reason for the pursuit
    - 2. The “Balance Test”
  - C. Responsibilities of Units Involved
    - 1. Primary Pursuit Vehicle
    - 2. Secondary Pursuit Vehicles
    - 3. Air Support
    - 4. Supervisor
  - D. Driving Tactics
    - 1. Spacing
    - 2. Intersection Analysis / Management
    - 3. Caravanning
    - 4. Passing
    - 5. Paralleling
    - 6. Trailing
    - 7. Use of Emergency Equipment
  - E. Continuation / Termination of Pursuit
    - 1. Conditions
      - a. Public Safety
      - b. Road Condition
      - c. Weather
      - d. Ability to Identify and Locate Later
    - 2. Speed of Pursuit
    - 3. Hazards
    - 4. Communication
    - 5. Pursuit Intervention
  - F. Other Factors to Consider
    - 1. Interjurisdictional Consideration
      - a. Supervisor Management & Control of Scene
      - b. Notifications & Communications
      - c. Procedures / Policies for Outside Agencies
      - d. Relinquishment to Another Jurisdiction

2. Capturing of Suspects
  - a. "High-Risk" Techniques
  - b. Selection of Location for Pursuit Termination
  - c. Physiological & Psychological Condition of Officer(s)

3. Reporting / Post- Pursuit Analysis
  - a. CHP187A
  - b. Administrative Review

G. Pursuit Policy Testing and Attestation