

Course Outline

POST Certified Driver Awareness Course

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