

Learning Domain 19-Emergency Vehicle Operations

Session 3

Learning Activity No. 9

Slow Speed Precision Driving Maneuvers

Purpose: This learning activity is designed to help the student perform slow speed precision driving maneuvers, which they may encounter in everyday field operations. After completing this learning activity, the students will have an understanding of the dimensions of a law enforcement vehicle and the angles necessary to perform the required slow speed precision driving maneuvers. The learning activity will culminate with the POST mandated test.

Description: A minimum of three EVOC instructors are required for the demonstration and the initial tutorial of this learning activity. The three exercises demonstrated are Parallel Parking, Off set Lane and Turn Around (all exercises are approved and contained in the EVOC Instructor Manual). At the end of each exercise, the student will be required to perform the tactical seatbelt removal (TSR) and exit the vehicle simulating a pedestrian stop. One instructor will drive the exercise, as the other will explain the objectives and techniques to be applied for each exercise. Specific attention will be given to proper vehicle placement, efficiency, and trailing wheel adjustment. Once the demonstrations are completed, the students will have an opportunity to drive each of the three exercises under the supervision of an EVOC instructor. An EVOC instructor will be posted at each exercise and instruction will be provided to the student from outside the vehicle.

During the course, the student will have the opportunity to return to this learning activity and continue to practice the slow speed precision driving maneuvers. The student will be given a designated amount of practice time in order to become proficient in each of the three exercises prior to undergoing the POST mandated test. During testing, a 1:3 instructor student ratio is required.

Key Learning Points:

- The student will learn how to safely and accurately perform slow speed precision driving maneuvers
- The student will understand the dimensions of a law enforcement vehicle.
- The student will understand and allow for front end swing/rear wheel cheat.

TEST: An exercise test that requires the student to drive a law enforcement vehicle and demonstrate a series of slow speed precision driving maneuvers. The slow speed precision driving maneuvers must include at least three (3) tested maneuvers contained in the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course instructor manual. The slow speed maneuvers are listed as follows:

- Turn around *
- Off set lane *
- Steering Course (forward and reverse)

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- “T” Driveway
- Parallel parking*
- Bootleg Turn
- Angled driveway
- “Y” driveway
- Vehicle Control

* LAPD EVOC selected exercises

The student will demonstrate competency in the following performance dimensions:

- Safety
- Situational Awareness
- Braking Techniques
- Steering Technique(s)
- Throttle Control
- Speed judgment
- Vehicle Placement
- Backing
- Tactical Seatbelt Removal
- Rate of Performance
- Fluency of Performance

Presenters must use the POST-developed Vehicle Operations Competency Exercise Test Form or a presenter –developed form approved by POST, which minimally includes the performance dimensions used for this exercise test (LD 19 V. E. 1-11).

Minimum proficiency: The test requires the student to complete a series of three slow speed exercises without contacting any of the delineator cones, reflectors, or stanchions (not including the base). The student must complete the exercises according to the criteria as demonstrated and taught by the instructional staff. If the student fails to demonstrate a working knowledge of the above skills on at least two of the three exercises, he/she will be remediated for up to four hours and then be retested. The retest will be comprised of one attempt at each exercise. The student must demonstrate a working knowledge of the above skills by completing two of the three exercises as required by the mandated guidelines. Failure to successfully complete the retest will result in a recommendation for dismissal.

Resources Needed:

- EVOC training vehicles

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- Police radios
- Stanchions/Cones

Time Required: 2 hours, 15 min