

SA 07 EVOC
Session 3 – Vehicle Checkout
Learning Activity 14
LD 19 Emergency Vehicle Operations Course

Purpose: This learning activity gives students the opportunity to develop a systematic pre-shift inspection routine of a law enforcement vehicle. This exercise will help to ensure that a law enforcement vehicle is in good working order and prepared for law enforcement use.

Description: The instructor will present a brief overview and point out key concepts related to conducting a proper pre-shift vehicle inspection. The instructor will then facilitate a discussion with the group of students while they conduct a pre-shift inspection. The instructor will discuss the importance of conducting a thorough vehicle inspection, the equipment necessary to have a properly equipped police vehicle, and the importance of ensuring that all required emergency equipment is in good working order. Students will be instructed in how to check for and the appropriate handling of any observed vehicle damage. The instructor will emphasize the importance of checking the law enforcement vehicle for weapons and contraband and be sure that the students understand their responsibility of reporting damaged or malfunctioning equipment. The instructor will discuss the components of a vehicle inspection **(LD 19 I. J)**

The students will then be required to conduct a mock pre-shift inspection. The systematic inspection should include:

- Check that the vehicle is level and identify any fluid leakage upon approach to the vehicle.
- Check the trunk for required equipment: flares, first aid kit, and crime scene tape
- Enter the vehicle and check seat and mirror adjustment
- Start the engine and check gauges and warning lights
- Check all the lighting equipment including the emergency lighting
- During the outside visual inspection, check for body damage, broken lights, and worn tires
- Check for correct tire inflation pressures
- Check for weapons and contraband
- Check for excessive steering wheel play
- Check the brakes including the parking brake
- Check siren, P.A. system, and radio
- Check windshield wipers and defroster for proper operation

The EVOC instructor will actively assess the performance and provide real time instruction to positively reinforce proper techniques or correct any deficiencies that are observed.

Resources needed:

- EVOC training vehicle
- Vehicle Checkout Guide handouts

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Key Learning Points:

- Discuss the components of a vehicle inspection (**LD 19 I. J**)
- Demonstrate the use of emergency warning devices available on law enforcement vehicle (**LD 19 II. E**)
- The students will understand how to conduct a systematic pre-shift inspection of a law enforcement vehicle to ensure that the vehicle is in good working order and prepared for law enforcement use

Time Required: 45 Minutes