

SA 03 EVOC
Session 5 – Tire Deflation Device
Learning Activity 21
LD 19 Emergency Vehicle Operations Course

Purpose: The students will apply the applicable laws and Department policies when deploying a Tire Deflation Device (TDD) that will reduce the risk of vehicle pursuits to the public, officers, and suspect(s). The student will be provided with the applicable information to deploy the TDD safely and effectively.

Description: The instructor will present a brief overview and show a power point presentation to demonstrate the key concepts related to the deployment of a TDD. This presentation includes the Stop Stick video. This video includes nomenclature, proper and safe deployment tactics, and removal of a Stop Stick from the roadway after deployment.

The instructor will review policy issues including:

- Supervisory approval
- Deployment capabilities and requirements

The instructor will demonstrate how to deploy the stop stick. Each student will deploy the stop stick as demonstrated. 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. Sidearm throw, intentional placement, and safe retrieval will be emphasized.

Resources needed:

- EVOC Stop Stick training devices
- Tire Deflation Training Video

Key Learning Points:

- The students will understand how to deploy the stop stick
- The students will understand the need for proper cover to avoid the potential of injury
- The student will understand and recognize hazard awareness
- Deployment of Stop Sticks is 65 mph or below
- Supervisor approval is needed
- Not to be used on Motorcycles
- Have students deploy “practice” Stop Sticks in various scenarios. Make sure they are comfortable with manipulations
- Have students explain thought process for deployment, cover, and retrieval as they perform exercise

Time Required: 30 min