

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
8 HOUR ATV SAFE SAND DRIVING COURSE (VEHICLE)  
COURSE CONTROL NUMBER 1850-23168  
EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE (ECO)**

**Instructional Goal:** At the completion of this course the student will understand and be able to apply the Safe Sand Driving principles and skills

**Performance Objectives:** Using learning activities, facilitated discussions and practical application scenarios, the student will:

- Understand the need and use of Authorized Beach Vehicles for law enforcement use
- Understand the policies and procedures for the safe handling of Authorized Beach Vehicles in off-road law enforcement use
- Know the basic principles of officer safety and relate them to the use of the Authorized Beach Vehicles in off-road law enforcement activities
- Be able to apply the principles and skills during practical applications in a field environment

**I. Introduction and Administrative (30 Min)**

- A. Introductions
  - 1. Instructor
  - 2. Student
- B. Administrative
  - 1. POST Roster
    - a) Hourly distribution
- C. Safety Orientation
  - 1. First aid resources
  - 2. Notification of an injury
  - 3. Awareness during training
  - 4. Safety in training
  - 5. Start Slow

**II. Safe Sand Driving Policy and Guideline PowerPoint (150 Min)**

- A. Authorized Beach Vehicles
  - 1. Four wheel drive Trucks/SUVs
  - 2. Utility Terrain Vehicle/UTV (aka Side-by-Side or SxS)
  - 3. All-Terrain Vehicle/ATV (aka Quad)
- B. Authorized Beach Vehicle Personnel
  - 1. Supervisor/Officer currently assigned or loaned to Pacific Beach Detail
  - 2. Complete POST certified ATV course
  - 3. Complete POST Safe Sand Driving Course
  - 4. No more than 3 points (preventable traffic collisions) accrued within a 36-month period
- C. Routine Patrol Operations (UTVs and ATVs)
  - 1. Operator Only - no passengers
    - a) Hands free operation
      - (1) No cell phone/radio use by driver, while in motion

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2. All officers operating UTVs and ATVs shall wear approved helmets, as required by law.
  - a) 27802 and 38601 VC (Definition and Requirement for Off-Highway use on public lands)
- D. Specialized Operations (4x4 trucks and SUVs)
  1. Mitigate risk and enhance public safety
  2. Pre-planned and Recurring Deployments
  3. Spontaneous events
- E. Circle of Safety
  1. Anytime any vehicle being driven on the sand comes to a stop or from a parked position, a circle of safety shall be conducted
    - a) Includes all street legal vehicles as well as ATVs and UTV vehicles
  2. A 360 degree perimeter check around the vehicle as well as under it
- F. Dangerous Driving Maneuvers
  1. Right turns
  2. Backing up
  3. Driving up berms
- G. Common Beach Driving Hazards
  1. Make sure to maintain a safe distance from potential hazards since there could be unseen holes, obstacles or beach patrons in your path.
- H. Speed Guidelines
  1. Vehicles on the sand must not travel at unsafe speeds.
  2. Maximum speed, unless Code 3, is 15 mph.
  3. Code 3 maximum speed is 25 mph.
  4. Depending on crowds or other conditions, the safe speed may be below 15 mph.
  5. When operating a vehicle at night on the beach, reduce your speed to 10 mph, and use your headlights and spotlights to locate people or hazards.
- I. Positioning at an Incident While on the Sand
  1. Be aware of incoming and outgoing resources
  2. Position vehicle in a manner that takes consideration for officer safety
  3. Once incident is completed and officer is leaving, conduct circle of safety check.
- J. Vehicles on the Bike Path and the Boardwalk/Strand
  1. The boardwalk/Strand should only be driven on
    - a) When it is the only practical or safe method of reaching a destination
    - b) In an emergency situation when speed is critical
    - c) Or when the bike path activity is so light that no hazard is posed to the public

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2. The bike path should not be the route of choice when other routes exist.
3. Consider putting hazard lights, flashing amber lights and utilizing PA to announce presence.

**III. Full Size Vehicle Training Exercises (160 Min)**

- A. Vehicle Recovery
  1. Key Points
  2. Common Mistakes
  3. Learning Activity
    - a) Student conducts exercise
- B. Blind Spot Demonstration
  1. Key Points
  2. Learning Activity
- C. Code 3 Response
  1. Key Points
    - a) Pursuit Policy Review, Department Manual Volume 1/555
    - b) B. Responding Code 3 Review, Department Manual Volume 4/120.40 and 4/205
  2. Common Mistakes
  3. Learning Activity
- D. Slow Speed Driving
  1. Key Points
  2. Common Mistakes
  3. Learning Activity
- E. Navigating Hills
  1. Key Points
  2. Common Mistakes
  3. Learning Activity

**IV. UTV Training Exercise (110 Min)**

- A. UTV Training Exercise
  1. Component Overview
    - a) Circuit Course Exercise
    - b) Have cones setup for a circuit course
    - c) Key Points
    - d) Common Mistakes
    - e) Learning Activity

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**V. Debrief and Review**

**(30 Min)**

A. Debrief and Review for Day 1

1. Make sure no one is injured after day of training
2. Go over key points for safe sand operations
3. Answer any questions students have after day one is complete
4. Quick overview of tomorrow's schedule
5. Return vehicles back to station and clean them