

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Driver Training Update
1850-21115
Expanded Course Outline

Instructional Goal: The students will review and practice the laws, policies, and skills related to pursuits, emergency response driving, Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT), and Tire Deflation Device (Stop Stick).

Performance Objectives: Using lecture, group discussion, learning activities, and practical application the student will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of their Driver Training/Awareness skills and techniques
- Demonstrate a minimum standard of psychomotor skills with every techniques and exercise to include:
 - Judgement and Decision-Making
 - Policy/Legal and Moral Issues
 - Basic Driving Principles and Vehicle Dynamics
 - Defensive Driving
- Safely and effectively operate an emergency vehicle during Code-3 operations
- Safely implement the Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)
- Deploy tire deflation device(s) safely and effectively
- Demonstrate an understanding of how our Department's guiding principle of Reverence for Human Life is the moral and ethical foundation of de-escalation, tactics, reasonable force, and public/officer safety
- Understand how the application of this training is in keeping with our Department's UOF policy, philosophy and tactical planning

References: Instructors, facilitators and training supervisors shall ensure that the most current references are utilized

This course provides current Penal Code Section 835a content

I. ORIENTATION INTRODUCTION AND CLASS OVERVIEW

(30 min)

- A. Welcome and Introduction
 - 1. Welcome participants
 - 2. Instructor introduction
- B. Administrative duties
 - 1. Roll call
 - 2. Class roster
 - 3. Grading sheets
 - 4. Course guidelines, rules, and expectations
- C. Overview of course objectives
 - 1. General safety overview
 - 2. Code-3 response laws and policy
 - 3. Pursuit law and policy
 - 4. Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)
 - 5. Tire Deflation Device
 - 6. Driving exercises
 - 7. Debrief and review
- D. Safety Policy/Orientation
 - 1. Review Safety Policy
 - 2. Equipment

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3. Reporting Requirements
4. Signals
5. Communication
6. Speed limits

II. CODE-3 RESPONSE LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

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- A. 21055 (CVC) exempts the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the rules of the road
 1. Forward facing red lamp
 2. Sounding the siren as may be reasonably necessary
 3. Responding to an emergency, fire, rescue, or pursuit
- B. 21056 (CVC)
 1. Due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway
- C. Emergency call
 1. Radio call accompanied by a Code-3 designation
 2. Shall be answered immediately
 3. Unit(s) shall respond as quickly and safely as possible
 4. Additional responding units may respond Code-3
- D. Officer needs help
 1. Officer requires immediate aid for a life-threatening incident
 2. Incident requires immediate aid because of serious bodily injury, or death
 3. Imminent threat to public safety
 4. Officer(s) requesting must include specific information
 5. Specific unit(s) shall be dispatched Code-3; additional units may respond Code-3
- E. Back-up unit request
 1. Shall be broadcast when an officer requires additional units immediately, but the situation does not rise to the level where serious bodily, death, or serious threat to public safety is imminent
 2. Officer(s) requesting must include specific information
 3. Specific unit(s) shall be dispatched Code-3; additional units may respond Code-3
- F. Additional unit request
 1. Officer(s) requires additional unit(s) for a non-emergency situation(s)
 2. Obey all traffic laws when responding

III. PURSUIT LAW AND POLICY

(1 hr)

PSP II (b)

- A. 13519.8 California Penal Code Overview
 1. Pursuit policies include certain provisions as required by law
 2. Officers are responsible for knowing their agency's pursuit policy
 3. Policy content requirements
 - a. Initiating a pursuit¹
 - b. Number of involved units permitted²

¹ Department Manual Section 1/555.10, Initiation of Vehicle Pursuit

² Department Manual Section 4/205.10, Control of Vehicle Pursuit

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- c. Responsibility of primary and secondary units³
- d. Driving tactics⁴
- e. Helicopter assistance⁵
- f. Communications⁶
- g. Taking suspects into custody^{7 8 9 10 11}
- h. Termination of the pursuit¹²
- i. Supervisory responsibilities^{13 14}
- j. Blocking, ramming, boxing, and road block procedures¹⁵
- k. Speed limits¹⁶
- l. Inter-jurisdictional considerations¹⁷
- m. Conditions of the vehicle, driver, roadway, weather, and traffic¹⁸
- n. Hazards to uninvolved bystanders and motorists¹⁹
- o. Reporting and post-pursuit analysis²⁰

IV. DRIVING EXERCISES ROTATIONS

(2.5 hrs)

- A. Demonstration: Code-3 Response and Pursuit Driving
 - 1. Conducted on track area
 - 2. Square Corner Vehicle Control Techniques Course
 - 3. Emergency Code-3 Driving Course (moderate speed)
 - 4. Instructor demonstrates each of the exercises and points out key learning points
- B. Practical Application: Code-3 Response and Pursuit Driving Exercises (Behind the Wheel)
 - 1. Safety Brief
 - 2. Conducted on track area
 - 3. Square Corner Vehicle Control Techniques Course **PSP II (a,c,g,h)**
 - a. Slow to moderate speed vehicle control exercise
 - b. Review and practice fundamentals of vehicle control and dynamics
 - 4. Emergency Code-3 Driving Course (moderate speed) **PSP II (a,c,e,g,h)**
 - a. Moderate speed vehicle control exercise (practical behind the wheel)

³ Department Manual Section 4/205.10, Control of Vehicle Pursuit

⁴ Department Manual Section 4/205.19, Vehicle Pursuit Driving Tactics

⁵ Department Manual Section 4/205.15, Air Support Tracking of Pursuit

⁶ Department Manual Sections 1/555.10 and 4/205.17, Initiation of Pursuit/Continuation/Termination of Pursuit

⁷ Department Manual Section 4/205.40, Apprehension of Suspect at Pursuit Termination

⁸ California Penal Code Section 835a

⁹ Department Manual Section 1/556.10, Policy on the Use of Force

¹⁰ LAPD Use of Force-Tactics Directive, Use of Force Policy

¹¹ LAPD Use of Force -Tactics Directive, Tactical De-escalation Techniques

¹² Department Manual Section 4/205.35, Post pursuit discipline

¹³ 2009 LAPD Manual 4/205.10 control of vehicle pursuit

¹⁴ Training Bulletin, Volume XLVII Issue 4, Command and Control

¹⁵ Department Manual Section 4/205.19, Vehicle Pursuit Driving Tactics

¹⁶ Department Manual Section 1/555.10 and 4/205.17, Initiation of Pursuit/Continuation/Termination of Pursuit

¹⁷ Department Manual Section 4/205.30, Vehicle Pursuit by Other Law Enforcement Agencies

¹⁸ Department Manual Section 1/555.10 and 4/205.17, Initiation of Pursuit/Continuation/Termination of Pursuit

¹⁹ Department Manual Section 1/555.10 and 4/205.17, Initiation of Pursuit/Continuation/Termination of Pursuit

²⁰ Department Manual Section 4/205.65, Vehicle Pursuit Report

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- b. Practice fundamentals of vehicle control and dynamics
- c. Practice controlled intersection clearance

V. PURSUIT INTERVENTION TECHNIQUE (PIT) (1 hr)

- A. PIT
 - 1. Definition
 - 2. Purpose
 - 3. Controlled and trained technique.
- B. PIT Driving Tactics **PSP II (b)**
 - 1. Speed
 - 2. Use of Force considerations
 - 3. Supervisory approval
 - 4. Executed at the discretion of the primary officer after receiving approval
 - 5. Third unit
 - 6. Primary responsibility
 - 7. Other units
- C. Decision to PIT **PSP II (b,c,)**
 - 1. Site selection considerations
 - 2. Vehicles to avoid

VI. TIRE DEFLATION DEVICE (STOP STICK) (15 min)

- A. Stop Stick Video
- 1. Review Stop Stick video
- B. Review nomenclature
 - 1. Stick
 - 2. Sleeve
 - 3. Chord
 - 4. Crank handle and crank
- C. Deployment considerations and techniques
 - 1. Allows controlled deflation of tires
 - 2. Set up in a safe area prior to deployment.
 - 3. Deploy on a hard surface
 - 4. Unlock the chord reel
 - 5. Do not grab the chord or wrap it around hands or any part of the body
 - 6. Throw with dominant arm in a sidearm motion
 - 7. Do not jerk the chord but pull into the path of the targeted vehicle
 - 8. Pull it out of the roadway after the vehicle has run over the device
 - 9. Alternate deployment: place device across the street, then pull it into roadway
- D. Policy Issues **PSP II (b)**
 - 1. Supervisor approval
 - 2. Speeds
 - 3. Vehicle restrictions

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VII. DEFENSIVE DRIVING AND COLLISION AVOIDANCE **(15 min)**

- A. Briefly discuss the key components of defensive driving and collision avoidance.
 - 1. Components of Defensive Driving **PSP II (d)**
 - 2. Collision Avoidance
 - 3. Intersections **PSP II (e)**
 - 4. Vehicle Dynamics **PSP II (c)**
 - 5. Types of accidents
- B. Briefly discuss the key factors that impact driving by asking the students questions.
 - 1. What factors affect the driver? How?
 - 2. What factors affect the vehicle? How?
 - 3. What factors affect driving conditions? How?

VIII. DRIVING EXERCISES ROTATIONS **(2 hrs)**

- A. Demonstration: PIT, Tire Deflation Device, Collision Avoidance
 - 1. Conducted on track area
 - 2. Instructor demonstrates each of the exercises and points out key learning points
- B. Practical Application Exercises: PIT, Tire Deflation Device, and Collision Avoidance
 - 1. Conducted on track area
 - 2. Rotation groups
 - a. PIT **PSP II (g,h)**
 - b. Backing/Parking **PSP II (f,g,h)**
 - c. Tire Deflation Device **PSP II (g,h)**
 - d. Collision Avoidance **PSP II (d,g,h)**
- C. Key Learning Points:
 - 1. Driving Skills are perishable
 - 2. Knowledge of policy and law
 - 3. Clear understanding and application of the policies/laws related to pursuit driving and using the PIT maneuver protects the community, officers and the suspect
 - 4. The Department's guiding principle of Reverence for Human Life is the moral and ethical foundation of de-escalation, tactics, reasonable force, and public/officer safety