

SACRAMENTO POLICE ACADEMY -2320
DRIVERS TRAINING – MULTI-UNIT PURSUIT
Expanded Course Outline

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The recruits will participate and be evaluated in a learning activity that requires the recruit to drive a law enforcement vehicle, during which time they will perform a vehicle pursuit of a violator, with another law enforcement vehicle.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the exercise, the recruit will display the necessary knowledge to participate in a vehicle pursuit which includes more than one law enforcement vehicle. This will include being the primary pursuing recruit and the secondary pursuing recruit.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The recruit will demonstrate a multi-unit pursuit and control the vehicle under high stress conditions, including but not limited to:

- A. Safety
 - 1. Follow facility rules and regulations
 - 2. Follow instructor's directions
 - 3. Uses provided safety equipment properly
- B. Situational awareness
 - 1. Demonstrate appropriate visual horizon
 - 2. Takes appropriate action when encountering interference vehicles
 - 3. Follows at a safe distance while driving
 - 4. Properly clears blind intersections
- C. Breaking Technique
 - 1. Demonstrates appropriate straight line breaking
 - 2. Demonstrates smooth braking and acceleration throughout evaluation
- D. Steering Technique
 - 1. Demonstrates appropriate hand position
 - 2. Appropriate steering input and recovery
 - 3. Demonstrates smooth steering while braking and accelerating
- E. Throttle Control
 - 1. Drive at an appropriate speed
 - 2. Demonstrates speed control while utilizing other vehicle controls
- F. Roadway Positioning
 - 1. Show appropriate road positioning. High entry, low apex, high exit.
 - 2. Demonstrates appropriate vehicle placement when encountering interference
 - 3. Maintains vehicle position within the boundaries of the course. (e.g. leaving roadway or hitting cones)

- G. Operating Associated Equipment
 - 1. Proper use of vehicle radio
 - 2. Proper use of emergency lights and siren
- H. Rate of performance
 - 1. Performs activities at an appropriate pace to meet the demands of the incident
- I. Fluency of performance
 - 1. Actions are well formulated and performed in a timely manner with each other
- J. Level of Response
 - 1. Maintains contact with the violator vehicle

MULTIPLE UNIT PURSUIT CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Primary unit functions
 - 1. Concentrate on contact with violator vehicle
 - 2. High visual horizon for interference, blind intersections, and obstacles recognition
 - 3. Speed control and following distance between violator and pursuing vehicles
- B. Secondary unit functions
 - 1. Control radio communication for pursuit
 - 2. Safe following distance behind primary vehicle
 - 3. Secondary check on hazards cleared by primary unit
- C. Both units are responsible for communicating and safely transitioning from primary to secondary at any given time.

INSTRUCTION AND EVALUATION

- A. At minimum each recruit will participate in the following:
 - 1. Classroom lecture on multi-unit expectations and considerations
 - 2. A multi-unit pursuit with an instructor in the vehicle. The recruit will be the primary and secondary unit during this pursuit.
 - 3. A multi-unit evaluation pursuit with an instructor in a following vehicle. The recruit will be evaluated as the primary and secondary unit during this evaluation.
- B. Recruits not meeting the necessary learning objectives for the exercise will remediate at a later date.