

## **SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2320**

### **ACADEMY DRIVER TRAINING (PIT)**

#### **EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE**

##### **Statement and Purpose:**

The course will provide the student with the minimum knowledge of vehicle dynamics involved in the Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT), the legal limitations, and the officer safety aspects required to successfully complete a pit maneuver.

##### **Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the training the student will demonstrate the ability and knowledge to perform a PIT maneuver.

##### **Minimum Content and Exercise:**

- A. Necessity of the Legal Intervention
- B. Legal Intervention Techniques
- C. Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT)
- D. Officer Safety

##### **Learning Objectives:**

The trainee will:

1. Demonstrate the ability to properly rotate a specifically equipped PIT training vehicle within legal requirements.
  - A) Follow the suspect vehicle, pull up to the right or left side of the vehicle, and match speed.
  - B) Know the contact points of both vehicles.
  - C) Perform and demonstrate a touch and hold to both sides of the vehicle.
  - D) Upon successful completion of touch and hold the student will perform the PIT maneuver.
  - E) Know responsibilities at the conclusion of the PIT maneuver.
  - F) Minimum of two pits on both sides of the vehicle will be performed at speeds between 15 and 35 MPH.

##### **Expanded Course Outline:**

###### **1) Introduction**

- A) Orientation
  - 1) Academy Rules and Guidelines
  - 2) Course Overview and Expectations
- B) Injury Prevention
  - 1) Safety Policy/ Orientation

2) Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Location and Contact Information

I. **What is a PIT Maneuver?**

- A. A Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT) is a tool used to help terminate a pursuit by making contact with the offender's vehicle, causing the offenders vehicle to spin. This will disorient the offender and may stall the engine of the offender's vehicle.

II. **Mechanics of PIT**

1. Finesse, smooth contact
2. Points of contact regarding both vehicles
3. Amount of steering required to rotate the offender's vehicle
4. Speeds 35 MPH or less
5. Acceleration or braking adjustments
6. Drive through and avoid crossfire after PIT maneuver

**Legal Aspects of Pit**

- A) PIT is considered to be a legal intervention.
- B) Speeds at or below 35 MPH
- C) Available roadway
- D) Current caselaw

**Officer Safety Aspects**

- A) Primary officers vehicle drives past offenders' vehicle
- B) Secondary vehicles perform felony stop
- C) Unique situations
  1. Armed vehicles
  2. All wheel/front wheel drive
  3. DUI

**Training and Evaluation**

- A) Each student will demonstrate the ability to successfully cause a suspect vehicle to rotate by using the Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT)
- B) Each student will be proficient in PIT with a right and left side approach
- C) Each student will be proficient in PIT at speeds between 15-35 MPH

**Teaching**

- A) **Classroom Briefing**
  - 1) Pit Technique
  - 2) Case Law
  - 3) Agency Policy

## **Conclusion**

- A) Review / Critique / Evaluation of course
  - 1) Oral questions or feedback from students
  - 2) Written evaluations