

Driver Training (EVOC) UPD (PIT)

MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (6730)

CCN: 6730-21165 | POST Certification II | Reimbursement Plan IV | 8 hours

COURSE GOAL:

The course will provide the trainee with the topics related to pursuit driving and Pursuit Intervention Techniques (PIT). Basic Driving Principles, Legal and Moral Aspects, Defensive Driving and Maneuvering Course Exercises.

The course consists of a hands-on/practical Driver Training/Awareness and Pursuit Intervention Technique for in-service officers. The students will have a firm grasp of what is to come should the PIT be successful and the suspect vehicle is immobilized.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The trainee will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of their Driver Training/Awareness skills and techniques
2. Demonstrate a minimum standard of psychomotor skills with every technique and exercise to include:
 - A. Judgment and Decision Making
 - B. Policy, Legal and Moral Issues
 - C. Basic Driving Principles and Vehicle Dynamics
 - D. PIT

Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) Exercises

The PIT exercise course is setup to provide a training area for the four phases of the practical application of learning the PIT maneuver.

I. Department Policy/Legal Issues

- a. Introduction, goal and scope of the class.
- b. Review legal aspects of using the PIT maneuver
- c. Review department policy governing the use of the PIT maneuver.
- d. Safety briefing
 - i. All students must stay with EVOC trailer and monitoring instructor
 - ii. Dynamics of the PIT cars
 - iii. Weapon check to ensure NO live weapons.

II. Site Briefing

Students will be briefed on:

1. Training area limits
 - a. Runway edge, Turnouts, Active Runway Danger

2. Emergency Procedures
 - a. Stop your vehicle when you hear the instructors shout stop, stay stopped until the all clear is given.
3. Injury/Collision
 - a. (All vehicle stop, evaluate the parties, involved, call for EMS via radio or cell phone)
4. Exit procedures
 - a. All students leave as a group & follow out an instructor due to active runway issues.

Practical application of PIT instruction

III. Five Step PIT Process

1. The instructor staff will demonstrate with the students in the vehicle. Students will then apply the first three steps of the five step PIT process.
 - a. Maintain a high visual horizon
 - i. Look down the roadway and use your peripheral vision to target the suspect vehicle
 - b. Match the speed of the suspect vehicle
 - i. Drive no faster or slower once you get you proper alignment with the suspect's front bumper
 - c. Make light contact with the suspect vehicle
 - i. Touch the side of you front bumper to the side of the suspects rear bumper/fender using proper alignment of officer front bumper inline with suspect rear axle.

IV. The PIT

2. The instructor staff will demonstrate with the students in the vehicle. Students will then apply all five steps of the five step PIT process.
3. Maintain a high visual horizon
 - a. Look down the roadway and use your peripheral vision to target the suspect vehicle
4. Match the speed of the suspect vehicle
 - a. Drive no faster or slower once you get you proper alignment with the suspect's front bumper
5. Make light contact with the suspect vehicle
 - a. Touch the side of you front bumper to the side of the suspects rear bumper/fender using proper alignment of officer front bumper inline with suspect rear axle.
6. Turn and accelerate
 - a. Once contact is made the officer executes a $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ turn of the steering wheel into the suspect vehicle. Immediately after the turn begins the officer applies aggressive acceleration to induce a spin of the suspect
7. Brake and drive through

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- a. Once the suspect vehicle is at a 90° angle in front of the officer's vehicle the officer aggressively applies the brake to get a separation from the suspect vehicle. Then the officer continues to drive forward.
8. Each officer will successfully execute a PIT on both passenger and driver sides of the suspect vehicle at 25 mph, 30 mph, and 35 mph.

V. Targeted PIT

1. Targeted PIT – Spinning the car where you want to and appears to be the safest.
 - a) The instructors will place four six inch cones, arranged in a square, approximately the size of the average residential intersection. The goal is to spinout the suspect vehicle so that it passes through either side of the “intersection.”
 - b) Instructors will demonstrate with students in the vehicle. The student will then apply the five step process in the proper amount of time while judging the probable stopping point of the vehicle they are executing the maneuver upon.
 - c) The students will have two attempts to perform the PIT in the targeted area. This exercise will affirm the notion the officer is, to an extent, responsible for directing the final resting area of the suspect vehicle.

VI. Take Down Procedure Application

- a) The instructor will drive both the officer and suspect PIT training vehicles. The students will be doubled in Code 3 equipped EVOC vehicles. The students will take a position of trailing pursuit units. The instructor driving the suspect vehicle will drive onto the course as if being pursued. The instructor driving the officer PIT training vehicle will pursue him. Once the PIT training vehicle are on the training course the suspect vehicle will be immobilized via PIT maneuver.
- b) The students will execute the takedown as follows.
 - a. The #2 unit will take on the suspect vehicle.
 - i. The #2 unit will maneuver his vehicle to take the suspect head on and align his vehicle evenly facing the suspect vehicle: (Grill to grill).
 - b. Additional units fan out.
 - i. The following units will semi-circle their units towards the suspect vehicle alongside the #2 officer. The following units will space their vehicles laterally enough so that the doors of both vehicles can open at the same time.

VII. Remediation and Evaluation