



DRIVER/OPERATOR 1A

DRIVING APPARATUS TO THE
EMERGENCY SCENE

TOPIC: DRIVING APPARATUS TO THE EMERGENCY SCENE

TIME FRAME: 1 hour

LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION: II

AUTHORITY:

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:

Condition: Written examination

Behavior: The student will complete the exam on aspects of driving an emergency vehicle while on an emergency response

Standard: With 70% accuracy

MATERIALS NEEDED: Chalkboard, chalk, city street maps

REFERENCES: Fire Fighting Apparatus and Procedures, Glencoe Press, 3rd Edition

PREPARATION: Although a quick response is necessary, not reaching the emergency is never acceptable. Improper driving can and will eventually lead to the apparatus not reaching the scene. Improper driving at the minimum causes inconveniences to the citizens and can lead to injury and death of those riding on the apparatus.



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<p><u>1. Self Protection First</u></p> <p>A. <u>Use seat belt</u></p> <p><u>B. Is crew ready?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Don't bring victims to the emergency scene.</u>2. <u>Crew's safety is in your hands</u>3. <u>Make yourself noticed</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Red warning lights</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <u>At least one solid red point towards front of apparatus</u>b) <u>Siren</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <u>Operated at fluctuating pitch</u>c) <u>Air horn is not a legal warning device by itself</u>	<p><u>What is the first consideration the driver should consider when starting to respond?</u></p> <p><u>Next consideration?</u></p> <p><u>What are acceptable warning devices?</u></p> <p><u>Instructor Note Refer back to the section on laws if necessary</u></p>



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<p>4. <u>When entering the street, do so carefully</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) <u>Sudden appearance scares/confuses motorist</u></p> <p>5. Use main response routes</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Signal intersections may favor you</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) Wider streets</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c) Traffic more aware of surroundings</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d) Residential streets not advised</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">1) Too narrow</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">2) Kids darting out between cars</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">3) Disturb residents</p> <p>6. <u>Use left lanes or center of roadway</u></p> <p>7. <u>Have foot off of accelerator and over brake pedal</u></p> <p>8. <u>Warning devices may be blanketed</u></p> <p>9. <u>Watch left hand turn lane of cross traffic if open and other lanes have stopped</u></p> <p>10. <u>Apparatus blind spots</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) <u>Mirrors, etc.</u></p>	<p>What type of response route should you use?</p> <p>Why not residential streets?</p>



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<p>11. <u>Proceed only after you've determined it is safe</u></p> <p>12. <u>Speed is necessary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Excessive speed is basic for most response accidents</u>b) <u>Speed for conditions encountered</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">1) <u>Use basic speed law</u> <p>13. <u>Select proper gear for conditions encountered</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Down shift prior</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">1) <u>To entering turn</u>2) <u>To descending hill</u> <p>14. <u>Citizens' reaction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Predictable - pull to right and stop</u>b) <u>Unpredictable - caused by panic</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">1) <u>Your sudden moves can confuse citizens</u>c) <u>Try to get eye-to-eye contact</u> <p>15. <u>Blocked road by motorist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Wait for road to clear</u>b) <u>Direct traffic out of way</u>c) <u>Impatience causes added confusion</u>	<p><u>Why is it unsafe to pass on the right?</u></p>



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<p>16. <u>When responding from same location (2 or more units)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Maintain 300-500 foot separation</u>b) <u>Don't pass other emergency vehicles</u> <p>17. When responding from other (2 or more units) locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Let other units know when you are approaching an intersection that they might be using at the same time	



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SUMMARY:

It is the fire fighters duty to protect life and property. This responsibility not only includes operations at the emergency scene, but enroute to the incident as well. If an accident occurs while responding, the minimum result will be a delayed response. The alternative is not reaching the scene along with injured and dead fire fighters.

EVALUATION:

The student will complete the written quiz at a time determined by the instructor.

ASSIGNMENT:

To be determined by the Instructor