



DRIVER/OPERATOR 1A

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN CONGESTED TRAFFIC

TOPIC: EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN CONGESTED TRAFFIC

TIME FRAME: 1 hour

LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION: II

AUTHORITY:

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:

Condition: A written quiz

Behavior: The student will complete the exam on the recommended techniques to avoid accidents while driving on emergency response in congested traffic.

Standard: With a minimum 70% accuracy according to the information contained in the presentation

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Flip Chart
- White Board

REFERENCES: Fire Apparatus Practices, IFSTA, 6th Edition Fire Fighting Apparatus and Procedures, Glencoe Edition California Motor Vehicle Code Press, 3rd

PREPARATION: The fire fighter's duty is to protect life and property. This means not only on the fire line, but enroute to the incident as well. We are not fulfilling our duty when we injure people and destroy property on the road before we can get to the fire.

Driving an emergency vehicle on a response in heavy traffic can be frustrating. We must not allow our frustrations to destroy our composure. And, we must consider any possible shortcomings of the other drivers. Time is of the essence. They must have time to react to you. You must have time to compensate for their reactions. But first, they must see you.



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PRESENTATION	APPLICATION
<p>3. <u>Pass on left only, with caution</u></p> <p>4. <u>Do not pass on right</u></p> <p> a) <u>Vehicle Code tells the citizen to pull to the right</u></p> <p>5. <u>Eye-to-eye contact with the other driver</u></p> <p>C. <u>Excessive speed is the basis for almost all emergency response accidents</u></p> <p>1. <u>Always use the basic speed law</u></p> <p>2. <u>Total stopping distance is the sum of perception time and reaction time and braking distance</u></p> <p>3. <u>A fire apparatus will handle differently from a small sedan</u></p> <p>D. <u>Intersections</u></p> <p>1. <u>Approach and enter with caution</u></p> <p> a) <u>Toward center of roadway</u></p> <p> b) <u>Divided road - next to divider</u></p> <p> c) <u>To left of occupied left turn lane</u></p> <p> d) <u>Some depts. require full stop at intersections</u></p> <p>2. <u>Green signals</u></p> <p> a) <u>Proceed with caution</u></p> <p>3. <u>Red signals</u></p> <p> a) <u>Stop, proceed with caution when safe to do so</u></p>	<p><u>What does the basic speed law say?</u></p>



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<p>4. <u>Stop signs, flashing red lights</u></p> <p>a) <u>Stop or nearly stop, proceed only when safe</u></p> <p>5. <u>Eye-to-eye contact</u></p> <p>E. <u>Roadway blocked by stopped motorists</u></p> <p>1. <u>Patiently wait for roadway to clear</u></p> <p>2. <u>Impatience only causes added confusion and shows lack of professionalism</u></p> <p>F. <u>Tandem or caravan response</u></p> <p>1. <u>Maintain 300-500 foot separation</u></p> <p>2. <u>Do not pass one another</u></p> <p>G. <u>If need for backing is indicated</u></p> <p>1. <u>Consider driving around the block</u></p> <p>2. <u>Use prescribed backup procedures</u></p> <p>H. <u>Return from emergency</u></p> <p>1. <u>No red lights or siren</u></p> <p>2. <u>Headlights on for safety</u></p> <p>I. <u>Remember to always wear the seat belts provided</u></p> <p>1. <u>NFPA statistics show a significant percentage of fire fighters are killed or injured in accidents responding to and returning from alarms</u></p> <p>J. <u>Ear protection</u></p>	<p><u>Refer to latest NFPA report on Fire Fighter Deaths and Injuries . (usually found in Fire Command magazine; June issue each year)</u></p>



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SUMMARY:

Our job is to protect life and property, to respond to emergencies in a safe and prudent manner. By having patience with the public and driving with common sense, we can reduce our emergency response accident rates and arrive at the fire ground.

EVALUATION:

The student will be evaluated by completing a written examination.

ASSIGNMENT:

To be determined by the instructor(s).