

Class: Vehicle Operation and Defensive Driving

Instructional time – 8 hours

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Objectives
  - a. The Vehicle Operation & Defensive Driving Course (VODD) will teach students to safely operate department vehicles.
  - b. Students will learn to adapt to a vehicle's turning radius, length, and dimensions, and to operate a vehicle in a safe, smooth, and controlled manner.
  - c. Students will safely apply a "Rear wheel cheat", a "Front end swing", a "High visual horizon", and a "Shuffle steering".
  - d. Students will improve their awareness, speed / steering control, be able to adapt to different road conditions, and maintain composure.
  - e. Students will be able to recognize road hazards during this exercise and communicate their cardinal direction and vehicle positioning when relevant.
3. Introduction to Defensive Driving
4. Vehicle Related Case Law
5. Overview of Below 100
6. Principles of Vehicle Control, Dynamic, Threshold Braking
  - a. Practical Application Overview
7. Seatbelts and Airbags
8. SAFE (Situation Appropriate Focused and Educated) Driving / Factors of vehicle collisions
9. Practical Application Briefing
10. Course walk through / Practical Demonstration
11. Student Practice
12. Review / Closing / Evaluations

