

CHAPTER TWO

MODULE 3

EMERGENCY DRIVING

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRIVING

GOAL

Develop the ability to accomplish the emergency driving task by understanding the risk of the driving activity and by being able to physically negotiate driving situations.

CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Identify the types and limitations of emergency warning devices on law enforcement vehicles.
- 3.2 Identify factors that contribute to the effective use of a police radio during an emergency response.
- 3.3 Identify factors in route selection for an emergency response.
- 3.4 Identify the changes in vehicle dynamics that occur during an emergency response.
- 3.5 Identify acceptable steering methods for use during an emergency response.
- 3.6 Identify acceptable methods of cornering during an emergency response.
- 3.7 Identify acceptable backing methods during an emergency response.
- 3.8 Identify acceptable collision avoidance methods during an emergency response.
- 3.9 Identify types of Power Assist Steering Loss and Acceptable Methods of Minimizing Potential Loss of Vehicle Control

OVERVIEW

A large percentage of law enforcement driving occurs under non-emergency conditions. However, there are those moments when the officer responds to an emergency situation. This module will not attempt to promote or discourage emergency response driving as a means of law enforcement. This module will provide the knowledge, skills, and behaviors unique to the emergency response situation.

The driving skills required during emergency response conditions will, for the most part, involve the use of those non-emergency driving habits and principles that were taught in Module 2. Combining the skills developed for non-emergency driving with the principles presented in this module, the officer improves vehicle control and reduces the risk of injury or property loss.

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