

Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department
Expanded Course Outline
Pursuit Liability

Learning Need	Peace officers must recognize that emergency response (Code 3) driving demands a high level of concentration and instant reactions. All officers who operate law enforcement emergency vehicles must recognize that even though the purpose of pursuit driving is the apprehension of a suspect who is using a vehicle to flee, the vehicle pursuit is never more important than the safety of officers and the public.	
Revision		POST Hours: 1 Stan S/O Hours: 2

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<p>I. LEARNING NEED: Peace officers must recognize that emergency response (Code 3) driving demands a high level of concentration and instant reactions.</p> <p>A. Identify the objectives of emergency response driving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any life threatening emergency 2. Serious crime in progress 3. Officer needs assistance 4. Traffic collision involving major injuries 5. Fire <p>B. Recognize the statute governing peace officers when operating law enforcement vehicles in the line of duty</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rules of the road 2. Liability <p>C. Explain the importance of agency-specific policies and guidelines regarding emergency response driving</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agency policies and guidelines regarding emergency response driving operations can be more restrictive than state law. <p>D. Identify the statutory responsibilities of non-law enforcement vehicle drivers when driving in the presence of emergency vehicles operated under emergency response conditions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yield the right -of way 2. Immediately pull to the right side of the road 3. Stop <p>E. Identify factors that can limit the effectiveness of a vehicle's emergency warning devices</p> <p>F. Demonstrate the use of communication equipment</p> <p>G. Identify the effects of siren syndrome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased adrenaline flow <p>H. Recognize guidelines for entering a controlled intersection when driving under emergency response conditions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The approach 2. Clearing the intersection 	

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<p>II. LEARNING NEED: All officers who operate law enforcement emergency vehicles must recognize that even though the purpose of pursuit driving is the apprehension of a suspect who is using a vehicle to flee, the vehicle pursuit is never more important than the safety of officers and the public.</p> <p>A. Identify the requirements of penal code section 13519.8</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessing risks/dangers 2. Agency vehicle pursuit policy 3. Assessment of risks/dangers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public Safety b. Officer Safety c. Importance of balancing the known offense and need for apprehension against the risks to the officers and public. 4. When to initiate a pursuit 5. Number of involved unites permitted 6. Responsibility of primary and secondary units 7. Driving tactics 8. Helicopter assistance 9. Communications 10. Capture of suspects 11. Termination of the pursuit 12. Supervisory responsibilities 13. Blocking, ramming, boxing, and roadblock procedures 14. Speed limits 15. Inter-jurisdictional considerations 16. Conditions of the vehicle, driver, roadway, weather and traffic 17. Hazards to uninvolved bystanders or motorists 18. Reporting and post-pursuit analysis <p>B. Recognize the risk to officer/public safety versus the need to apprehend</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the threat to public safety is greater than the need to apprehend the suspect, then the pursuit should not be initiated or continued. <p>C. Discuss common offensive intervention tactics</p> <p>D. Recognize conditions that could lead to the decision to terminate a vehicle pursuit</p>	