

On-Site Training Programs Offered By

EMERGENCY VEHICLE DRIVER TRAINING

8-16 hours

Driving an emergency vehicle is a position of responsibility in the emergency service industry. Whether your emergency service is volunteer, paid, or combination, the responsibilities of and the penalties for not properly training your emergency and non-emergency vehicle operators is tremendous. Civil, criminal, and punitive damages and charges may become a part of your vocabulary if one of your vehicles is involved in a crash that injures or kills one of your staff members, a patient, or a civilian vehicle operator/pedestrian. This class is scheduled through TEEEX.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESPONSE SAFETY

4 hours

This program was initially developed to benefit fire, EMS, and rescue chief officers as well as safety officers, training officers, and drivers of emergency vehicles. Newly revised, it is the next logical step in addressing safe emergency response after initiating a driver training program. It is designed to reveal the dangers of emergency response and the adverse effects on emergency service organizations that result from emergency vehicle accidents.

DYNAMICS OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESPONSE

4 hours

Recertification has been recognized as an integral part of an emergency vehicle driver training program. This is a reinforcement and recertification program. The program is specifically for currently qualified drivers of emergency vehicles. It focuses on those aspects of emergency response that must remain foremost in the driver's consciousness on every run. A complement to any existing driver training program, it fills the gap between candidates qualifying as drivers and the maintenance of the proficiency achieved as a result of such programs.

EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAILER OPERATIONS AND SAFETY PROGRAM

4-8 hours

This program educates responders on safe trailer operations, including information on trailers, tow vehicles, brake requirements, tow hitches, balls, and coupler assembly, as well as inspecting the vehicle, loading the trailer, and driving with a trailer. After classroom discussion, participants test their knowledge on a skills course.

FIREFIGHTER SAFETY – IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

2-3 hours

Meant to increase the level of awareness of the hazards faced by firefighters, chief officers will benefit by obtaining insight into the types of hazards faced by personnel. The course also aids in the development of risk management strategies.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

4 hours

In this workshop you will learn valuable techniques to help establish a safe environment at the scene. Too many injuries and deaths are taking place on the scene because of improper lighting or improper location and set-up of emergency vehicles.

INTERSECTION SAFETY

4 hours

This special program stresses eight guidelines that may help reduce the number and severity of intersection accidents and is intended for emergency service organizations responding to incidents in both department and personal vehicles.

ROLLOVER PREVENTION

4 hours

In the last few years, the number of emergency service vehicle rollovers has skyrocketed. Emergency service organizations need to know that the majority of rollover crashes can be prevented. A large majority of the crashes that have occurred are single vehicle crashes. According to various investigative reports by NIOSH and USFA on vehicle rollovers, the leading contributing factor is driver error. In addition to driver error, there are many other factors that can contribute to vehicle rollover crashes. These include wet roads, poor visibility, and distractions, from

both inside and outside the cab. Proper driver training, along with an understanding of the causes of vehicle rollovers can help prevent these tragic incidents.

PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE (POV) OPERATIONS

4 hours

This course is designed to aid in the reduction of POV accidents. It will also provide information for emergency service officers on how to provide proper training, and how to develop standard operating guidelines and other management tools to help reduce the risks associated with driving POV's.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION PREVENTION TRAINING

2-3 hours

The training caters to two different audiences: emergency service supervisors and administrators; and career employees and volunteers. ESO leaders must understand the words and behavior of employees and volunteers will be harshly scrutinized when a harassment claim is.

THE ART OF READING SMOKE THE MODERN WAY

4 hours

The key to predicting fire behavior is in your ability to read smoke as you arrive and begin firefighting operations. This class will change your tactical procedures as a company officer and as an incident commander forever. The class will cover what the smoke is telling us by color, rate of flow and density incorporating flow path behavior and current fire research by NIST and UL. Reading smoke is a definite benefit for firefighter safety for survival.

UTV / ATV SAFETY TRAINING

4-8 hours

Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) and All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) have gained wider acceptance and use in both the fire service and emergency medical service (EMS). Adding UTVs and ATVs to an ESO fleet may provide great benefits but might also present safety issues if those using the vehicle have not been properly trained in the operation and maintenance. This safety program was developed to provide training for ESOs that use these types of specialty vehicles. Important topics addressed include: Importance of safe vehicle operations, the need for refresher training, the vehicle operator, protective gear, preplanning, basic safety, maintenance and maintaining skills.

SLICE-RS

8 hours

S.L.I.C.E. – R.S. stands for Size-Up, Location of the Fire, Isolate the Flow Path, Cool from a Safe Distance, Extinguish and then Rescue and Salvage are added in as necessary. While most agree that the latest research can improve firefighter safety, they struggle to translate the research into fireground tactics and implement that change in a successful manner. This program rethinks the tactics of old and incorporates the latest research into tactics using the S.L.I.C.E.R.S method. S.L.I.C.E.R.S is an acronym developed to “operationalize” fire dynamic research concepts. The concept has been vetted with the lead researchers involved and has their endorsements. The acronym is NOT designed to replace the well-known RECEO VS method that has been widely adopted by the fire service over the years, but instead is to be used by the first arriving company officer, where RECEO VS is more for the Battalion Chief/Incident Commander and their tactical priorities. This program also discusses overcoming resistance to change and the lessons learned in real world implementation.

To Request a Training, visit www.vfistx.com/training or contact Roy Mercer @ 832-473-5414 or rmercervfistx.com.

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