

VEHICLE OPERATIONS EVALUATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT



Trainee's name _____ ID# _____

Training officer _____ ID# _____

Date _____ Observation week # _____

Trainer should provide a written statement for EACH of the following observation categories. Use as many observation reports as needed. Make as many observations for each category as possible. Revised – 5/31/2016

1. Trainee properly scans intersections while approaching and prior to proceeding after a traffic control light change.

Trainer should stress the importance of not assuming that it is safe to proceed through an intersection simply because the light is green.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

2. Trainee maintains proper eye movement while driving and when stopped in traffic.

Explain to the trainee that proper eye movement is important to avoid developing tunnel vision. You should verify that the trainee is not looking at any one object for more than 2 seconds while driving and that all mirrors are frequently checked.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

3. Following distance is consistently appropriate for conditions.

Trainee should maintain a minimum of a 4 second following distance during favorable conditions. The following distance should be increased during adverse driving conditions related to weather, lighting and driver alertness.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

4. Leaves appropriate space in front of patrol vehicle when stopped.

Trainee should leave at least 15 feet (1-1 1/2) car lengths between the patrol vehicle and the car it is stopped behind. This distance should also be maintained behind the white stop line at intersections. This practice will develop a space between the vehicles to avoid rear end collisions and will also provide the officer with room to get out of traffic in the event of an emergency call.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

5. Brakes early to warn drivers that the vehicle is coming to a stop.

Trainee should start the braking process early enough to let vehicles in the rear know that the patrol vehicle is coming to a stop. Abrupt stops may result in the patrol vehicle being struck.

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6. Trainee observes all traffic laws and departmental policies.

Ensure that the trainee observes all traffic laws such as speed limits, turn signals and other laws and policies related to safe vehicle operations.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

7. Demonstrates an eye lead time consistently in excess of 15 seconds.

Instruct the trainee to look down the road and not focus in on just the vehicle in front of the patrol vehicle. The trainee should be looking about 2 city blocks ahead at 30 mph and 1/4 mile ahead at 55 mph. This will allow him/her additional time to see and react to driving obstacles.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

8. Reduces vehicle speed when the 15 second eye lead time is reduced due to weather or vision obstructions such as hills, curves, trees or other obstacles.

Trainee's time to react is greatly reduced when confronted with vision obstructions. When there is not a 15 second eye lead time the trainee should reduce his/her speed.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

9. Stays out of the blind areas of other drivers.

Trainee should be constantly aware of the area around the patrol vehicle. Care should be taken to stay out of the blind areas of other drivers.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

10. Trainee is alert to the actions of other drivers.

Trainee should demonstrate that he/she is alert to the activities of other drivers. Have the trainee point out actions of other drivers that may be a hazard such as a vehicle that is pulling out of a parking lot or one that has just pulled up to a stop sign.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

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11. Maintains control of vehicle and proper alertness while talking on radio or using MDT.

Typing on the MDT should be avoided whenever possible. Trainee should reduce speed and increase following distance before picking up and talking on the radio or typing on the MDT. Trainer should also watch to ensure that the trainee remains alert with proper eye movement to avoid tunnel vision.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

12. Avoids backing situations.

Trainee should try to select a spot that makes backing unnecessary. If backing is necessary attempt to do it upon arrival. If trainee must back from a parked position make sure that he/she walks around the patrol vehicle to look for any obstacles before backing.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

13. Completes a 4 second 4 step lane change.

- Turn signal on
• Check mirrors
• Look over shoulder
• Make lane change

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

14. Completes 360 degree circle of awareness.

Trainee is constantly aware of the total area around the patrol vehicle. This includes checking all four sides before pulling off to avoid collision with fixed objects. Trainee should also avoid the blind spot of other drivers and avoid being boxed in by traffic. Trainee should position the patrol vehicle in traffic to allow for a way out in an emergency braking situation.

___ Consistent ___ Inconsistent ___ Never

Describe observations: _____

15. Follows departmental policy when responding to an emergency call or involved in a pursuit.

Operates lights AND siren. Clears intersections prior to entering. Patrol vehicle speed is operated with due regard to the safety of officers and citizens. Reduces patrol speed to legal limit when emergency equipment is turned off. Trainee follows safety procedures outlined in the previous categories of this evaluation.

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Describe observations: _____

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TRAINER:

List any of the 15 observation categories or additional observations made during this week of training that requires additional instruction. _____

Describe additional instructions given and the trainee's response. Example – Trainee was not maintaining at least a four second following distance. Showed trainee how to determine following distance using fixed objects. Trainee followed instructions and corrected following distance deficiency.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF TRAINING

TRAINER:

Does this trainee need additional training before he/she can safely operate a patrol vehicle? YES NO
If "YES" indicate training needs and recommendations. _____

_____ Trainee _____ Trainer

PATROL SUPERVISOR:

Based on your observations and review of all driving evaluations completed by trainers, is this trainee ready to safely operate a police vehicle? YES NO

Describe your observations. If response is "NO", indicate recommendations: _____

_____ Supervisor