

Basic Training Module Specification

Functional Area: V. Traffic  
Subject Area: C. Traffic Control and Enforcement  
Module Title: 1. TRAFFIC DIRECTION AND CONTROL  
Hours: Not less than 2 hours

Notes to Instructor:

Consider discussing safety methods (e.g., reflective vests when directing traffic) in the lesson.

Module Objectives:

V.C.1.1. Assist Stranded Motorists.

- a. Positions patrol vehicle in a safe location that protects the motorist, the officer, and the disabled vehicle.
- b. Determines the source of the vehicle's operational malfunction by questioning the motorist and inspecting the vehicle.
- c. Assists motorist using proper agency procedures (e.g., changes tire, calls a wrecker, pushes vehicle if intersection is blocked by several cars).
- d. Directs traffic around stranded vehicle, if necessary.

V.C.1.2. Remove an Unattended Vehicle Obstructing Traffic.

- a. Enters vehicle information (e.g., plate number, VIN) into the computer system, if unable to locate owner.
- b. Directs traffic around vehicle until the vehicle is moved.
- c. Removes vehicle obstructing traffic by determining why the vehicle will not move and providing the appropriate type of assistance (e.g., use physical force to push the vehicle off the roadway, contacts a tow truck).

V.C.1.3. Determine Proper Method for Directing Traffic.

- a. Determines the need to direct pedestrian traffic by considering the degree of congestion, amount of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, etc.

V.C.1.3. Determine Proper Method for Directing Traffic (continued).

- b. Determines if assistance is necessary to direct traffic by considering the:
  - (1) seriousness of the incident;
  - (2) length of time a temporary traffic pattern will be required; or
  - (3) area to be detoured.
- c. Determines alternate routes for traffic by considering:
  - (1) obstacles in roadway;
  - (2) type of shoulders on roadway;
  - (3) location of side streets;
  - (4) volume of traffic.
- d. Stands in a safe and highly visible location to direct traffic.
- e. Observes traffic from all directions to ensure his/her own safety and the safety of drivers and that traffic flow is uniform.
- f. Communicates with other officers to ensure safe traffic flow.
- g. Determines the need for flares or cones by considering:
  - (1) if a safety problem exists;
  - (2) time of day;
  - (3) visibility; and
  - (4) how long the problem will last.
- h. Determines the number of flares/cones necessary to set up the proper flare/cone pattern.

V.C.1.4. Direct Traffic Safely.

- a. Uses flares properly:
  - (1) avoids burns or igniting fires;
  - (2) replaces flares before they burn out; and
  - (3) disposes of half-burned flares carefully.
- b. Uses flashlight following proper techniques:
  - (1) avoids shining light into driver's eyes;
  - (2) ensures that light is visible;
  - (3) indicates direction of traffic flow with the light.
- c. Uses easily understood hand signals to direct traffic.

V.C.1.4. Direct Traffic Safely (continued).

- d. Directs pedestrian traffic by indicating:
  - (1) when it is safe to walk (e.g., all vehicular traffic has been stopped); and
  - (2) where to walk (e.g., the safest route considering vehicular traffic).

**Module History**

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