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Patrol Vehicle Operations

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Note to Administrators

In order for POST to review and approve your agency's *Field Training Guide*, you MUST submit the following electronic files:

- 1) The POST FTP Approval Checklist ([Form 2-230](#))
- 2) Your department's *Policy & Procedure Manual*
- 3) Your completed Guide (Volumes 1 & 2), including ALL competency requirements covered in Part 5, Sections 1–18.

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5.1 PATROL VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

5.1.01 Purposes of Vehicle Inspections
 The trainee shall explain the purposes of a vehicle inspection prior to driving. These shall minimally include:

A. Prevention of accidents	C. Reduction of maintenance and repair costs
B. Promotion of operational efficiency	D. Location of contraband, evidence, or property

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WPD Policy #704 (Vehicle Maintenance)

5.1.01 Part B - Agency Training Details *(field will expand automatically)*

The trainee shall understand the importance of vehicle maintenance. Prior to the beginning of each shift, the trainee will visually inspect their vehicles for any new damage to the vehicle. The officer will then complete a functions check of the lights, siren, police radio and all other equipment and gear associated with said vehicle. A check of the interior for weapons, contraband, evidence or any other property is advised.

The officer shall notate and document all deficiencies with equipment and running parts of the vehicle. With proper vehicle maintenance, vehicles will be 'on line' longer and need fewer repairs. The number of vehicles in the fleet of the Department is determined by the upkeep and cost of the vehicles.

If an officer does not report an incident regarding a vehicle and the deficiency is reported by another employee, it shall be incumbent upon the last employee of record to drive the vehicle to explain any damage or deficiency as well as a reason stating why it was not reported, per Department Policy.

5.1.02 Vehicle Components

The trainee shall describe the location and use of the following:

- A. Rear door locks
- B. Trunk and hood release
- C. Firearms/weapon release systems
- D. Emergency lights and siren switches
- E. Flares
- F. First-aid equipment
- G. Radio
- H. Spare tire
- I. Spare tire release
- J. Jack and handle
- K. Engine fluid compartments and dip sticks

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5.1.03 Requests for Vehicle Service
The trainee shall explain agency policy regarding requests for vehicle service in the field.

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WPD Policy #706 (Vehicle Use)

5.1.03 Part B - Agency Training Details *(field will expand automatically)*

5.1.04 Vehicle Maintenance
 The trainee shall explain agency policy regarding proper maintenance of police vehicles. This explanation shall minimally include:

A. The procedure for regular maintenance and service of patrol vehicles C. Completion of proper forms/documentation
 B. The procedure for turning in and requesting repair for a damaged or mechanically deficient vehicle

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WPD Policy #706 (Vehicle Use)

5.1.04 Part B - Agency Training Details *(field will expand automatically)*

5.1.05 Pre-Shift Inspection
 The trainee shall conduct a pre-shift inspection of the patrol vehicle, to include:

A. Visual check of vehicle exterior for damage B. Tires for wear and proper inflation C. Inspection of the trunk for the spare tire and required equipment D. Operations check of the vehicle equipment (lights, horn, etc.), and the emergency equipment (light bar, siren, public address system, etc.)	E. Inspection of the firearms/weapons release systems F. Inspection of vehicle interior that includes checking behind the sun visors, in the glove box, and beneath the seats for contraband, evidence, property, or items left from a previous shift
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WPD Policy #706 (Vehicle Use)

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5.2 PATROL VEHICLE OPERATION SAFETY								
5.2.01 Approved Driving Techniques								
The trainee shall review and explain agency policy on approved driving techniques, including:								
A. Backing		D. Passing		E. Excessive speed				
B. Parking								
C. Right-of-way violations								
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WPD Policy #315 (Officer Response to Calls)

5.1.01 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

5.2.02 Stopping Distance
 The trainee shall discuss the factors which influence the overall stopping distance of a vehicle, including:

- A. Driver condition
- B. Vehicle condition
- C. Environmental conditions, including road surfaces
- D. Vehicle speeds
- E. Reaction time and distance
- F. Braking distance
- G. Knowledge of anti-lock braking system

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5.2.03 Defensive Driving
 The trainee shall identify the components of defensive driving, including:

A. Driver attitude
 B. Driver skill
 C. Vehicle capability
 D. Seat belt usage

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5.2.04 Driver Attitude
 The trainee shall identify driver attitudes that can contribute to the occurrence of traffic accidents, including:

A. Overconfidence
 B. Impatience
 C. "Road rage"
 D. Self righteousness

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5.3 SITUATION-APPROPRIATE, FOCUSED, EDUCATED (SAFE) DRIVING

5.3.01 Applying SAFE Driving Techniques
 The trainee will understand and demonstrate the application of SAFE driving during routine and emergency situations. The elements of SAFE driving include:

A. “Situation-Appropriate” – refers to the need for law enforcement officers to modify their driving for the varied circumstances encountered in a patrol driving environment, for example:

1. Routine patrol vs. “Code 3” driving
2. School zone vs. rural highway driving
3. Transitioning from freeways and commercial/ business/industrial areas into residential neighborhood streets
4. Driving in inclement weather and/or at night vs. ideal dry/clear weather and/or daylight conditions

B. The trainee will understand that the “appropriateness” of his/her driving style for the conditions present is also dictated by agency policy. FTOs, supervisors, managers, and department heads will reinforce what driving attitudes are “appropriate” for specific situations.

C. “Focused” – addresses the many concerns related to roadway position/conditions, distractions, fatigue, multi-tasking, equipment, and driver capabilities.

D. “Educated” – refers to training (academy, FTO, in- service/ongoing) and policy, and the need for the trainee to continually apply knowledge gained in these areas to his/her daily driving habits.

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5.3.01 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

5.3.02 Ongoing Driving Instruction/Training
 The trainee will understand the importance of the following critical areas of driving instruction and be able to explain how ongoing exposure and training in each area can benefit the trainee in the application of SAFE driving:

- A. Use of Law Enforcement Driving Simulators in addition to Emergency Vehicle Operations Courses in ongoing and in-service training
- B. Speeds officers are expected to encounter in routine and emergency driving
- C. Night driving
- D. Use of interference vehicle(s) to simulate actual roadway conditions

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5.3.03 Potential Risks Related to Inappropriate Driving

The trainee will be made aware that routine and emergency patrol driving are among the most critically serious and potentially dangerous functions of a law enforcement officer. There is a real and ever present risk of injury or death to officers and members of the public when an officer drives in a manner unsafe for conditions, beyond their capabilities, or beyond the capabilities of their patrol vehicle.

Between 2003 and 2010, more officers were injured or killed in traffic accidents than in assaults. In addition, severe criminal and/or civil sanctions can be imposed on the law enforcement officer and/or organization as a result of unsafe vehicle operation.

The trainee will be made aware of these facts and will relate the importance of SAFE driving to the FTO. The trainee will continually demonstrate SAFE driving practices throughout the FTO program in preparation for continued SAFE driving throughout his/her law enforcement career.

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Distracted driving is very risky and is known to lead to fatal car crashes. NHTSA estimated in 2013 that distraction was a factor about 10 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes and 18 percent of all crashes causing injury. The exact toll is unknown because Investigators often have difficulty measuring the extent to which driver distraction is a contributing factor in a crash. Wireless device records are usually only accessed in cases of death or serious injury, drivers may not admit fault and police may not always be able to discern the role of distraction. Methods of reporting are improving, but current estimates likely underestimate how frequently distraction causes crashes.

The trainee shall have an understanding that inappropriate driving can lead to vehicle accidents/collisions and be aware of these areas of concern while driving.

5.3.04 Driver Fatigue

The trainee shall discuss the effects of driver fatigue, including:

- A. Lower visual efficiency
- B. Slower reaction time
- C. Reduced attentiveness
- D. Memory lapses
- E. Lack of awareness
- F. Mood changes
- G. Reduced judgment ability
- H. Risk of falling asleep at the wheel

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5.3.04 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

Driver fatigue is a very dangerous condition created when a person is suffering symptoms of fatigue while driving, often resulting from the hypnotic (Inducing sleep; soporific or hypnosis) effect especially during nighttime (peak levels at night can be 10 times daytime levels) driving either falling asleep at the wheel or so exhausted they made serious - and fatal - driving errors.

The NTSB came to the concluded that 52 per cent of 107 single-vehicle accidents involving heavy trucks were fatigue-related; in nearly 18 per cent of the cases, the driver admitted to falling asleep. Summarizing the US Department of Transportation's investigations into fatigue in the 1990s, the extent of fatigue-related fatal accidents is estimated to be around 30%. Research shows that driver fatigue is a significant factor in approximately 20% of commercial road transport crashes and over 50% of long haul drivers have fallen asleep at the wheel.

The NTSB stated the early hours of the morning and the middle of the afternoon are the peak times for fatigue accidents.

The trainee should get enough rest in between their shifts to prevent driver fatigue.

5.3.05 Driving Safely								
The trainee shall drive the vehicle in a safe and alert manner complying with all laws, regulations, and policies.								
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5.4 USE OF SEATBELTS								
5.4.01 Seatbelt Use during Routine and Emergency Driving Conditions and Tactical Seatbelt Removal								
<p>The trainee will review agency policy regarding the use of seatbelts while on patrol. The trainee will be made aware of the fact that use of the seatbelt in both routine and emergency driving dramatically increases the chance of survival and decreases the potential for injury during crash.</p> <p>Tactical seatbelt removal (removing the seatbelt as the patrol vehicle slows just prior to safely coming to a stop, so the officer can quickly exit the vehicle) will be discussed by the FTO if such practice is allowed by agency policy. If agency policy allows such practice, the trainee will demonstrate when to appropriately use a tactical removal of the seatbelt.</p> <p>The FTO will continually monitor seatbelt use (and tactical removal of the seatbelt when appropriate) to ensure that the trainee is habitually wearing the seatbelt while on patrol, and is only removing it during a safe and opportune time, given the situation at hand.</p>								
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5.4.01	Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)
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5.5 EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS/PURSUIITS								
5.5.01 Agency Policy The trainee shall review and explain the agency’s policy concerning pursuits and Code 3 driving.								
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WPD Policies #313 (Vehicle Pursuits) and #315 (Officer Response to calls).	

5.5.01 Part B - Agency Training Details *(field will expand automatically)*

The FTO and trainee will discuss at length reasons to initiate a vehicle pursuit. WPD guidelines state that a pursuit can only be initiated.

Definition of Vehicle Pursuit - An active attempt by one or more police officers to apprehend a suspect who is operating a motor vehicle and trying to avoid capture.

The officer intending to stop a vehicle will make every effort to avoid a vehicle pursuit. Activation of lights and siren are delayed whenever possible, until the officer is close enough that the opportunity to flee appears to be unavailable to the operator of the suspect vehicle.

If the operator of the suspect vehicle chooses to avoid being stopped and attempts to flee, the decision to initiate a vehicle pursuit lies with the individual officer.

Certain actions taken by the operator of the fleeing vehicle may escalate the danger to the public, the suspect operator, and the pursuing officer(s). In these cases, jurisdictional policy will prevail in determining whether a pursuit is continued or called off.

Any officer involved in a vehicle pursuit must drive with due regard for the safety of all persons concerned and any exemptions granted the officer, as an authorized operator of an emergency vehicle, do not include protection from the consequences of that officer driving with reckless disregard for the safety of others. It shall be the policy of this Department that a vehicle pursuit shall be conducted only with red light and siren as required by Vehicle Code § 21055 for exemption from compliance with the rules of the road. TRPD Policy #314 was established to provide officers with guidelines for driving with due regard and caution for the safety of all persons using the highway as required by Vehicle Code § 21056

The following points must be considered before initiating a pursuit and continuously, while actively pursuing a suspect;

1. The severity of the offense committed by the suspect
2. The risk to the public (traffic, road, and weather conditions)

When an officer initiates a vehicle pursuit, dispatch should be immediately notified of:

- * Unit Identification
- * Location, Direction of Travel, Indication of Speed
- * Reason for the Pursuit
- * Suspect Vehicle Description and Plate Number - if known
- * Number of Occupants and Description - if known

It is important for the officer in pursuit to ensure the dispatcher and backup officers hear and understand radio transmissions. Roll up windows and give regular location updates.

When a pursuit involves excessive emergency speed and emergency driving tactics, the pursuing officer must consider:

- * The severity and nature of the violation
- * The likelihood of apprehending the suspect
- * The public safety hazards created by a high-speed pursuit
- * The traffic encountered during the pursuit - volume, speed, direction
- * The pursuit environment: residential, commercial, school zone, open highway
- * The population density
- * The familiarity with the roads being traveled
- * The weather and road conditions
- * The driving skill of the officer and condition of the police vehicle being driven

Every police officer must be able to determine when a vehicle pursuit should not be initiated and when to break off a pursuit. Any Supervisor can terminate a pursuit at any time.

The FTO and Trainee will discuss the purpose and scope of Code 3 driving.

Officers dispatched "Code-3" shall consider the call an emergency response and proceed immediately. Officers responding Code-3 shall continuously operate emergency lighting equipment, including at minimum a steady forward facing red light, and shall sound the siren as reasonably necessary pursuant to Vehicle Code § 21055.

Responding with emergency light(s) and siren does not relieve the officer of the duty to continue to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons. The use of any other warning equipment without a red light and siren does not provide any exemption from the Vehicle Code. Officers should only respond Code-3 when so dispatched or when circumstances reasonably indicate an emergency response is required. Officers not authorized to respond Code-3 shall observe all traffic laws and proceed without the use of emergency lights and siren.

Officers shall exercise sound judgment and care with due regard for life and property when responding to an emergency call. Officers shall reduce speed at all street intersections to such a degree that they shall have complete control of the vehicle.

The decision to continue a Code-3 response is at the discretion of the officer. If, in the officer's judgment, the roadway conditions or traffic congestion does not permit such a response without unreasonable risk, the officer may elect to respond to the call without the use of red lights and siren at the legal speed limit. In such an event, the officer should immediately notify the Communications Center. An officer shall also discontinue the Code-3 response when directed by a supervisor.

Upon receiving authorization or determining a Code-3 response is appropriate, an officer shall immediately give the location from which he/she is responding.

The FTO will discuss the Policy and laws regarding pursuit driving and Code 3 driving with the trainee. If the trainee is authorized to initiate a pursuit or respond to a Code 3 call, their driving performance shall be documented in the Field training Manual Program.

5.5.02 Driver Tactics
 The trainee shall identify the tactics that should be utilized by the driver of an emergency vehicle while in a pursuit or during any other emergency response. These tactics shall minimally include:

- A. Slowing for intersections
- B. Careful observation at cross streets
- C. Caution when passing other vehicles
- D. Constant alertness for any unforeseen hazards
- E. Using a well planned route of travel in emergency response situations

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5.5.02 Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum) N/A

WPD Policy #313 (Vehicle Pursuits)

5.5.02 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

5.5.03 Continuing vs. Terminating Pursuits
 The trainee shall discuss those factors to consider in determining whether to continue or terminate/abandon a pursuit. These factors shall minimally include:

- A. Amount of other traffic (vehicular and pedestrian)
- B. Road hazards and road conditions
- C. Environmental conditions
- D. Capability and condition of patrol vehicle and driver
- E. Seriousness of crime(s) in relation to potential likelihood of injury to innocent persons or damage to property
- F. Whether vehicle or driver can be identified

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WPD Policy #313 (Vehicle Pursuits)		

5.5.03 Part B - Agency Training Details *(field will expand automatically)*

The FTO shall discuss with the trainee reasons to continue a pursuit and reasons to terminate a pursuit. If at any time, a Supervisor, over the radio, terminates a pursuit, all officers shall end the pursuit immediately.

When a pursuit involves excessive emergency speed and emergency driving tactics, the pursuing officer must consider:

- The severity and nature of the violation
- The likelihood of apprehending the suspect
- The public safety hazards created by a high-speed pursuit
- The traffic encountered during the pursuit - volume, speed, direction
- The pursuit environment: residential, commercial, school zone, open highway
- The population density
- The familiarity with the roads being traveled
- The weather and road conditions
- The driving skill of the officer and condition of the police vehicle being driven

Every police officer must be able to determine when a vehicle pursuit should not be initiated and when to break off a pursuit.

Some common sense guidelines to terminate a pursuit include:

- Pursuits that would create a clear and unreasonable danger to the officer, the pursued vehicle or other users of the highway are discouraged.
- The degree of danger and risk to public safety should outweigh the need for immediate apprehension.
- The suspect has been identified and apprehension can be accomplished later without the danger of pursuit.

5.5.04 Handling Emergency Response or Pursuit									
Given a simulated or an actual emergency response or pursuit, the trainee shall demonstrate safe and effective driving practices.									
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5.5.04	Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum) WPD Policy #315 (Officer Response to Calls)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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5.5.04	Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically) Officers dispatched "Code-3" shall consider the call an emergency response and proceed immediately. Officers responding Code-3 shall continuously operate emergency lighting equipment, including at minimum a steady forward facing red light, and shall sound the siren as reasonably necessary pursuant to Vehicle Code § 21055. Responding with emergency light(s) and siren does not relieve the officer of the duty to continue to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons. The use of any other warning equipment without a red light and siren does not provide any exemption from the Vehicle Code. Officers should only respond Code-3 when so dispatched or when circumstances reasonably indicate an emergency response is required. Officers not authorized to respond Code-3 shall observe all traffic laws and proceed without the use of emergency lights and siren.
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5.6 VEHICLE OPERATION LIABILITY									
5.6.01 "Rules of the Road" The trainee shall discuss how an officer operating a patrol vehicle under non-emergency conditions is subject to the same "rule of the road" as any other driver.									
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5.6.01	Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)
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5.6.02 Vehicle Code Exemptions
 The trainee shall explain the situations in which the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle is exempt from the Vehicle Code provisions listed in Section 21055, including:

A. Responding to an emergency call
 B. Engaged in a rescue operation
 C. In pursuit of a violator
 D. Responding to a fire alarm

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5.6.02 Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum) N/A

WPD Policy #315 (Officer Response to Calls)

5.6.02 Part B - Agency Training Details *(field will expand automatically)*

The trainee shall have an understanding and working knowledge of what criteria must be met to drive with CA VC Exemptions pertaining to CA VC 21055;

(a) If the vehicle is being driven in response to an emergency call or while engaged in rescue operations or is being used in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law or is responding to, but not returning from, a fire alarm, except that fire department vehicles are exempt whether directly responding to an emergency call or operated from one place to another as rendered desirable or necessary by reason of an emergency call and operated to the scene of the emergency or operated from one fire station to another or to some other location by reason of the emergency call.

(b) If the driver of the vehicle sounds a siren as may be reasonably necessary and the vehicle displays a lighted red lamp visible from the front as a warning to other drivers and pedestrians.

CODE-3 DRIVING.

To be termed an emergency vehicle, both the red lights and siren on a marked police vehicle must be in operation. They shall be activated whenever it is necessary to disregard provisions of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code. This exemption, granted to emergency vehicles by Section 21055 VC, does not relieve the driver from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway, nor does it protect them from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of the privileges granted.

- Code-3 assignments are designated through Communications or field supervisor, with the exception of pursuing an “on view” traffic violator, or stopping a suspected or verified misdemeanor or felony suspect in a vehicle.
- In making regular stops, an attempt should first be made to stop the vehicle by use of red lights and horn instead of the siren.
- The purpose of the siren and the display of red lights is to gain the right of way. The right of way is never assumed.
- When driving Code-3 NEVER pass another vehicle on the right, unless all traffic has stopped and is blocking your way. (Pass on the right to avoid hazard.)
- Keep in mind that some drivers might not hear the siren or see the red lights. Individuals who are deaf can be licensed to operate a motor vehicle in this state. A closed or fogged window, or a radio playing in the vehicles you are approaching, reduces the effectiveness of your red lights and siren.
- Be alert for other Code-3 vehicles. Other police vehicles, an ambulance or Fire Department may be responding to the same call or another call in the same area.
- Do not assume red lights and siren will gain you the right of way. Crossing intersections presents the greatest hazard. Slow down when approaching and crossing intersections.
- Be aware of the speed of the police vehicle, weather conditions, road conditions and traffic flow. Remember, you are no help to the call if you are involved in a traffic collision. You can be held criminally and civilly liable for damage resulting from the negligent operation of an emergency vehicle - even with red lights and siren activated.
- Be alert for hazards when arriving at the scene of the call.

5.6.03 Exemption Requirements									
The trainee shall explain the exemption requirements of the Vehicle Code regarding the use of red lights and siren under Sections 21055(b) and 21807 .									
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5.6.03 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)
<p>The trainee shall demonstrate their knowledge regarding the following CA VC Sections;</p> <p>22105, (b) If the driver of the vehicle sounds a siren as may be reasonably necessary and the vehicle displays a lighted red lamp visible from the front as a warning to other drivers and pedestrians.</p> <p>21807, The provisions of Section 21806 shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property.</p>

5.6.04 Liability for Death, Injury or Property Damage
 The trainee shall explain the conditions under which he/she and/or their agency may be held liable for deaths, injury or property damage which occur while an emergency vehicle is being operated with red lights and siren (Code 3), including:

- A. Failure to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons
- B. When the agency has not adopted a written policy on police pursuits in compliance with Vehicle Code 17004.7
- C. A negligent or wrongful act or omission by an employee of a public entity.
- D. When not responding to an emergency call, not in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to other emergencies.

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5.6.04 Part B - Agency Training Details *(field will expand automatically)*

The trainee shall have a working knowledge and understanding of the following CA VC Sections;

17001, A public entity is liable for death or injury to person or property proximately caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission in the operation of any motor vehicle by an employee of the public entity acting within the scope of his employment.

17004, A public employee is not liable for civil damages on account of personal injury to or death of any person or damage to property resulting from the operation, in the line of duty, of an authorized emergency vehicle while responding to an emergency call or when in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm or other emergency call.

17004.7, (a) The immunity provided by this section is in addition to any other immunity provided by law. The adoption of a vehicle pursuit policy by a public agency pursuant to this section is discretionary.

(b) (1) A public agency employing peace officers that adopts and promulgates a written policy on, and provides regular and periodic training on an annual basis for, vehicular pursuits complying with subdivisions (c) and (d) is immune from liability for civil damages for personal injury to or death of any person or damage to property resulting from the collision of a vehicle being operated by an actual or suspected violator of the law who is being, has been, or believes he or she is being or has been, pursued in a motor vehicle by a peace officer employed by the public entity.

21056, Section 21055 does not relieve the driver of a vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway, nor protect him from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of the privileges granted in that section.

See next page for Attestation

How to Complete Part 5 (Sections 1–18)

INSTRUCTIONS TO ADMINISTRATORS

VOLUME 2 OF THE FIELD TRAINING GUIDE CONSISTS OF 18 SECTIONS WHICH MAKE UP PART 5. Each section is provided as a separate file on the POST website (<https://www.post.ca.gov/field-training--police-training.aspx>). Prior to submitting your FTP Guide to POST for review, you must complete all 18 sections and include them as part of your Guide.

1. **Set up:** Keep an unchanged copy of each section file as a master for reference. Make a copy of the file to use for your agency-specific entries.
2. **Front cover (optional):** To keep a hard copy of Volume 2 for internal use, you can add your agency name and date to the front cover.
3. **For each section (1–18):**
 - a. Open the applicable file and add your agency name and date to the header on page 1. (DO NOT change any other headers or footers or alter any other sections of the file.)
 - b. Below each table:
 - Part A:* Enter applicable references from your agency’s Policies & Procedure Manual.
 - Part B:* Enter your agency’s training details.
4. **After completing ALL sections (1–18),** you MUST submit the following materials via flash drive, CD, or DVD to POST for review and approval (do not send printed copies):
 - 1) **Your completed FTP Guide**
 - 2) **FTP Approval Checklist** ([POST Form 2-230](#))
NOTE: Guides submitted without this form will NOT be reviewed.
 - 3) **Your Department’s Policy & Procedure Manual**
5. MAIL YOUR ELECTRONIC MEDIA TO:
Commission on POST
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95605
Attn: Basic Training Bureau (BTB)
6. You will receive status notification within 90 days from the date received.

See next page for Instructions to Field Training Officers

How to Complete Part 5 (Sections 1–18)

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS (FTOs)

VOLUME 2 OF THE FIELD TRAINING GUIDE CONSISTS OF 18 SECTIONS WHICH MAKE UP PART 5. Each section has been customized by your agency administrator(s) to include references to policies and procedures and training details to meet your agency's Field Training Program requirements. Each file is provided as a separate file. For each section (1–18), complete all tables for each topic.

1. **Set up:** Keep an unchanged copy of each section file as a master for reference. Make a copy of the file to use for your training sessions.
2. **Tracking your training sessions:**
 - a. Upon completing each competency, enter the FTO and trainee names and dates, and how the competency was demonstrated, into the applicable tables.
 - b. Enter any note-worthy comments related to the trainee's performance.
3. **If trainee requires remedial training:**
 - c. Enter the FTO and trainee names and dates, and how the competency was remediated, to show that each competency was completed.
 - d. Enter any additional note-worthy comments related to the trainee's performance.
4. **Attestation:** After all competencies have been performed, including any remedial training, the primary FTO and Trainee **MUST** enter their electronic signatures on the Attestation page (see instructions) to verify that the Trainee has completed this portion of the Field Training Program.

End Section