

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
Vehicle Stops, Advanced
2270-20832-
Expanded Course Outline
Rev. 01/20/2021

Objective:

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the basic understanding, knowledge, and skills to perform a team coordinated advanced vehicle stop utilizing at low speed driving maneuver and vehicle positioning that is designed to safely block the path of a vehicle which may try to flee upon an attempted apprehension of the occupants of the vehicle. The procedure involves the use of three or more vehicles to block a vehicle (at low speeds, when stopped, or parked) before the suspect has a chance to react or flee and therefore avoiding a pursuit. Students will learn vehicle positioning, arrest techniques, event coordination, and safety considerations.

Learning Assessment: Student learning assessment will be evaluated during demonstration and application of the covered skills during practical learning activity scenarios.

I. Overview

- A. Examples of advance vehicle stops and pursuit avoidance techniques
 - 1. Previous incidents and historical development
- B. Types of high risk incidents to utilize the vehicle stop procedure
 - a) Narcotic Investigations (surveillance leading to suspect apprehension)
 - b) Gang Investigations (surveillance leading to suspect apprehension)
 - c) Homicide Investigations

II. Policies and Legal Issues

- A. Department pursuit and arrest policy
- B. Case decisions governing vehicle pursuit situations
- C. Liability and consequences when pursuit avoidance techniques are utilized
- D. Liability and consequences if pursuit avoidance techniques are not utilized
- E. Use of Force
 - 1. Escalation of force issues
 - 2. Decision making tools
 - a. Supervisor's decisions
 - b. Force options
- F. AB392, 835a PC/ Use of Force Legal Issues
 - 1. Emphasis on de-escalation / Tactical repositioning
 - 2. Emphasis on duty to intervene
 - 3. Policy Considerations / Changes
 - 4. Duty to warn
 - 5. At Risk Populations

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- G. Documentation
 - 1. Importance of correct terminology in operations and documentations
- H. Personnel qualifications, experience, and training
- I. Incidents of deployment
 - 1. Equipment effectiveness and efficiency
 - 2. Use of force and departmental compliance

- III. Intelligence
 - A. Identifying and planning the pursuit avoidance maneuver
 - 1. Maintaining options
 - 2. When and where to implement
 - 3. Multi-jurisdiction operations
 - 4. Issues with multiple teams, coordination, training
 - 5. Background of suspect(s)
 - a. Violent criminal(s) committing non-violent crime
 - b. Non-violent criminal committing a violent crime

- IV. Operational Planning – Lecture / Exercises
 - A. Importance of planning
 - 1. Pre-planned vs. non-planned operations
 - 2. Pre-event planning and briefing
 - 3. Contemporaneous planning / contingencies
 - 4. Redacted

- V. Safety Considerations
 - A. Containment
 - 1. Inner perimeter
 - 2. Outer perimeter
 - B. Arrest team
 - 1. Assignments and positioning
 - 2. Avoiding cross fire situations
 - D. Medical response
 - E. Location / Traffic
 - 1. Freeway
 - 2. Residential
 - 3. Rural
 - 4. School zone

- VI. Team Movement (exercises)
 - A. Cover positioning
 - B. Concealment positioning
 - C. Body positions

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1. Standing
 2. Kneeling
 - D. Slow tactical walk
 - E. Fast tactical walk
 - F. Rearward movement
 - G. Overcoming obstacles
 1. Wedging
 2. Communications
 - a. Verbal/radio
 - b. Hand signals
 3. Fill unit duties and responsibilities
- VII. Arrest techniques (exercises)
- A. Tactical arrest and control techniques
 - B. Team positioning
 - C. Use of force
 1. Compliant / non-compliant
 - D. Suspect extraction from vehicle
 1. Single suspect
 2. Multiple suspects
 - E. Arrest Teams
 1. Assignments
 2. Searching
- VIII. Advanced Vehicle Stop and Pursuit Avoidance Techniques – Exercises
- A. Student will demonstrate and apply the knowledge, skills presented in this course to a monitored practical exercise simulating an actual special threat situation
 1. Pre-planned operation
 2. Non-planned operation
 3. Safe vehicle operation
 4. Weapon and cross fire safety
 5. Team movement and integrity
 6. Use of appropriate tactics
 7. Command and control integrity
 8. Operation de-brief
- IX. Course Evaluation

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HOURLY DISTRIBUTION

0800-1000	Overview of Pursuit Avoidance Techniques (PAT) / Policies and Legal Issues
1000-1200	Intelligence / Planning / Containment / Arrest Techniques / Safety Considerations
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1600	Practical application of Pursuit Avoidance Techniques (PAT) Team Movement Exercises / Vehicle Positioning / Officer Safety
1600-1700	Vehicle Stop Debriefing / Documentation / Course Evaluation