

# Street / Highway / Off Road Driving Evaluation

#### **Driver / Vehicle Information**

Driver's name:			Date of evaluation:
Evaluator's name:			Number of miles driven:
Vehicle number:		License number:	
Start time:		Finish time:	
Weather conditions:		Road surface:	
Driver's license number:		Expiration date:	Restrictions:
Type of evaluation:	Pre-Response	Emergency Non-	-Emergency

S – Satisfactory

ry NI – Needs Improvement

U – Unsatisfactory

N/A – Not Applicable

### Pre-Response

	s	NI	U	N/A
Conduct pre-response inspection (according to department guidelines)				
Complete documentation (according to department guidelines)				
Conduct walk-around (Circle of Safety)				
Adjust cab features				
Mirrors, seat, seat belt				
Secure seat belt - driver				
Secure seat belt - crew				
Start engine properly (according to department guidelines)				
Check braking systems				
Test service and parking				
Build full pressure in air tanks				
Check instruments for normal readings				
Receive signal before moving				
Start unit moving smoothly				
Proper gear				
Use clutch properly				

#### **Recommendations**

## Non-Emergency Driving

Complete the following:	S	NI	U	N/A
Four left and four right-hand turns				
Straight section of urban business street or a two-lane rural road at least 1 mile (1.6 km)				
One through intersection and two intersections where a stop has to be made				
One railroad crossing				
One curve, either left or right				
Section of a limited highway that includes a conventional ramp entrance and exit				
Section of road long enough to allow two lane changes				
Downgrade steep enough and long enough to require down-shifting and braking				
Upgrade steep enough and long enough to require gear changing to maintain speed				
One underpass or low clearance or bridge				
Proper speed maintained				
According to posted limits				
Weather conditions				
Retarder adjusted for road conditions (according to department guidelines)				
Cautionary areas				
Highway/road conditions				
Pedestrian traffic				
Proper following distance maintained				
Under 40 mph – 4 sec. Rule				
Lane change				
Signal correctly				
Use mirrors				
Pause before change to check blind spots				
Accelerate into lane change				
Intersection – uncontrolled (direction of travel)				
Decelerate and cover the brake				
Scan intersection for potential hazards				
Proceed through with caution				
Intersection – controlled (direction of travel)				
Decelerate and cover the brake				
Scan intersection for potential hazards				
Come to a complete stop				
Confirm other vehicles have stopped				
Have partner communicate that the right side is clear				
Backing				
Position to avoid if possible				
Give audible notice				
Spotter used				
If no spotter, conduct Circle of Safety				
Check front corners				
Maintain speed control				

## **Non-Emergency Driving Continued**

	S	NI	U	N/A
Parking				
Spotter used				
Park without hitting objects or vehicles				
Park correct distance from curb				
Secure unit (according to department guidelines)				
Carefully enter traffic from parking position				
Railroad Crossings				
Slow down and cover the brake				
Complete stop – unguarded crossings				
Proceed through with caution				
Departing Scene				
Conduct walk-around				
Secure seat belt - crew				
Secure patient				
Night Driving				
Do not exceed speed limit				
General Driving				
Braking				
Apply ABS and air brakes properly (do not pump brakes)				
Reduce speed and brake/downshift before curves				
Shifting				
Downshift and change gears properly				
Proper Hand Position (10 and 2) (9 and 3 with air bags)				
Adverse Conditions				
Reduce speed				
Driver Awareness				
Alert and aware				
Take most efficient route to destination				

### Off Road Driving

	S	NI	U	N/A
Place vehicle into all-wheel drive before going off-road				
Proceed slowly				
Drive straight up hill				
Proceed at angle to avoid "bottoming out" when crossing a ditch				
Follow existing paths or trails				
Use scout where visibility is limited				
Proper hand placement (thumbs outside)				
Set emergency brake if vehicle stalls				

# Off Road Driving Continued

Complete the following: (according to department policies, procedures and vehicle design limitations)		NI	U	N/A
Travel on loose or wet soil				
Steep grade (30 percent fore and aft)				
Limited sight distance				
Blind Curve				
Vehicle clearance obstacles (height, width, undercarriage, angle of approach, angle of departure)				
Limited space for turnaround				
Side slopes (20 percent side to side)				

### **Emergency Response**

	S	NI	U	N/A
Lights and sirens used correctly (according to department guidelines)				
Speed according to posted limits or reduced at the following:				
Intersections				
Congested highways				
Schools				
Weather conditions				
Passing other vehicles				
Cautionary areas				
Maintain a safe following distance				
4 second rule-under 40 mph				
Intersections – uncontrolled (direction of travel)				
Lights/sirens used correctly				
Decelerate and cover brake				
Scan for hazards				
Proceed through with caution				
Intersections – controlled (direction of travel)				
Lights/sirens used correctly				
Decelerate and cover brake				
Avoid using opposing lane if possible				
Complete stop before entering intersection				
Treat each lane of crossing traffic as a separate intersection				
Apparatus placement				
Position vehicle to protect personnel and scene (according to department guidelines)				
Shut down excessive emergency response lights				
Place safety cones for traffic flow				