

Program of Instruction

Course Syllabus

Course Title: DRIVE Fire Level 1

Course Duration: 4 hours

Program: Driver/Operator

Course Prerequisites: None

Course Description: This blended course is designed for students who have never operated large vehicles. Students will complete a series of online presentations covering safe driving practices, defensive driving principles, emergency vehicle response principles, and emergency driver responsibilities. The driving simulator will be used to acclimate students to the characteristics unique to large emergency vehicles including; vehicle dimensions, vehicle handling, and vehicle features by operating these vehicles in realistic exercises. Students will also participate in scenarios that practice spatial recognition, maneuvering large emergency vehicles in confined areas, as well as operation in both normal traffic situations and emergency responses.

Course Requirements and/or Recommendations: These can be divided into three categories: those completed prior to arriving in class (Pre-Course Work), those completed during class, such as homework assignments and quizzes (Course Work), and requirements completed after class but prior to receiving a certificate of completion. (Post-Course Work)

Summary of Directions

Pre-Course Work: Complete the online learning modules.

Course Work: Attend driving simulator practical exercises

Post-Course Work: None

Course Policies:

Safety Policy: Students shall understand and follow all instructions pertaining to operational safety, as stated by instructors or as written in course materials. Instructors and students shall be mindful of safety at all times. Conduct judged to be unsafe shall be grounds for dismissal from the course.

Academic Integrity Policy: IFSI has the responsibility for maintaining academic integrity so as to protect the quality of the education provided through its courses, and to protect those who depend upon our integrity. It is the responsibility of the student to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Any violation of the code of conduct is grounds for immediate dismissal from the course.

American Disabilities Act: As guaranteed in the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and in the American Disabilities Act, if any student needs special accommodations they are to notify their instructor and provide documentation as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to provide for the student's needs.

Course Content:

Module: 1

Title: Safe Driving Practices

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will demonstrate utilizing safe driving practices while operating an emergency vehicle.

Module: 2

Title: Defensive Driving Principles

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will demonstrate utilizing defensive driving strategies when operating an emergency vehicle.

Module: 3

Title: Emergency Vehicle Driver Responsibilities

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will demonstrate the responsibilities of an emergency vehicle operator.

Module: 4

Title: Emergency Response Driving

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will demonstrate utilizing safely operating an emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency.

Reference List:

IFSTA, Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 3rd Edition 2015

Jones and Bartlett Learning, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, 3rd Edition 2018

Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services, Emergency Vehicle Driver Training, 2008 Edition

Driving Safety Training, EVOC-101 Fire Course Training

Driving Safety Training, FleetDriver-101 Training

Illinois Secretary of State, Commercial Drivers License Study Guide, 2016

NFPA 1002, Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, Edition 2017

NFPA 1500, Standard for Fire Department Occupational Health and Safety Program, Edition 2013

IFSI, Fire Service Vehicle Operator, Version 3 2018

USFA, Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative, FA-336

Course Schedule

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 1 - Safe Driving Practices	45 minutes
Module 2 - Defensive Driving Principles	30 minutes
Module 3 - Emergency Vehicle Driver Responsibilities	30 minutes
Module 4 - Emergency Response Driving	75 minutes
Driving Simulator Practical Exercises	1 hour
