



Advanced Driver Training Proposal

AIM:

To conduct a driver education program to selected fire-fighters who have the theoretical and practical skills to become driving instructors.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide driver education to ensure that selected fire-fighters can safely drive fire fighting vehicles in accordance with the Hendon System of Vehicle Control.
2. To provide a Train the Trainer course to ensure that the selected fire-fighters have the necessary skills to provide on-going driver education.
3. To provide advice in relation to vehicle collision causation and prevention.

OUTCOMES:

The course will be conducted by qualified driving instructors, based upon the following Australian competencies. These competencies are used nationally by drivers of emergency vehicles and commercial driving instructors.

PUAVEH001A Drive Vehicles under Operational Conditions

TLIC3607B Apply Safe Driving Practices

TLIM107B Develop Safe Driving Behaviours in Others

TAADEL301C Provide Training through Instruction and demonstration of Work Skills



TIME FRAME:

There are several options in relation to delivery timeframes. A successful course is reliant on the instructors having an understanding of the vehicles being used and the roads on which the training will be conducted. A minimum of one day would be required for instructors to familiarise themselves with the vehicles and local road network. These familiarities could be conducted during days one and two whilst the theory is being presented.

The suggested syllabus is attached. A three-week syllabus allows sufficient time to ensure that students have a realistic chance of meeting course outcomes.

Experience has proved that if students have a good level of driving skills at commencement of course, they stand a great chance of becoming excellent instructors. A course of shorter duration is certainly possible; however no guarantee can be given to achieving the proposed outcomes.



INSTRUCTORS:

The intended instructors are current serving members of the Country Fire Authority in Victoria. All have been trained by the Victorian Police Motor Driving School and have nationally recognised training and assessments qualifications. Several members of the team have formal qualifications and experience in collision investigation and fire fighting vehicle design and testing programs.



TRAINING AREA:

A key component of the course is for students to understand the mechanics of vehicle motion in relation to steering, braking and cornering. A sealed area of at least 500 metres by 15 metres would be required to conduct the exercises as per day three of the attached syllabus.

A minimum of 50 witches' hats would be required for practical exercises.



STUDENT NUMBERS AND RATIO'S:

The course has been designed to train 12 students. The instructor to student ratio would be 1:4, therefore using three instructors.

VEHICLES:



Three appropriate crew cab vehicles are to be provided for the training period. All associated running costs to be met by the Fire and Rescue Training Department.