

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL



## Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor Pamphlet

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## **Emergency Vehicle Driver Program**

The State of Alaska Emergency Vehicle Driver Certification program has been developed to assist local emergency service organizations in conducting effective training and education in prevention of motor vehicle crashes involving fire and rescue apparatus. This program is based in part on NFPA 1002, NFPA 1500, IFSTA Apparatus Operator, Title 13 Alaska Administrative Code, and the National Safety Council's CEVO III Fire and Ambulance programs.

Responses to and from emergency and non-emergency incidents continues to be the second leading cause of firefighter fatalities in the United States. The intent of this program is to ensure personnel have an increased awareness of the problems regarding driving emergency vehicles, have adequate practical training for safe driving both on and off of emergency incidents, and will continue to work towards reducing fatalities and injuries to emergency response personnel and civilians.

This program only focuses on the driving portion of operating an emergency vehicle. The training program does not include all the training and skills necessary to effectively operate the emergency vehicle at the incident. This training program may be utilized by fire, emergency medical, or law enforcement organizations throughout the state.

This program is designed to be conducted and administered at the local level. After successfully completing the program, and submitting the required documentation to the Fire Standards Council, applicants will be issued a State of Alaska certification.

## **Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor Program**

To accomplish the goals of the EVD program, TEB will approve instructors to manage the training program and provide instruction at the local level.

To be certified as a TEB Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor the applicant must:

- a. Be recommended by the local Fire Chief and/or Training Officer
- b. Be a current State of Alaska certified Emergency Vehicle Driver
- c. Have read the FSC EVD certification pamphlet
- d. Have read this EVD Instructor pamphlet
- e. Completed the compliance form and written exam at the end of this pamphlet.
- f. Be at least a certified Alaska Fire Instructor I.

## **EVD Instructor Courses**

To approve instructors to conduct this training TEB requires that instructor applicants complete this pamphlet, the compliance agreement and the written exam. At this time TEB does not have a specific Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor course. It is scheduled for development in the future.

### **EVD Course Delivery Procedures**

To conduct an approved EVD course and get students certified the below procedures must be followed.

- a. Approved EVD Instructor conducts CEVO III program.
- b. CEVO III certificates are received from the National Safety Council.
- c. Approved EVD Instructor conducts the practical skill driver education portion of the program. These practical skills may be taught by the EVD Instructor or another instructor the primary EVD Instructor has nominated. These practical skills must follow the NFPA standards and the FSC EVD Training Record.
- d. The TEB approved EVD Instructor completes and signs the EVD Training Record.
- e. The applicant completes a FSC Application for Certification.
- f. The EVD Instructor attaches the signed EVD Training Record, and CEVO III certificate to the application and mails them to FSC office.
- g. EVD certificates should be mailed within 60 days.

Completed applications should be mailed to the FSC Office:

Fire Standards Council  
5700 E. Tudor Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507  
Phone: (907) 269-5052  
Fax: (907) 269-0134

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### **Frequently asked questions regarding the EVD program**

If a department presently uses the Vol. Fire Insurance Services driver safety program can they use this training course instead of the Natl. Safety Council CEVO III?

*Although these programs are very similar the Alaska certification is based on the CEVO III, so departments interested in certification must use that program.*

Our Department already has a driver safety program. Do I need to change my program to get state certification?

*Probably not, but you will need to incorporate the CEVO III curriculum in to your present program, and you will also have to complete all the NFPA driving requirements identified on the training record.*

Will the Training and Education Bureau come to the local department to administer the final exam?

*No. There is not a final exam for this certification. Certification is granted if the applicant has completed the CEVO III course and has the FSC training record completed and signed by an approved EVD instructor. This is all accomplished at the local level.*

Can only TEB approved EVD instructors provide the field instruction under this program?  
*No. The approved EVD instructor may allow other instructors to provide instruction at the local level, but all the training records and application must be signed by the certified EVD instructor. The authority to manage this program at the local level lies solely with this certified instructor. The certified instructor can have other individuals providing instruction for him, but has the final responsibility for the program.*

Will TEB approve of multiple EVD instructors at one department?  
*Yes. TEB will approve those instructors selected by either the Fire Chief or the Training Officer. These individuals must also meet the requirements of the instructor program to receive approval.*

Is there an expiration date to the EVD Instructor certificate?  
*No, but a person must maintain their Fire Service Instructor, and/or EMS Instructor, and/or Police Instructor certification for the EVD Instructor to remain valid. The Instructor must also maintain their primary EVD certification, which is valid for 3 years. The Training and Education Bureau also expects that the Instructor will continue to maintain their EVD Instructor expertise. FSC reserves the right to revoke any EVD Instructor certification if the requirements of the program are not being met.*

Will TEB conduct any EVD courses?  
*Generally not. The goal of this program is for the training to be conducted at the local level. TEB may elect to conduct training from time to time as needed.*

How does my department get involved and begin the program?  
*First, contact TEB to express your interest. Second, order the CEVO III program. Third, get at least one instructor certified by TEB as an EVD Instructor. Forth, begin the program, complete the training, and send applicants into FSC for certification.*

If a department only has small vehicles like an ambulance, can I conduct the program, or do I need larger engines, trucks, and tankers?  
*It is not necessary that a department have large apparatus for this program to be conducted and to be successful. The emphasis of the program is on driving; whether it is large or small vehicles. It is anticipated that departments will conduct the training across the variety of vehicles they utilize.*

Can I use this training program for my volunteers who respond in personal vehicles to emergency scenes?  
*Yes. This program is for all personnel who drive to and from emergency scenes. Although the program is designed for primary response vehicles it is an excellent tool to use for all drivers. If a person has not been with an emergency response agency for at least 2 years they need the approval of the agency director (Chief of Training Officer) to complete the program.*

One of the driving requirements on the training record is for a person to operate an emergency vehicle under “emergency response” conditions (NFPA 1002, 2-3.6). Does this mean that prior to certification as an EVD the person must be evaluated while driving on an emergency response?

*The method of compliance with this standard is left up to the local jurisdiction and the local EVD instructor. Although the NFPA standard states that the person must be evaluated while on an emergency response, the Training and Education Bureau understands that this may be difficult, and that some departments may not allow this during “training”. As a minimum the EVD instructor must ensure that all the prerequisite skills and knowledge have been taught and evaluated. It is also anticipated that the instructor will attempt to set up “simulated” emergency response scenarios that can be evaluated during training.*

# STATE OF ALASKA EMERGENCY VEHICLE DRIVER INSTRUCTOR

## Expectations and Compliance Agreement

Emergency vehicle crashes in the United States are a serious problem. They continue to injure and kill many emergency responders each year. The Training and Education Bureau has developed this program to assist the local department in enhancing the local driver training program and also to help in reaching the goal of reducing the national crash statistics involving emergency apparatus.

The undersigned agrees to comply with the policies and procedures of the Training and Education Bureau Emergency Vehicle Driver program, and additionally:

- Agrees to conduct the State of Alaska Emergency Vehicle Driver Program in compliance with NFPA 1901 and 1500 Standards;
- Agrees to manage, direct, or implement this program ensuring that safety is the top priority and safety considerations are being addressed at all times;
- Agrees to evaluate and make suggestions on improving this program in-house and at the State level;
- Agrees to include specifics on local apparatus that is pertinent and relevant to the training program;
- Agrees to maintain proper documentation in accordance with program requirements and agrees to ensure that personnel under their direction stay current with their certification;
- Agrees as a certified Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor to uphold the intentions of this program and work towards making the local department's driving program stronger and safer.

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### Compliance Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to administer this program  
(Instructor Name)

in its entirety to the members of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Department Name)

in accordance with the rules, policies and procedural requirements mandated by TEB.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Instructor Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## Instructor Quiz:

(Circle all the correct answers that apply)

1. Who can provide EVD instruction at the local level?
  - a. Only TEB certified EVD instructors.
  - b. Certified TEB EVD instructors and their designated local driver instructors.
  - c. Any driver instructor designated by the Fire Chief or Training Officer.
  - d. The most experienced driver in the department.
2. What elements are important to maintain EVD driving program's integrity?
  - a. Ensure that safety and quality are addressed and continue to encourage drivers to slow down.
  - b. Maintain accurate and complete program documentation.
  - c. Ensure that instructors are experienced and knowledgeable.
  - d. Sell the programs and it's importance to the entire staff of the organization.
3. Who has primary responsibility for the safe operation of a fire response vehicle?
  - a. The officer in charge or the senior medic.
  - b. The operator.
  - c. The vehicle mechanic
  - d. The Chief of the Department.
4. Why are seat belts critically important for emergency responders?
  - a. They keep occupants secured in place.
  - b. They make us look good in the public's eye
  - c. It's the law and increases survival rates at crashes.
5. Is it important that the driver understands the requirements of the NFPA standards with regards to vehicle operations?
  - a. Not necessarily, because they were written for larger departments.
  - b. Yes, because they provide a useful map and guide for managing a driver training and safety program, no matter the size of the department.
  - c. Not really, cause our local department sets it's own driving standards.

### True or False Questions

6. I can make a difference and increase operator safety awareness by implementing the State Emergency Vehicle Driver Program in my organization.      True      False
7. . Driver training is a boring subject, and tends to get labeled as "not that important as long as the operator gets to the scene".      True      False
8. Since Alaska driving conditions are much different than the rest of the country, a nationally based driving program may not work in our organization.      True      False
9. Emergency providers should be exempt from wearing seatbelts.      True      False