

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL



**EMERGENCY VEHICLE  
DRIVER  
and  
EMERGENCY VEHICLE DRIVER  
INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION  
PROGRAM**  
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## **Emergency Driver Certification Program**

### **Background**

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 during emergency and non-emergency response 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.

### **Program Curriculum**

The training curriculum includes two elements. The approved classroom portion is the National Safety Council's "CEVO III" for Fire, and/or Ambulance, and/or Police. The practical skills portion is completion of the approved FSC emergency vehicle driver training record.

The CEVO III Instructor kits and student booklets are available on-line at [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org) or <http://secure.nsc.org/train/course.cfm?id=65>

The National Safety Council can also be contacted at  
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1121 Spring Lake Drive  
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Included in the CEVO III package are student booklets, test, test processing fee, patch, and certificate. This program has been approved by the Alaska Fire Standards Council.

### **Certification Program**

The Emergency Vehicle Driver certification program includes two levels.

Emergency Vehicle Driver: designed for those individuals who may be required to drive their department's vehicles either in an emergency or non-emergency mode.

Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor: designed for those individuals who are selected by the Training and Education Bureau to conduct and manage the Emergency Vehicle Driver training program at the local level.

## **Basic Requirements for EVD or EVD Instructor Certification**

### Emergency Vehicle Driver

- a. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
- b. Two years experience with an Alaska emergency response agency (fire, police, or ambulance), or approval of the local Fire Chief, Ambulance Director, or Police Chief to attend the course.
- c. Must have and maintain a valid driver's license.
- d. Must have completed the department's "in-house" driver training program.
- e. Applicant must have successfully completed the National Safety Council CEVO III program for Fire, or Ambulance, or Police and have submitted original certificate of completion.
- f. Applicant must have successfully completed the required practical skill elements. These skills documented on the FSC training record and signed by an approved EVD instructor.
- g. Submits a FSC application for certification along with required training record and CEVO III certificate.

### Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor

- a. Applicant must be approved by the Training and Education Bureau.
- b. Applicant must be Emergency Vehicle Driver certified.
- c. Applicant must complete the TEB approved Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor training requirements.
- d. Applicant must be at least a certified Alaska Fire Instructor I.
- e. Must provide driver history background information with application.

## **Approved EVD Courses**

Emergency Vehicle Driver courses will be conducted at the local level by TEB approved EVD Instructors. These courses included two elements: (a) a classroom portion, and (b) a practical skills driving portion.

The classroom portion of the course is the National Safety Councils CEVO III course for either Fire, Ambulance, or Police. The practical skills portion includes the required driving elements of NFPA 1002. The classroom and driving elements are outlined on the FSC Emergency Vehicle Driver training record. The local department must complete a driver history background record check. This will be reviewed at the local level.

## **EVD Instructor Training Requirements**

Presently TEB approves EVD Instructors through the administrative review process. This administrative review is accomplished by completing the EVD Instructor Training Pamphlet, signing the compliance agreement, and completing the attached examination. In the future it is anticipated that TEB will provide EVD instructor training courses at various time through out the state. Students for these instructor training courses will be selected by the local department and approved by TEB. In these courses the student will learn how to safely and correctly conduct an EVD certification course. Students will also learn the TEB requirements for conducting an EVD certification course.

### **Testing Elements for Certification**

All applicants for certification must complete both a written and practical examination. The written exam will be included in the Natl. Safety Council CEVO III portion. The practical exam will be administered by the locally approved instructor and must follow the requirements of NFPA 1002 and the FSC EVD training record.

### **Prerequisites**

Applicants for certification must have been approved by both the local department administrator, and have completed the departments "in-house" driver training program.

### **Re-certification**

The EVD certification is valid for 3 calendar years. Individuals must complete the recertification requirements and submit the required documentation to FSC prior to the expiration of the certificate. If the certificate has expired more than one year, the candidate has to again complete the initial certification requirements.

The EVD recertification requirements are:

- a. Submit a recent driver's history background check to the local Fire Chief, Training Officer, or EVD Instructor for review and approval.
- b. Complete the Natl. Safety Council CEVO III program as a refresher element.
- c. Submit a recertification application to FSC. The local department administrator's signature confirms that both "a" and "b" above have been completed.

The EVD Instructor recertification requirements are:

- a. Maintain certification at primary EVD level (above)
- b. Submit documentation of current Fire, EMS, or Police Instructor qualification.

It is up to the instructor to keep track of their own certification dates.

### **Reciprocity/Challenge**

Certification at the EVD or EVD Instructor level will only be issued to individuals who have completed the required TEB training course. Reciprocity and/or challenge are not available for either of these levels.