

30 hour

### Coaching the On and Off Road Emergency Vehicle Operator “Train-the-Driver”

This course is designed to address collision -producing situations common to the emergency vehicle operators on and off road. The course goes beyond the basics of handling large and small emergency trucks and teaches practical defensive driving techniques that allow the driver to read and respond safely to different road environments. The behind-the-wheel section of the course provides useful proven methods for using the mirrors, backing, turning, parking and driving on and off road. Throughout the course, drivers actively participate by analyzing and discussing ways to handle potential collision situations and will be evaluated through a written test and field evaluation.

#### Prerequisites:

Proper Class of Commercial Drivers License when training in Class A, B and C vehicles.

#### Audience:

Career & Volunteer Fire Apparatus Operators of emergency Off-Road Cars, Vans, Trucks & 4 Wheel Vehicles.

#### Course Topics:

- Cushion of Safety
- Scanning, stopping and following distances
- Vehicle positioning, depth perception and driver adjustments
- Blind stops, intersections, and mirror adjustments
- Emergency and non-emergency driving situations
- Proper speeds for off road conditions
- “Safe” off-road parking
- Off road vehicle inspection and securing cargo
- Making transitions from paved to unpaved surfaces
- Limits of driving 2-wheel and 4-wheel drive vehicles
- Backing, turning and parking maneuvers using reference points
- Emergency evasive maneuvers
- Self appraisal
- Field evaluation