



Public Safety

Location: COS, Visalia

Chairman:

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CHECK IN STARTS: 9:00 am **CONTEST BEGINS:** 9:15 am

ELIGIBILITY:

Group event (6 members) 4 patrol officers and 2 suspects. Limited to 10 groups/60 total competitors.

SCOPE OF CONTEST:

Peace officers must recognize situations involving high levels of risk in order to apply appropriate tactical actions during a vehicle stop. The objective of the exercise is to test the effectiveness of the team as they conduct a high-risk vehicle traffic stop.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:

To be supplied by the Chairperson:

- Vehicles

To be supplied by the contestants:

- Unity Belt & Gear

RULES AND PROCEDURES:

- Contestants will have **15 minutes** to conduct the vehicle stop, secure and search the suspects, and complete all required actions.
- The 2 two person units will be expected to:
 - Demonstrate officer safety measures during a high-risk vehicle pullover.
 - Use appropriate actions for cover officers who are called to assist during the stop.
 - Provide clear and authoritative commands for suspects to exit the vehicle.
 - Execute safe and effective tactics for the stop.
 - Maintain officer safety awareness when searching the target vehicle.
 - Perform proper techniques for securing, cuffing, and searching suspects (including checking for tightness and double locking cuffs).
 - Demonstrate the correct procedure for securing a suspect in the back seat of a patrol vehicle, including applying a seat belt to ensure safety.

Detailed Steps for Suspect Securing

After the suspect is handcuffed and searched, contestants must:

- Open the back door of the patrol vehicle while maintaining control of the suspect.
- Verbally instruct the suspect to lower themselves into the vehicle seat.
- Secure the suspect's seat belt to ensure compliance with safety protocols.



JUDGING CRITERIA

- Teamwork and Coordination: Evaluation of how well the team works together, distributes tasks, and supports each other.
- Communication: Assessment of both internal communication between team members and external communication with the suspect(s).
- Use of Cover and Concealment: Rate the strategic use of available cover and concealment throughout the stop.
- Command Presence and Direction: Judge the clarity, authority, and effectiveness of commands given to suspects.
- Suspect Approach and Control: Consider how well the team approaches the suspect(s) and maintains control throughout the process.
- Vehicle Search Techniques: Evaluate thoroughness, safety, and methodical clearing of the vehicle.
- Securing and Seat Belt Application: Check if the suspect is safely secured in the back seat, with a seat belt properly applied and the door locked.

DRESS CODE:

1. Team members need to be properly attired
2. Clothes must fit the body, no saggy and/or baggy clothes
3. Students must wear closed-toe shoes
4. Students with long hair must keep hair in a ponytail or under a cap.

TIME:

Roll will be taken at 9:00 a.m.

TIE BREAKER:

In case of a tie, the team who completed the traffic stop in the least amount of time will win.

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1. Teamwork and Coordination (1-5 Points)

- 5 Points:** Team members work seamlessly together, distributing tasks effectively and supporting each other with clear coordination.
- 4 Points:** Team members demonstrate good coordination with minor lapses in task distribution or support.
- 3 Points:** Team members work together adequately but show some confusion or miscommunication that affects overall performance.
- 2 Points:** Team members struggle with coordination, leading to confusion and inefficiency.
- 1 Point:** Team members do not coordinate well, resulting in significant disruption to the task.

SCORE: _____

2. Communication (1-5 Points)

- 5 Points:** Communication between team members and with suspects is clear, concise, and authoritative. Commands are well-delivered and effective.
- 4 Points:** Communication is generally effective, with only minor issues in clarity or delivery.
- 3 Points:** Communication is inconsistent, with several unclear or poorly delivered commands.
- 2 Points:** Communication is largely ineffective, causing confusion or lack of control.
- 1 Point:** Communication is confusing or absent, severely impacting the team's performance.

SCORE: _____

3. Use of Cover and Concealment (1-5 Points)

- 5 Points:** Team members consistently use cover and concealment effectively, demonstrating strong tactical awareness.
- 4 Points:** Team members use cover and concealment well but may have occasional errors or missed opportunities.
- 3 Points:** Team members use cover inconsistently, with several positioning errors.
- 2 Points:** Team members struggle with proper cover and concealment, creating safety risks.
- 1 Point:** Team members fail to use cover effectively, putting themselves or others at risk.

SCORE: _____

4. Command Presence and Direction (1-5 Points)

- 5 Points:** Commands to suspects are clear, confident, and authoritative, with the lead officer maintaining strong control throughout.
- 4 Points:** Commands are effective, with minor issues in confidence or clarity.
- 3 Points:** Commands are inconsistently delivered, or the officer struggles to maintain control.
- 2 Points:** Commands are unclear or lack authority, causing confusion among suspects.
- 1 Point:** Commands are ineffective or absent, resulting in significant loss of control.

SCORE: _____

5. Suspect Approach and Physical Control (1-5 Points)

- 5 Points:** Team members approach suspects with precision, maintain strong physical control, and follow all procedures correctly.
- 4 Points:** Team members maintain control and follow procedures with minor lapses in technique.
- 3 Points:** Team members show some issues with suspect approach or physical control, affecting safety.
- 2 Points:** Team members demonstrate significant errors in approach or control.
- 1 Point:** Team members lose control of the suspect, making major procedural errors.

SCORE: _____

6. Vehicle / Suspect Search Techniques (1-5 Points)

- 5 Points:** Search is thorough, methodical, and conducted safely, with no steps missed.
- 4 Points:** Search is mostly thorough, with minor lapses in thoroughness or safety.
- 3 Points:** Search is incomplete or inconsistently conducted, with several safety oversights.
- 2 Points:** Search is poorly executed or unsafe, with significant procedural gaps.
- 1 Point:** Search is ineffective, unsafe, or incomplete, leaving hazards or suspects undiscovered.

SCORE: _____

7. Securing and Seat Belt Application (1-5 Points)

- 5 Points:** Suspect is secured correctly in the back seat with the seat belt properly applied, and all safety steps are followed.
- 4 Points:** Suspect is secured well, but there are minor inefficiencies or errors in the seat belt application.
- 3 Points:** Suspect securing is incomplete, or the seat belt is not applied correctly.
- 2 Points:** Seat belt application and securing are poorly handled, with multiple errors.
- 1 Point:** Suspect is not secured safely, and major safety steps are missed.

SCORE: _____

8. Overall Safety and Execution (1-5 Points)

- 5 Points:** Team demonstrates high safety awareness and executes flawlessly, ensuring no one is at risk.
- 4 Points:** Team maintains good safety and execution with minor errors that do not compromise overall safety.
- 3 Points:** Team has noticeable safety issues or execution flaws that could affect performance.
- 2 Points:** Team shows significant safety concerns or multiple execution errors.
- 1 Point:** Team demonstrates poor safety awareness, making critical errors that impact effectiveness.

SCORE: _____

Comments: _____

Total Score: ____ / 40 Points