

**PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS**

404.03F

**Driving Defensively Under Emergency Conditions (Aerial)**

**Discipline:** Driver/Operator

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**I. Objective**

Operate an aerial apparatus using defensive driving techniques under emergency conditions, given a fire department aerial apparatus and simulated emergency conditions, so that control of the vehicle is maintained.

**II. Instructions – Procedures for Achieving the Objective**

The Driver/Operator shall operate a fire department aerial apparatus using defensive driving techniques under simulated emergency conditions.

**III. Examiner's Note**

The Driver/Operator will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing. Emergency driving simulation should be restricted to a driving track or similar controlled area. Emergency driver training should not be conducted on public ways. For more information, see 49 CFR 383. The driving course must allow the Driver/Operator to navigate one through intersection and two intersections where a stop is made.

**IV. Preparation & Equipment**

- A. Fire department aerial apparatus
- B. Simulated emergency conditions

**V. Reference Sources**

- A. IFSTA, Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 2nd Edition
- B. NFPA, 1002 1.4.1, 1.4.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.6, 7.1

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Discipline: D/O

Name:		Officer #:	
Evaluator:		Officer #:	
Date:	Unit:	Location:	

**The Driver/Operator:** (No partial points given)

- A. Makes a 360-degree visual inspection around the apparatus.....3.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Uses handrails to enter and exit the apparatus.....1.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Wears seat belt.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Ensures no firefighters were in a standing position anywhere on the apparatus.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Checks mirror positions before moving .....2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Correctly checks passenger restraint devices are in use.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Verbalizes maintaining safe following distances.....2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Maintains control of the vehicle while accelerating.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Maintains control of the vehicle while decelerating.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- J. Maintains control of the vehicle while turning.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Safely operates under adverse environmental or driving surface conditions.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- L. Correctly uses automotive gauges.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- M. Correctly uses automotive controls.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Follows all local and state laws.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- O. Uses hand-over-hand or shuffle steering for all elements.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_
- P. Displays use of appropriate speed for all driving elements.....P/F \_\_\_\_\_

Points Possible	Passing Score	Attempt	Performance Rating (Points)	PASS	FAIL
8	6	First			
		Second			
		Third			