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Drive, manoeuvre and redeploy fire and rescue vehicles



Overview

What is the unit about?

This unit is about driving fire and rescue vehicles safely to an incident – for example a fire – using the most effective route. The unit also covers siting the vehicle safely and securely at the incident and then taking the vehicle to its next required operational position.

Who is the unit for?

The unit is recommended for fire-fighters and control room staff.

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Performance criteria

Driving vehicles to incidents

- You must be able to:*
- P1 check the vehicle to make sure it is ready for an emergency response
 - P2 plan your route, taking account of the nature of the incident and local conditions
 - P3 make the journey in the shortest time whilst minimising risks to life, property and the environment
 - P4 comply with all relevant regulations and guidelines
 - P5 treat colleagues and members of the public in a way that promotes a positive image of yourself and your organisation
 - P6 drive the vehicle within its capabilities and your own limitations
 - P7 use warning devices only when they are appropriate to the situation
 - P8 continuously assess driving conditions and modify your driving to minimise risk to yourself, colleagues and members of the public

Manoeuvring, siting and redeploying vehicles

- You must be able to:*
- P9 manoeuvre and site the vehicle in the best position whilst avoiding undue risk to the vehicle, yourself and others
 - P10 make sure that the siting and positioning of the vehicle does not interfere with access and operations
 - P11 disengage any unnecessary systems and devices, taking account of the needs of the situation, local conditions and the security of the vehicle
 - P12 manoeuvre the vehicle on departure in accordance with local traffic management schemes, regulations and requirements
 - P13 make sure you and the vehicle are ready for the next operation

For the whole unit

- You must be able to:*
- P14 communicate with people in a way that encourages understanding, goodwill, and co-operation and promotes a positive image of yourself and your organisation
 - P15 report any vehicle damage defects and deficiencies within specified timescales
 - P16 make sure your records are in the agreed format, accurate, complete, legible and available to authorised users

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Health and safety

- K1 hazards and risks of the workplace affecting people and the environment
- K2 how to apply practices that maximise the health, safety and welfare of yourself and others in the workplace
- K3 how to make and apply decisions based on the assessment of risk

Organisational

You need to know and understand:

- K4 relevant fire, rescue and other legislation
- K5 record systems and their uses

Personal and Interpersonal

You need to know and understand:

- K6 how to communicate clearly and effectively with the range of people involved
- K7 how to treat colleagues and members of the public with respect and consideration, taking account of, and accepting, diversity
- K8 lines and methods of communication/reporting in the workplace
- K9 roles, responsibilities and limits of authority of self, others and other agencies in the workplace

Technical

You need to know and understand:

- K10 dimensions, weight limits and capabilities of fire and rescue vehicles
- K11 how and when to apply exemptions from the Road Traffic Act
- K12 how and when to use vehicle warning devices and systems
- K13 the requirements for availability and operational readiness of resources
- K14 how to apply defensive driving techniques when driving to incidents
- K15 how to report accidents, damage and defects involving fire and rescue vehicles
- K16 how to ensure that equipment is securely stowed
- K17 how to undertake routine maintenance of vehicles
- K18 the capabilities and limitations of operational equipment
- K19 how to site and operate appliances

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Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

This unit covers the following types of incidents:

1. any requiring an emergency response
2. any requiring the relocation of resources

and the following types of regulations and guidelines:

3. Road Traffic Law
4. Civil Law (Duty of Care)
5. Health and Safety Law
6. Highway Code
7. Legal Exemptions
8. `Roadcraft`

Links to other NOS

1. This unit links to CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6

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