



**St. Louis County
Rescue Squad**

Operate Vehicles

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OBJECTIVE

During a practical checkout in a vehicle with an evaluator, perform a pre-start inspection of fluids, tires, and lights. Then, start up and drive the vehicle under normal traffic (non-emergency) conditions, as directed by the evaluator. A short road patrol is an appropriate method to demonstrate this competency. *See criteria list associated with this module.*

RESOURCES

None.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

None.

AUTHORIZED EVALUATORS

Any Rescue Squad member

MAXIMUM RENEWAL TIME

One-time certification; no renewal required.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

See separate criteria list associated with this module.



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Skill Sheet

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NOTES TO EVALUATOR

Choose a conveniently positioned suburban for this skill check. Tires should be visually inspected for inflation and proper wear patterns. All headlights, stop, turn, tail, and emergency lights should be checked. With fluids, the newer the vehicle, the less "user-friendly" the fluid reservoirs are, but at a minimum, check the area under the vehicle for obvious drips or stains; then, check the oil, anti-freeze (cold engine only), and windshield washer fluids. Also, quickly eyeball the rear compartment to ensure that the trauma kit, oxygen rig, C-collars, etc. are present and accessible.

For the short patrol component, a quick run around the LaVaque/Taft/Munger Shaw loop, or a run up to Independence and back is normally sufficient. Watch for adherence to traffic laws, particularly speed. Most of the newer suburbans are real stallions, and it's not difficult to find yourself 15 over the speed limit without realizing it. Each suburban is slightly different, and take this time to answer any questions about control placement, such as fast idle, trailer brake boxes, emergency lights, etc. However, the candidate should know their way around the vehicle.

| Task | Go | No-Go |
|---|----|-------|
| Visually inspects tires for inflation and proper wear pattern | | |
| Visually inspects for fluid drips | | |
| Visually inspects rear compartment for T-kit; O2 bag; C-collars; etc. | | |
| Checks oil, radiator (cold engine only) OR overflow reservoir (warm engine), washer fluid, brake fluid (if accessible), transmission fluid (engine running, if accessible), and battery indicators (if equipped). | | |
| Checks headlights, stop, tail, turn, and emergency lights | | |
| Starts engine | | |
| Places all members in service with Dispatch | | |
| Obeys all traffic laws while driving; no unsafe passing, turning, or other maneuvers | | |
| Parks vehicle | | |
| Completes report sheet | | |

There are no critical criteria associated with this module.

_____ **Go** _____ **No Go** _____ **Evaluator**

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