

Newport Beach Police Department
Vehicle Racing & Modified Vehicle Enforcement
Course Control Number: 6830-30252
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COURSE PURPOSE:

The purpose of this course is to provide the training needed to identify, locate, and issue citations for California Emission violations. A portion of the course will require the students to identify illegal modified vehicles and another portion directly related to identifying the car clubs that do illegal street racing and how they communicate using social media.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

The students will be able to identify illegal emissions modifications, learn about illegal street racing and learn how to safely enforce street racing violations.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Instructor introduction
- B. Overview of class topics
 - 1. Purpose of Training:
 - a. Familiarize with the nature of side show and street racing events
 - b. Provide update on trends
 - c. Provide enforcement tools for field officers
- C. Classroom rules:
 - 1. Questions are allowed at any time
 - 2. Inform class of break schedule
- D. Engine/General Vehicle Components
 - 1. How an engine works.
 - 2. Identification of engine/vehicle parts

II. SIDE SHOW AND STREET RACING TRENDS

- A. Side Show Event Activities:
 - 1. Dangers associated with events
 - 2. Delay response for emergency vehicle
 - 3. Sideshow event participants/spectators associated illegal activity

III. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

- A. Issues experienced with sideshows/street racing
- B. Resources
- C. Techniques / Tactics utilized to combat
 - 1. How to get investigation from Road Patrol to Investigative Services
- D. Social Media Investigations

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1. Investigative Practices
- E. Criminal Intelligence
 1. Identifying and tracking organizers, main participants and spectators

IV. ENFORCEMENT

- A. Operational Planning
 1. Effective Planning
 2. Criminal Intelligence
 3. Location Survey
 - a. Gathering points
 - b. Avenues of escape
- B. Zero Tolerance Enforcement
 1. Adopting these aggressive, yet basic enforcement tactics will serve as a deterrent for future Street Racing/Sideshow participation
- C. Reasonable Suspicion/Probable Cause
 1. Definition
 2. Application to Side Show Enforcement
- D. Vehicle Stops
 1. Side Show/Street Racing Indicators
 2. Officer Safety
- E. Crowd Control
 1. Consideration and Options
- F. Violator Interview
 1. Questions and Techniques
- G. Report Writing and Court Preparation
 1. Specific Details and Indicators
 - a. Expected Questions:
 - b. We have a list of expected questions to be asked of officer
 - c. We also have a list to offer prosecuting attorney
 2. Evidence:
 - a. Photographs are the best evidence

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3. Testimony:
4. Be prepared for the obvious questions
 - a. PC for stop
 - b. Definition of a speed contest
 - c. Ability to ID driver
5. Suspect or Witness Statements:
 - a. Drivers statements before and after admonishment
 - b. Passenger is a witness. No need for admonishment. Statements of “He was driving” are useful

H. Citations

1. What to write on face of citation:
 - a. “27156(b) Disconnected, modified or altered required pollution control device”...”Must be verified by State Referee, 1-800-622-7733”
2. Notes:
 - a. Document specific alterations on notes, not on face of citation
3. Photographs:
 - a. Take photographs whenever possible
4. Non-operation after issuance of citation:
 - a. “No person shall operate after notice...except as may be necessary to return the vehicle to the residence or place of business of the owner or driver or to a garage, until the vehicle has been properly equipped...”
5. Stickers:
 - a. Place BAR sticker on “sign-off” portion of cite
 - b. Allow for sign-off line if citation include multiple violations
 - c. Write section to be signed off on allocated space on rear of citation.
 - d. Leave “Date” blank for certifying officer

I. Scenario

1. Video
2. Discussion

V. INSPECTING VEHICLES

A. Specific PC for stop:

1. Build case from the beginning
2. Identify specific offense for stop (VC section)
3. Lighting violations (VC 23003, 25950(a), 24012 per 699(C) CCR)

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4. Identify modifications
- B. Officer safety
- C. Consent vs. Force:
1. State reason for stop to driver
 2. Discuss other modifications you observed
 3. Ask driver to open hood
 4. Telling driver to open hood less desirable
- D. VC 2804:
1. CHP may inspect vehicles
- E. VC 2806:
1. Any regularly salaried police officer or deputy sheriff may inspect vehicles
- F. VC 2800 (a):
1. Misdemeanor to refuse or submit to any lawful inspection
 2. Follow your department guidelines
 3. Look for altered or hidden hood release device
 4. Inspections vs. Searches
- G. Consistency:
1. Conduct inspections systematically / consistently
 2. Equate to conducting 11550 HS evaluation
- H. Documentation:
1. Document on supplied form, all inspections
 2. Utilize for court
- I. Photographs:
1. Good evidence for court
 2. Allows for visual aid to support charges
 3. Allows for expert testimony to support charges if needed
 4. Prohibits claim of “no alteration” if suspect changes parts
- J. VC 27150(b) for loud exhaust:
1. “Loud or unusual”
 2. No decibel reading or expertise required
 3. Applies to exhaust system rear of catalytic converter
 4. Does not go to referee (at this time)

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5. Is a sign-off citation
6. Motorcycles also can be in violation

VI. ILLEGAL VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS

A. VC 27156(b)

No person shall operate or leave standing upon any highway any motor vehicle which is required to be equipped with a motor vehicle pollution control device...or any certified motor vehicle pollution control device required by any other state law or any rule or regulation...unless the motor vehicle is equipped with the required motor vehicle pollution control device which is correctly installed and in operating condition. “No person shall disconnect, modify, or alter any such required device.”

B. Exterior modifications

1. Common modifications include:
 - a. Team decals
 - b. Modified muffler
 - c. Lowered vehicle
 - d. Clear taillight lens

E. Interior modifications

1. Common modifications include:
 - a. Large tachometer
 - b. Aftermarket gauges
 - c. Adjustable Air/Fuel computer
 - d. Adjustable Boost control
 - e. Pedals
 - f. Restraint / Harness system
 - g. NOS (Nitrous oxide)

F. Engine modifications

1. Common modifications include:
 - a. Headers
 - b. Adjustable camshaft gear
 - c. Cold-air intake tube
 - d. Fuel pressure gauge
 - e. Strut support
 - f. PCV vent tube and filter
 - g. HEI ignition

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- h. Fuel pressure regulator
- i. Intake manifold
- j. NOS (Nitrous oxide)
- k. Turbo-charger
- l. Adjustable boost control valve

VII. AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB) STICKERS AND BUREAU OF AUTO REPAIR REFEREE LABELS

A. Description

- 1. Referee Label will include:
 - a. Engine designation and required emission control items
- 2. Air Resources Board (ARB) tag:
 - a. Must be either metal or a paper sticker that cannot be easily altered by and ink pen
 - b. The tag(s) shall display the approval number The approval number (EO#) will begin with a letter with two or three digits following

B. Required locations for posting:

- 1. Bureau of Auto Repair Referee Label to be located on the drivers side door post
- 2. Air Resources Board (ARB) tag:
 - a. If metal, the tag must be spot welded or riveted on the part
 - b. If sticker type, the tag must be located on the part on the underside of the hood, the core support near the radiator or the shock tower

VIII. ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

A. Proper locations:

- 1. Raised boss on engine
- 2. Raised boss or top of transmission

B. Descriptions:

- 1. Motor numbers to be stamped into boss
- 2. Transmission numbers
- 3. Riveted to boss of transmission
- 4. Printed on sticker
- 5. Bar codes

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- C. Tampering and removal:
 - 1. Reasons for tampering or removal equals theft
 - 2. Show rivet hole and sheared rivet examples
 - 3. Show altered and removed numbers

- D. VC 10751:
 - 1. Definition: “Remove, alter, deface or destroy...serial or identification number”

- E. Arrest vs. ID and release:
 - 1. Arrest only if have PC to show knowledge
 - 2. In all other cases, gather statements / evidence and impound vehicle with hold for detectives

- F. Recovery of stolen or stripped vehicles:
 - 1. Many parts on vehicles are numbered and can be traced
 - 2. When recovering stripped vehicles, note specific parts which have been removed
 - 3. Gather evidence
 - 4. Prints, photographs, witnesses

**IX. AIDING OR ABETTING SPEED CONTEST; EXHIBITION of SPEED;
OBSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY FOR SPEED CONTEST OR EXHIBITION
OF SPEED**

- A. VC 23109 (b) (Aiding or Abetting a Speed Contest or Exhibition of Speed)
 - 1. Misdemeanor (Bookable offense, depending on your Department)
 - 2. Typically “Starter” or “Flagger”

- B. VC 23109 (c) (Exhibition of Speed)
 - 1. Misdemeanor (Bookable offense, depending on your Department)
 - 2. Person is required for the speed to be exhibited to (passenger included)
 - 3. Usually includes the act of intentionally braking traction

- C. VC 23109 (d) (Obstruction of Roadway for Speed Contest or Exhibition of Speed)
 - 1. Misdemeanor (Bookable offense, depending on your Department)
 - 2. Obstruct or place any barricade or obstruction on any highway

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3. Not common
4. Examples: crowd blocking street, rolling blockade

D. Booking makes the greatest long-term impact

X. LAB LESSON PLAN PRACTICAL EXERCISE

A. Student Test / Patrol Exercise

B. Walk-through of vehicle inspection:

1. Identification of vehicle modifications
2. Illegal vs. Legal modifications

XI. CLOSING

Question and Answer
Handout critiques
Final Test Question
Videos