

PURSUIT INTERVENTION TECHNIQUE  
16 HOUR INSTRUCTOR COURSE  
EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE

**DAY 1**    **STUDENT PHASE**

**I.    Introduction to PIT**

- a. Overview of why pursuit training and “use of force” options are important
  - 1. Perishable skill
  - 2. Video demonstrations
  
- b. Proper decision making of what “use of force” is necessary
  - 1. P.I.T.
  - 2. Tire deflation devices

**II.   History**

- a. Improper tactics
  - 1. Roadblocks
  - 2. Motorcade style pursuits
  - 3. Boxing in
  - 4. Officer safety issues

**III. Pursuit Policies and Procedures**

- a. California Pursuit Guidelines
  - 1. When to initiate / terminate
  - 2. Legal issues
  
- b. Discussion
  - 1. Stationary
    - a. Road blocks
    - b. Barricades, Capture nets
    - c. Road spikes
  - 2. Mobil
    - a. Channeling
    - b. Rolling blocks

**IV.   Tire deflation devices**

- a. Spike strip types
  - 1. “Stinger” Spike Strips
  - 2. “Stop Sticks”

- b. Deployment demonstration
  - 1. Demonstrate proper stance
  - 2. Safety issues
  
- c. Tire Deflation Device Deployment
  - 1. Proper Stance
  - 2. Student Deployment Practice

**V. Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)**

- a. PIT demonstration (EVOG Staff)
  - 1. "Touch and Go"
  - 2. P.I.T. application
- b. Vehicle placement-Offset rear quarter panel
  - 1. Passengers side contact
  - 2. Driver side contact
- c. Vehicle speed
  - 1. 35 MPH
- d. Target location
  - 1. backdrop, pedestrians, civilians
- e. Tactical considerations
  - 1. High risk stop
- f. Suspect vehicle location
  - 1. Tactical considerations
    - a. head on removal of suspect
    - b. potential assault upon officers
    - c. Roadway width
    - d. Blind corners/intersections

**VI. Student practice P.I.T.'s (18-23 per student)**

- a. Phase 1 (30 MPH)
  - 1. Contact position
  - 2. Successful P.I.T.
- b. Phase 2 (35 MPH)
  - 1. Match Speed
  - 2. Correct position & contact
  - 3. ¼ turn – accelerate
  - 4. Application of brake "tap"
  - 5. Driver side – Passenger side

## **VII. Practical test and critique**

- a. Demonstration of close quarter placement
  - 1. When to initiate contact
  - 2. Where to initiate turning maneuver
- b. Student practical application
  - 1. Three (3) placement maneuvers

## **DAY 2 INSTRUCTOR PHASE**

### **I. Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)**

- a. P.I.T. demonstration
  - 1. "Touch and Go"
  - 2. P.I.T. application
- b. Vehicle placement-Offset rear quarter panel
  - 1. Passengers side contact
  - 2. Driver side contact
- c. Vehicle speed
  - 1. Maximum speed 35 MPH
- d. Target location
  - 1. backdrop, pedestrians, civilians
- e. Tactical considerations
  - 1. high risk stop
- f. Suspect vehicle location
  - 2. Tactical considerations
    - a. Head-on removal of suspect
    - b. Potential assault upon officers
    - c. Roadway width
    - d. Blind corners/intersections

### **VIII. Evaluation of Students - Practice P.I.T.'s (18-23 per student)**

- a. Phase 1 (30 MPH)
  - 1. Contact position
  - 2. Successful P.I.T.
- b. Phase 2 (35 MPH)
  - 1. Match Speed
  - 2. Correct position & contact
  - 3. ¼ turn – accelerate
  - 4. Application of brake "tap"
  - 5. Driver side – Passenger side

**IX. Practical test and critique**

- a. Demonstration of close quarter placement by Instructor Trainees
  - 1. When to initiate contact
  - 2. Where to initiate turning maneuver
  
- b. Student practical application
  - 1. Three (3) placement maneuvers