Trailer Towing for Emergency Responders

July 8, 2015

Course Description:
Trailer Towing for Emergency Responders is a 1-day add-on course to the Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving program designed to demonstrate the fundamentals of trailer-towing operations.

During a statewide or local crisis, emergency service agencies are called upon to rapidly bring their expertise and specialized equipment to the disaster area. This could include an Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) team, maritime assets, or vital supplies such as generators and fuel for response and recovery. Often the personnel and equipment must arrive by specialized vehicle with a trailer in tow.

Inclement weather, night conditions, and the stress of responding to an emergency can make the already difficult task of towing a trailer with a load more challenging. Familiarity with tow vehicles and trailers as well as proper training is essential for the safety of responders and the public.

Topics Include:
Classroom Discussion
- Types, classifications, and mechanics of tow vehicles and trailers
- Safe trailering techniques

Demonstration
- Vehicle and trailer safety inspection
- Proper vehicle to trailer hook-up
- Balance, load, and secure a payload on a trailer for tow

Skill Lanes
- Demonstrate proper backing
- Demonstrate proper braking and knowledge of stopping distance
- Demonstrate proper negotiation of serpentine, 180 degree turn, lane blockage, and emergency stopping

Course Provider:
This course is being taught by a team of instructors from the State Preparedness Training Center and the National Center for Security & Preparedness.

Vehicles:
Students are expected to bring their own agency-assigned tow vehicle and trailer. Both should be in good working order and have a valid NYS Inspection.

Times:
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Registration and Check-In: 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
Course: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
The course will begin promptly at 8:00 AM
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Costs:
There is **NO FEE** for this course.
Lunch will be provided each day.
Travel and all other meals are the responsibility of the course participant.
Lodging **WILL** be provided on the nights of July 7 and 8, 2015 for Public Sector personnel ONLY (Federal grant funds cannot be used for Private Industry personnel). After your enrollment is confirmed in the course, you will receive an email verifying your lodging needs.

Location:
State Preparedness Training Center
5900 Airport Road
Oriskany, NY 13424

Hotel Payment:

*NOTE* You are only eligible for lodging if your residence and official work station are more than 50 miles from the training center and you are Public Sector personnel. Lodging is **NOT** available for Federal employees or Private Industry participants. You must be enrolled in the course and have received lodging confirmation from the SPTC before arriving at the training center, or your lodging will not be covered and you will not be allowed in the class. If you have any questions, contact the SPTC at 315-768-5689 or by email at sptc.info@dhses.ny.gov prior to arriving at the training center.

Audience:
The target audience for this course is emergency responders from all disciplines including: EMS, state response agencies (e.g. fire and emergency management), rescue personnel, and law enforcement.

Prerequisites:
All students should have completed the *Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving* or equivalent basic EVOC course before attending.

Check SLMS for EVDD delivery dates.

Registration:
Statewide Learning Management System Procedures taking effect.
If you have already used SLMS, please log in here to register for this course: [https://nyslearn.ny.gov](https://nyslearn.ny.gov)
If you received an email indicating that a SLMS username and account have been created for you but you have not yet used that account or if you have an account with NYS Directory Services, please use the instructions in the email and at the following link to enroll in SLMS and register for this course:
If you have never used SLMS and **DO NOT** have an account please use the instructions in the following link to create an account and register for this course:
If you have any trouble registering through the Statewide Learning Management System, please contact the SPTC at (315) 768-5689 or by email at sptc.info@dhses.ny.gov.

No Show Policy:
Failure to attend a class you have registered for can result in restriction on future course attendance and agency notification. If you have not received a confirmation or denial two weeks prior to the course data, please contact DHSES, SPTC at (315) 768-5689.

*NOTE: Registration is on a first come first served basis. Seats are limited so early registration is encouraged!*