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Officer Traffic Safety

The Placer County Sheriff's Office has reviewed historical nationwide data regarding line of duty deaths. We noted the overwhelming cause of LODD were primarily traffic related. In response to the data we continually improved our annual emergency vehicle operations course training over and above what is required of California POST.

Besides annual training on our pursuit policy staff is required to participate in behind the wheel perishable skills training every 12 months, double the minimum POST requirement.

Staff have to perform a slow speed driving course that incorporates the following maneuvers; turn around, parallel parking, reverse driving, offset lane, cul-de-sac U-turn, "Y" driveway, steering course (forward & reverse), bootleg turn, chicane, angled driveway, and "T" driveway. They also have to participate in a high speed pursuit course involving a suspect vehicle and two pursuing units. Training staff set up the course annually along with portable street signs, stop signs, and a trained dispatcher to simulate calling directions, speeds, traffic conditions, and locations.

A collision avoidance course is included to train staff to react to sudden obstacles at high speeds.

In 2016 the Sheriff's Office hosted the Below 100 program for our staff and outside agencies. The Sheriff's Office has aggressively posted Below 100 signage throughout the various facilities we occupy and posted them on vehicle egress gates as a last reminder for staff to watch speeds and wear seatbelts when operating motor vehicles. These officer safety and safe driving posters have photos of our own Sheriff's Office vehicles that sustained damage as a result of a collision in an attempt to show relevance to our staff and are refreshed regularly.

Supervisory staff also conducts random spot checks for speed law compliance. The Sheriff's Office also has a mandatory seat belt policy requiring staff to wear their seat belts when operating Sheriff's Office vehicles.

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