

## **General Information**

The Emergency Response Driver (ERD) Course is designed to teach selected firefighters, employed on the MOD Estate<sup>1</sup>, the skills necessary to safely drive a fire appliance. It builds on the skills acquired during Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) training and consists of 2 parts:

- Part 1 – Pre Course Training
- Part 2 – Formal Training

## **Part 1 – Pre Course Training**

All students who attend the ERD Course must be fully conversant with the Highway Code and 'Roadcraft' – The Police Drivers handbook. Copies of 'Roadcraft' and the Highway Code should be held on Unit.

In order to measure your underpinning knowledge, you will be required to pass a Driving Standards Agency (DSA) Theory Test Paper (pass mark 43/50) which is based on the Highway Code along with the DSA Hazard Perception Test, which has 14 clips with a pass mark of 44 out of a possible 75, on the first day of your course. Failure to pass the DSA Theory Test Paper will result in a retest on Tuesday morning; failure to pass this test will result in you being returned to your Station.

### Study Procedure

You should choose a method of study which suits you however, whichever study method you choose, we would recommend that you spend no more than 40 minutes working then take a 15 minute break. All the knowledge required to successfully complete the theory examination is contained within the Highway Code and 'Roadcraft'.

## **Part 2 - Formal Training**

Part 2 of the course consists of 5 days training (normally spread over 1 week) and currently covers:

- Road Traffic Law and Regulations
- Observation
- System of vehicle control
- Vehicle handling and positioning
- Driving at speed and 'Blue Light' driving
- Student formative assessment
- Student advanced driving summative assessment
- Student Blue Light summative assessment

<sup>1</sup> This includes Defence Fire & Rescue Service, RAF Fire Service and Contract Fire Service personnel)

### **Course Programme**

A copy of the ERD Course programme is provided on this site.

### **Course Documentation**

You are required to bring the following documentation:

- Civilian Driving Licence (both parts)
- Record of Driving Hours

### **Further Information**

In addition to this document you should refer to:

- DFTDC Information – General Information, Location Map and Contacts
- General Information – Course Information, MT Regulations (JSP 800) and MT Orders
- Forms – DFRS Forms 221 and 222