

# **“DRIVE TO SURVIVE”** **TRAINING**

## **WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOUR DRIVERS TRAINED??**

Each year, nearly 25 % of firefighter fatalities are the result of motor vehicle crashes, yet few fire departments train their members on the safe operation of emergency apparatus and personal vehicles. The *“Drive to Survive”* training program is designed to teach members that no matter how long they have been driving, or how “good” they think they are, there are limits to the safe operation of an emergency apparatus or personal vehicle. Using the same techniques used by crash investigators, this class is designed to provide a better understanding of important topics that are essential for safe driving, such as:

- ✓ Vehicle Dynamics
- ✓ Air Brakes
- ✓ Brake Fade
- ✓ Roadway Friction
- ✓ Stopping Distances
- ✓ Skid Control
- ✓ Critical Curve Speed



- ✓ Rollover Thresholds
- ✓ Anti-Lock Brakes
- ✓ Hydroplaning
- ✓ Tire Blowouts
- ✓ Drunk Driving
- ✓ Personal Vehicle Ops
- ✓ Seat Belt Use

The *“Drive to Survive”* training program is a 3-hour, lecture based seminar, which is ideal for drill nights or weekly training sessions. The seminar has been featured at over 100 different locations throughout the United States, including:

- ✓ FDIC 2009
- ✓ FDIC 2008
- ✓ Firehouse Expo 2005
- ✓ South Carolina FF Conference, 2007
- ✓ Whatcom County, WA Fire Dept.
- ✓ City of Vandalia, OH Fire Dept.
- ✓ City of Manhattan, KS, Fire Dept.
- ✓ Glenside, PA Fire Company

*“Drive to Survive”* addresses advanced topics that are not normally covered in basic driver training programs. The class is ideal for any member who operates a fire truck, ambulance or personal vehicle. The class also addresses important issues for the chief and line officers who are ultimately responsible for the operation of any motor vehicle or driver training program within a fire or EMS department.

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