



**OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL**  
*REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL*  
*EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS*  
**STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

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**SUBJECT: Driver Training Guidelines**

**OBJECTIVE: Create a Standard for Vehicle Operation by Regional Hazardous Material Emergency Response Teams**

**I. SCOPE:**

To identify minimum requirements and training guidelines for the operation of state-owned hazardous material emergency response vehicles.

**II. Minimum requirements for drivers:**

- a. Possess a Valid Drivers License
- b. NFPA Driver/Operator Certificate

**III. Training requirement minimums**

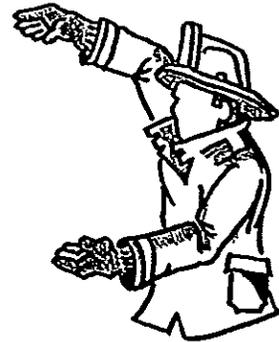
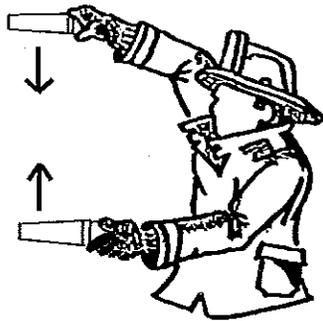
- a. Classroom
  - i. State laws related to your vehicles
  - ii. Oregon Revised Statutes Regarding Emergency Vehicles
- b. Completion of the DPPST driver's task book using HazMat team vehicles
  - i. Driver/Operator Evaluation Guide
  - ii. Driver Task Book or performance evaluation
  - iii. Meet or exceed the driving course road test requirements listed in the driver's task book utilizing HazMat vehicles.
  - iv. Drive test should represent your jurisdiction's driving conditions.
- c. Annual winter driving review

**IV. Backing**

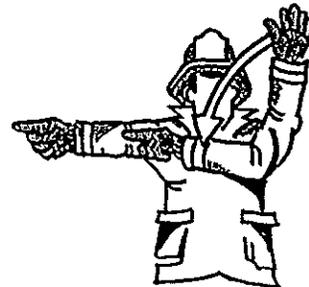
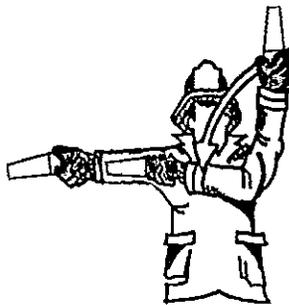
- a. Spotter(s) shall be used whenever an emergency response vehicle must be backed. The spotter(s) shall stand in clear view of the operator at the rear of the vehicle and direct the driver in a manner that will avoid obstructions in the path of travel. The shared responsibility for proper backing procedures lies with both the driver and the spotter(s).
- b. Standard hand signals as diagrammed below shall be used when backing apparatus. To ensure clear communications, the driver shall remove his/her headset, and roll down the driver's side window. Mobile or portable radios may be used as needed for clearer communications.

c. Guides will use the standard hand signals denoted below to assist the Driver/Engineer with the backing process. Traffic Control flashlights will be used at night or as needed to improve visibility. The same hand signals will apply.

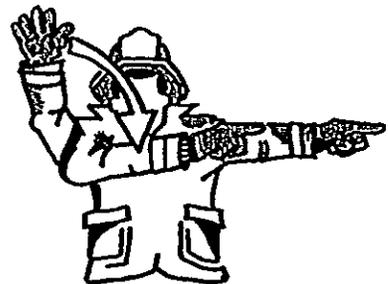
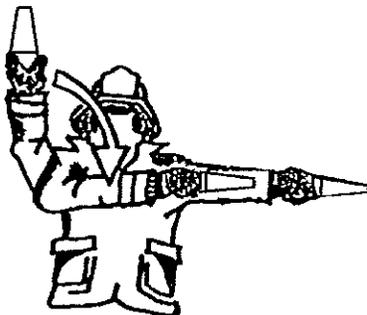
i. DIMINISHING CLEARANCE: Used at end of backing process; when guides hands meet together the vehicle must stop.



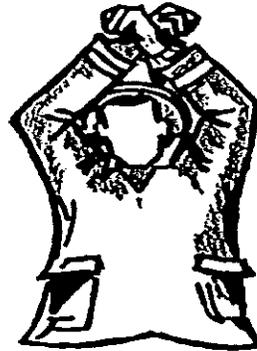
ii. ANGLE RIGHT: Move to direction guide is pointing



iii. ANGLE LEFT: Move to direction guide is pointing



iv. STOP



v. BACK UP STRAIGHT BACK



- d. When no one is available to spot while backing the vehicle must be stopped and completely circled by the operator to ensure that there are no obstructions or other dangers before backing.