

# SFJ CO9 – SQA Unit Code H562 04

## Drive, manoeuvre and redeploy fire and rescue vehicles



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### Overview

#### What is the unit about?

This unit is about driving fire and rescue vehicles safely to an incident – for example a fire – using the most effective route. The unit also covers siting the vehicle safely and securely at the incident and then taking the vehicle to its next required operational position.

#### Who is the unit for?

The unit is recommended for fire-fighters and control room staff.

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### Performance criteria

#### Driving vehicles to incidents

- You must be able to:*
- P1 check the vehicle to make sure it is ready for an emergency response
  - P2 plan your route, taking account of the nature of the incident and local conditions
  - P3 make the journey in the shortest time whilst minimising risks to life, property and the environment
  - P4 comply with all relevant regulations and guidelines
  - P5 treat colleagues and members of the public in a way that promotes a positive image of yourself and your organisation
  - P6 drive the vehicle within its capabilities and your own limitations
  - P7 use warning devices only when they are appropriate to the situation
  - P8 continuously assess driving conditions and modify your driving to minimise risk to yourself, colleagues and members of the public

#### Manoeuvring, siting and redeploying vehicles

- You must be able to:*
- P9 manoeuvre and site the vehicle in the best position whilst avoiding undue risk to the vehicle, yourself and others
  - P10 make sure that the siting and positioning of the vehicle does not interfere with access and operations
  - P11 disengage any unnecessary systems and devices, taking account of the needs of the situation, local conditions and the security of the vehicle
  - P12 manoeuvre the vehicle on departure in accordance with local traffic management schemes, regulations and requirements
  - P13 make sure you and the vehicle are ready for the next operation

#### For the whole unit

- You must be able to:*
- P14 communicate with people in a way that encourages understanding, goodwill, and co-operation and promotes a positive image of yourself and your organisation
  - P15 report any vehicle damage defects and deficiencies within specified timescales
  - P16 make sure your records are in the agreed format, accurate, complete, legible and available to authorised users

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### Health and safety

- K1 hazards and risks of the workplace affecting people and the environment
- K2 how to apply practices that maximise the health, safety and welfare of yourself and others in the workplace
- K3 how to make and apply decisions based on the assessment of risk

#### Organisational

*You need to know and understand:*

- K4 relevant fire, rescue and other legislation
- K5 record systems and their uses

#### Personal and Interpersonal

*You need to know and understand:*

- K6 how to communicate clearly and effectively with the range of people involved
- K7 how to treat colleagues and members of the public with respect and consideration, taking account of, and accepting, diversity
- K8 lines and methods of communication/reporting in the workplace
- K9 roles, responsibilities and limits of authority of self, others and other agencies in the workplace

#### Technical

*You need to know and understand:*

- K10 dimensions, weight limits and capabilities of fire and rescue vehicles
- K11 how and when to apply exemptions from the Road Traffic Act
- K12 how and when to use vehicle warning devices and systems
- K13 the requirements for availability and operational readiness of resources
- K14 how to apply defensive driving techniques when driving to incidents
- K15 how to report accidents, damage and defects involving fire and rescue vehicles
- K16 how to ensure that equipment is securely stowed
- K17 how to undertake routine maintenance of vehicles
- K18 the capabilities and limitations of operational equipment
- K19 how to site and operate appliances

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### Additional Information

#### Scope/range related to performance criteria

This unit covers the following types of incidents:

1. any requiring an emergency response
2. any requiring the relocation of resources

and the following types of regulations and guidelines:

3. Road Traffic Law
4. Civil Law (Duty of Care)
5. Health and Safety Law
6. Highway Code
7. Legal Exemptions
8. `Roadcraft`

#### Links to other NOS

1. This unit links to CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6

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