



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
PROACTIVE DRIVER INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

PEER OBSERVATION FORM

Driver Name: _____ **ID#** _____ **Date:** _____

Station/Shift/Dept: _____ **Observer:** _____

Unit #: _____ **Make:** _____ **Year:** _____

Emergency Response _____ **Non-Emergency Response** _____

Starting. Leaving the Station, Scene or Parked Position. 3 Points Each Behavior.	# Points
1. Daily apparatus check – Operator completed a daily apparatus check to ensure the vehicle is in safe operating condition.	
2. Circle Check – Operator completed a circle check before entering cab to check for open doors, loose equipment, clear path, and all personnel seated and restrained.	
3. Adjustments – Operator completed an adjustment to mirror, seat, and steering wheel before moving and checked for oncoming traffic before pulling out.	
4. Visual Scan – Operator completed a visual scan of the field of vision before moving.	
5. Seat Belts – All personnel in the vehicle were seated and restrained prior to moving.	
In Motion. 5 Points Each Behavior (-1 point for each infraction to max of 5 per behavior).	# Points
1. Space Cushion – Operator maintained a safe following distance defined as no less than 2 seconds at 20mph and 1 extra second for each additional 10mph.	
2. Visual Lead Time – Operator had an adequate visual horizon and was looking over the vehicle immediately in front.	
3. Eye Movement – Operator did scan entire field at least once every 10 seconds while moving and more frequently at intersections.	
4. Covering the Brake – Operator covered the brakes to reduce reaction time while proceeding through intersections, squeeze plays, downgrade, and other hazardous driving situations potentially requiring rapid deceleration.	
5. Appropriate Speed for Conditions – Operator reduced speed for road/weather conditions, school zones, stopped bus, pedestrians, residential area, parking lots, tunnel, narrow roads, overhead hazards, and other hazards.	
6. Guarded and Unguarded Railroad Crossings – Operator comes to a complete stop and looks both ways at all railroad crossings.	
7. Hands Free – Operator had hands free for steering and shifting. Operator did not smoke, drink a beverage or eat; reach for an object; adjust mirror, seat or steering wheel, or hold object while in motion.	

8. Steering – Operator maintained a 9-3 hand placement; vehicle under control at all times.	
9. Signaling – Operator changed lanes when lane is clear, signal to flash 2-3 times before beginning lane change. A minimum of 2-4 seconds following distance in front of and behind vehicle when beginning lane change is maintained.	
10. Traffic Signs/Signals – Operator is aware of and obeys all traffic signs (Running a red light or stop sign is automatic failure of road evaluation).	
Intersections. 5 Points for Each Behavior (-1 point for each infraction to max of 5 per behavior).	# Points
1. Cover the Brake – Operator covered the brake while approaching and crossing the intersection or during a squeeze play.	
2. Eye Movement – Operator observed the entire intersection including oncoming traffic from the right and left sides.	
3. Reduce Speed – Operator reduced speed to first gear or 10mph or less when approaching (100 feet) a red light, stop sign, using the opposing traffic’s lane, or executing a squeeze play.	
4. Intersection Stop – Operator completely stopped at the intersection when the intersection was not clear of moving vehicles.	
5. Jumping – Operator did not jump the red light or jump a turn right on red requiring opposing traffic to slow down (routing driving).	
6. Clear Space – Operator maintained a clear space while stopped at intersection equal to one-half the apparatus length.	
Arriving on Scene or Stopping. 3 Points for Each Behavior	# Points
1. Deceleration – Operator planned ahead for the stop by decelerating thus avoiding a hard-brake.	
2. Pass the Address – Operator did not pass the address requiring the vehicle to be hard-braked, backed or u-turned.	
3. Spotting – Operator spots the apparatus at a slow speed for tactical advantage.	
4. Parking Brake – Operator sets the parking brake before personnel dismount and for non-traffic stops longer than 10 seconds.	
5. Wheel Chock – Operator dismounts vehicle and properly places a wheel chock.	
Backing. 5 Points for Each Behavior	# Points
1. Spotter – Vehicle backed with the use of a spotter.	
2. Spotter – Spotter maintained eye contact and utilized adequate hand signals.	
3. Circle Check – Operator completed a circle check before backing without a spotter and visually scanned the area backing into.	
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE – 125. POINTS NEEDED TO PASS - 107	
TOTAL OPERATOR POINTS	