

9.2 Driver Selection and Courses

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Policy

Driver Selection

Selection of employees who will be required to drive full-time or part-time shall be done with eare. The lives of people and the professionalism of County employees are under public scrutiny every time a County vehicle is operated, and it is of paramount importance that only employees who have a healthy attitude toward their driving responsibilities be assigned to driving tasks.

Drivers of County vehicles shall be considered qualified when capable of meeting the following criteria:

- 1. Possess a valid Illinois driver's license of the proper class.
- 2. Capable of passing eye tests given by the County which determine visual acuity (near and far), vertical and lateral balance, fusion, depth perception, field of vision and color recognition.
- 3. Capable of passing a County physical examination when a question of fitness to drive arises because of prolonged or serious illness.
- 4. Capable of passing written tests on driving regulations whenever required.
- Capable of successfully passing a driving check ride administered by his supervisor periodically.
- 6. Capable of demonstrating familiarity with the type of vehicles assigned.

Driving Courses

Full-time and designated part-time employees driving County vehicles shall be required to attend the Driving Course and once every two years for refresher training when administered by Human Resources.

- 1. Assignments for classes shall be made by the employee's division supervisor to insure class quotas are met and to maintain satisfactory work schedules.
- 2. Frequency of employee attendance of Driving Courses shall be determined by the division head and/or Human Resources when a review of records indicates a need for retraining.
- 3. New employees and employees transferred to positions required to drive County vehicles shall be required to complete the Driving Course satisfactorily within one year of starting their assignment.
- 4. Any driver involved in a preventable collision or demonstrating questionable driving capabilities shall be required to be retrained in the Driving Course or reassigned to non-driving duties if no improvement is noted.