

STRATHCLYDE

FIRE & RESCUE



Emergency Response Driver Training Programme

"Driving Into The Future"

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A Brief History

- In 1975 SFR gave no training to their drivers, except for allowing a driver to “drive back” for approximately eight weeks.
- In 1988 SFR introduced “EFAD” this was a ten day course with 2 students to 1 Instructor.
- EFAD lasted till around 1995 when RoSPA based Driver Training was introduced.
- RoSPA Training/Qualification lasted until December 2004, when it was seen that SFR needed to step up a gear in their driver training programme.

The Project Begins

- How did the project begin?
- The “Project Team” ?
- Where do we start?
- Who do we speak to?
- What benchmarks should we use?
- Where the goals achievable?

The ERDT Programme

- Currently SF&R have 3 Crew Managers and 3 Support Instructors who deliver the ERDT Programme.
- The programme is currently being delivered to wholetime operational personnel, with Part time personnel and Senior Officers soon to be introduced prior to 2007
- SF&R work closely with the Scottish & Northern Ireland Driver Training Group who are now trying to have the current programme adopted as a National Standard.

The ERDT Programme

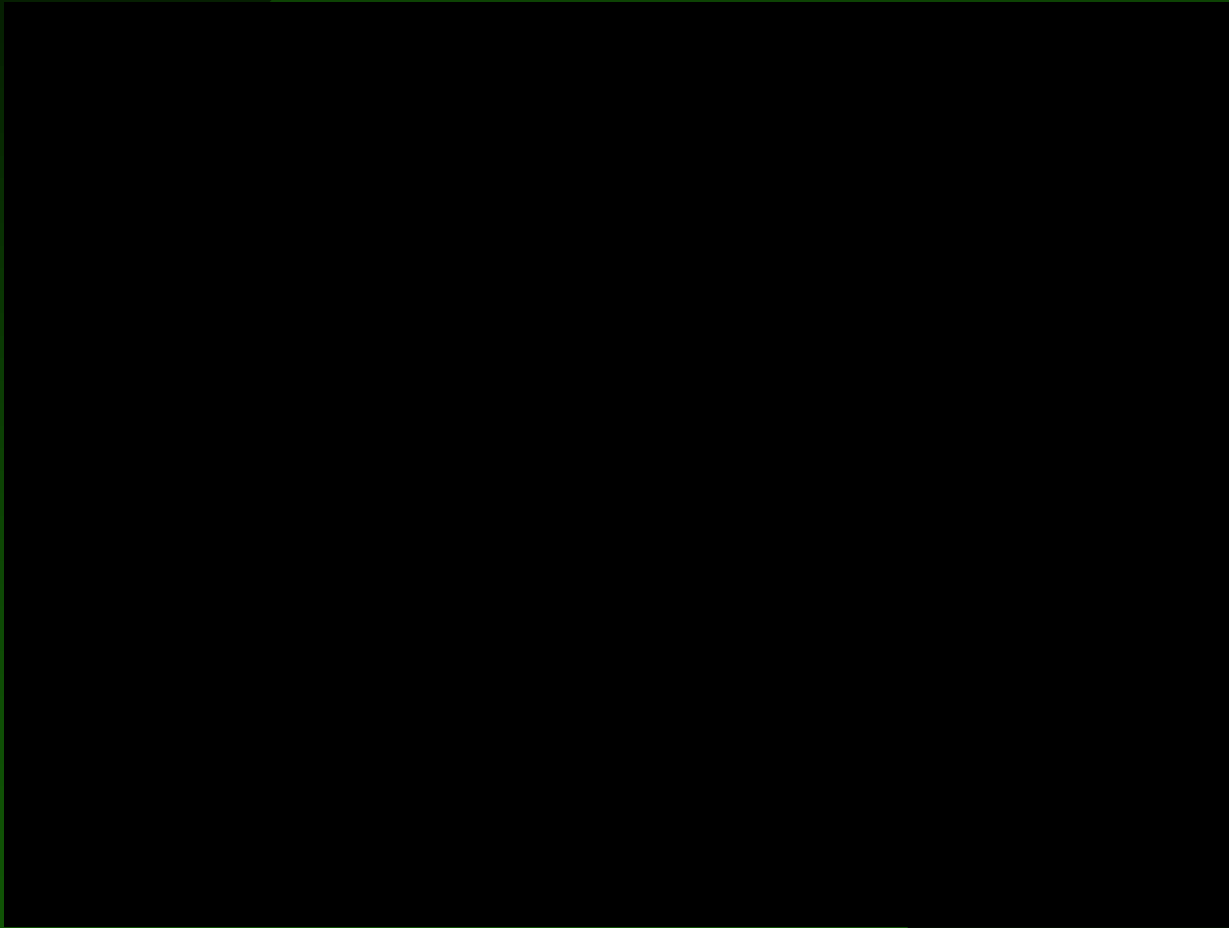
- Course was introduced on 3 October 2005 and is based on the “System of Vehicle Control”.
- Course duration is 10 days, with 5 Assessments throughout the course.
- On the conclusion of this training a candidate would be “authorised” to driver under Emergency Response conditions.

The ERDT Programme

Course duration is 10 days with 2 students and 1 Instructor. Two Assessors will assess PD2 and Final Drives

- **Days 1 to 4** “System of Vehicle Control” on road training.
- **Day 5** Manoeuvring Course and Progress Drive 1
- **Day 6** “System of Vehicle Control” on road training.
- **Day 7** Progress Drive 2
- **Days 8 & 9** “**LIVE**” Emergency Response training.
- **Day 10** two “**Final Drives**”, maximum of 15 mins per drive.

ERT – The Movie



The Future for the ERDT Programme

- The ERDTU are currently working nationally to establish a National Standard for all Fire Service drivers, who drive Emergency Response
- This standard will be based on the current system in use by SF&R and Strathclyde Police.
- It is hoped that the national Standard will be in place by Autumn 2007.
- SF&R are currently piloting an ERDT Instructor qualification which they hope will be used as a National Standard also.