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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS and TRAINING COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2013-02**

**TO:** Criminal Justice Training Center Directors  
**FROM:** Program Director Jennifer C. Pritt  
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**SUBJECT:** Skid Simulation in Vehicle Operations Training

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In the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's vehicle operations basic and instructor courses, students must demonstrate the proper technique for recovering from a slide. For this reason, schools have traditionally been required to maintain a skid pad, which also requires the use of a designated space and water to simulate the slide. In recent years a newer method has been introduced that allows for the simulation of primary and secondary slides. Some training schools have asked to use this newer method. Upon review of Commission rules, all training schools may use this newer method over the traditional skid pad as long as students are able to complete the slide recovery exercise as specified in the Commission's vehicle operations courses.

With the newer method an apparatus is attached to one of the rear tires causing the vehicle to drift. The use of this apparatus does not require a skid pad or water and is said to be cost effective. Current specifications for the size of the driving range will remain in effect.

Should you have any questions, please free to contact Dwight Floyd in the Bureau of Training at (850) 410-8675.

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