

## TRAFFIC SAFETY MB

**Class Length -** 2 – 1 ½ hr sessions plus the required discussions with the MB Counselor

**Class Capacity -** 20 Students via Zoom

**Class Description –** Class will virtually cover most of the Traffic Safety MB requirements

**Class Expectations –** Students expected to be present & participate in entire class time presented.

**Supplies Needed –** Traffic Safety MB workbook, access to vehicle, tire pressure gauge, a penny, quart container, soap & water, long tape measure, 4 stakes, pen and paper

### **LESSON PLAN**

#### I. SELF INTRODUCTION

- A. Education
- B. Work History
- C. Scout History

#### II. INTRODUCE TRAFFIC SAFETY MB TOPIC

- A. Changes in requirements
- B. Importance

#### III. MB REQUIREMENTS

##### A. Do The Following

1. Name top 10 mistakes new drivers make
2. Name 2 items you need in possession while operating
3. Describe drug & alcohol affects
4. BAL in MA & RI
5. Open Container law
6. Describe 4 factors in designing a roadway
7. Explain how hazards & conditions contribute to crashes
8. Explain why fatigued/distracted operators should not
9. Tell how drivers can minimize distractions\
10. Describe how drivers can plan to be alert

##### B. Do The Following

1. Demo how to wear a lap or shoulder belt
2. Explain why it's important to wear at all times
3. List 5 more safety features in a vehicle
  - a. Tell how each works
  - b. Tell how each contributes to safety

- C. Do The Following [ON YOUR OWN]
1. Show that all lights and lighting systems are working on a vehicle
    - a. Describe the function of each light
    - b. Tell why each type light is important to safety
  2. Using a vehicle, demonstrate how to check tire pressure
    - a. ID the correct tire pressure for the vehicle
    - b. [With MB Counselor] Explain why tire pressure is important to safety
  3. Demo a method to check tire tread
  4. [With MB Counselor] Explain why proper tire tread is important to safety
  5. Demo with a Smear-and-clear test whether wipers need replacing
  6. Describe why in good/bad weather wipers are important to safety
- D. Do The Following
1. In a safe area, mark off stopping distances for a MV traveling 30, 50, & 70 MPH
  2. Discuss how road conditions have a direct correlation to stopping distances
  3. Describe night visibility differences
  4. Explain how color and shape help with roadway signs
  5. Explain purpose of signs, signals, markings
  6. Describe 3 traffic laws that bicyclists must obey
- E. Do ONE of the Following
1. Interview Law Enforcement Officer [ON YOUR OWN]
  2. Discuss with MB Counselor ways to solve 1 of the problems
  3. Use internet to visit 5 websites covering safe driving for teens [ON OWN]
  4. Discuss what you have learned with MB Counselor
  5. Initiate & organize event to demonstrate importance of traffic safety [ON OWN]
  6. Conduct traffic study at controlled intersection [ON YOUR OWN]
  7. Discuss findings with MB Counselor

### MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR BIO

Deputy Chief of Police (Retired) Westport, MA  
 Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Bristol Community College  
 Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Salve Regina College  
 Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College  
 Graduate of the 200<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy  
 Longtime Scouter serving at the Unit, District, and Council Levels  
 Scoutmaster for over 10 years  
 Law Enforcement Post Advisor 7 years  
 Wood Badge trained and served on 4 Wood Badge staffs  
 Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow  
 Visited Philmont Scout Ranch in 1997 and 1999  
 Visited Seabase in 2007  
 Scoutmaster for Moby Dick Council contingent at 2001 National Jamboree  
 Silver Beaver Award recipient  
 William H. Spurgeon III Award recipient

