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Dear Candidate,

In order to assist you with preparing for the 2008 Engineer practical test, the Civil Service Commission has enclosed additional information about the exercises in the practical test.

The dimensions for the three rodeo events are contained in the book Pumping Apparatus DRIVER/OPERATOR Handbook, 2nd Edition. The dimensions for the Alley Dock Event are contained in Figure 4.52 which is located on page 90. Please note that when practicing, you may want to practice backing in both from the driver's side and the officer's side. The dimensions for the Serpentine Exercise are contained in Figure 4.54 which is located on page 91. It is anticipated that cones will be used instead of barrels. The dimensions for the Diminishing Clearance Event are contained in Figure 4.56 which is located on page 92. Please note that the dimensions for this event have been changed. Two (2) inches have been added to both sides of the Diminishing Clearance. Therefore, the revised dimensions of this event start at 9 feet 10 inches instead of 9 feet 6 inches and diminishes to 8 feet 6 inches instead of 8 feet 2 inches. Please note that the dimensions for each of the events in the rodeo exercise may be changed at the time of the practical test depending on which engine will be used. Each engine's length and width may be different.

Please remember to verbalize your actions during the practical test exercises to the assessors. In addition, the following are the types of deductions that will be taken from the overall possible score for each exercise:

Deductions

General

Not wearing seatbelt when vehicle is being driven.
Leaning out of the engineer's side window during an exercise.
Leaning forward and out of the seat while driving or coming to a stop.
Creating an unsafe condition: endangering any person or damaging equipment; for example, striking the tower and damaging the aerial.

Not finishing the exercise within the allotted time.

Aerial

Not correctly preparing the apparatus for operations; for example, not correctly positioning the outriggers.
Touching, knocking over or driving over any cone.
Not finishing the exercise within the allotted time.

Rodeo Course: Alley Dock

Touching, knocking over or driving over any cone.
Failing to drive in a continuous motion: stopping within the Alley Dock before reaching the end marker.
Not setting parking brake when stopped for measurement of rear bumper.

Deductions will be taken in increasing increments based upon the measurement of the rear bumper from the end cone:

- Stops 7"-12" from rear
- Stops 13" – 18" from rear
- Stops greater than 18" from rear

Driving the course in an unsafe manner—endangering any person or damaging equipment.

Rodeo Course: Diminishing Clearance

Touching, knocking over or driving over any cone.

Failing to drive in a continuous motion: stopping within the diminishing clearance lane before reaching the end marker.

Not setting parking brake when stopped for measurement of front bumper.

Deductions will be taken in increasing increments based upon the measurement of the rear bumper from the front cone:

- Stops 7"-12" from front
- Stops 13" – 18" from front
- Stops greater than 18" from front

Driving the course in an unsafe manner—endangering any person or damaging equipment.

Rodeo Course: Serpentine

Touching, knocking over or driving over any cone.

Failing to drive in a continuous motion: stopping within the diminishing clearance lane before reaching the end marker.

Driving the course in an unsafe manner—endangering any person or damaging equipment.

Failure to drive the course as described, for example passing on the wrong side of a cone, contrary to the directions.

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Respectfully,



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