

Motor Vehicle Safety Component

Purpose

To ensure the building blocks of a safe driving environment are in place and used at work and at home.

Scope

This process applies to all affected PSEG employees.

Definitions

- Affected employees include: apprentices; other new vehicle operators; other operators.
- Company fleet vehicle refers to automobiles (cars), vans, trucks and other construction vehicles owned or leased by the company that are driven on public roadways.
- Defensive driving awareness training refers to a program that is provided at any company location utilizing training aids from the formal defensive driver training course. It is not formal classroom training. See full component for criteria for awareness training.
- Formal defensive driver training (FDDT) is formal classroom training that meets criteria detailed in the full component.
- Personally owned vehicles: An employee's privately owned or leased vehicle properly authorized for conducting business (for example, by meter readers).
- Vehicle-specific training refers to driving training (provided by an experienced driver) during actual operation of a van, truck, pickup or construction vehicle that the employee drives.

Methods

The following are key actions to be taken to improve driver attitudes, behavior and skills needed to build and sustain a safe driving culture.

- 1) Gain management and union leadership commitment to build a safe driving culture.
- 2) Set expectation that we are all professional drivers.
- 3) Encourage and enable development of defensive driving skills through: FDDT to all affected employees; FDDT shall be provided on a 3-year cycle to all affected employees: ensure that all new operators are familiarized with operation of the specific truck, van or pickup truck they will operate; provide an annual defensive driving awareness training to all affected employees
- 4) Each employee shall inspect the company fleet vehicle prior to operating it.
- 5) Each LOB shall conduct timely and accurate reporting and analysis of motor vehicle collisions.
- 6) Have a motor vehicle safety agenda item at each local and LOB H&S Council meeting and all-hands safety meeting.
- 7) Local H&S Councils shall develop a program to highlight individuals or departments with outstanding driving records.
- 8) The PSEG H&S Council shall assign a sub-team to benchmark internal and external groups for best practices in motor vehicle safety on a periodic or as-needed basis.