**Course Competency**

**Competency 1:** The student will be able to define and explain terms and legal considerations associated with crash investigations by:

1. Defining a driver as provided in the Florida Statutes.
2. Defining a pedestrian as provided in the Florida Statutes.
3. Defining a motor vehicle as provided in the Florida Statutes.
4. Describing the common types of vehicles which may be involved in crashes.
5. Describing the common types of roadways on which crashes can occur.
6. Explaining the common types of crash-related injuries which may be sustained by individuals.

**Competency 2:** The student will be able to respond to and assess a crash scene safely as well as take appropriate safety action regarding any hazardous condition that may be present by:

1. Listing the ten steps of the management process in a crash investigation.
2. Arriving at a crash scene safely during a crash investigation.
3. Wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with agency policy during a crash investigation.
4. Identifying the type and extent of a crash during a crash investigation.

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5. Locating the vehicles involved in a crash to determine the parameters during a crash investigation.
6. Describing how to manage fire-related conditions at a crash scene during a crash investigation.
7. Describing how to manage hazardous materials conditions at a crash scene during a crash investigation.

**Competency 3:** The student will be able to secure a safe working environment, request for additional resources, and provide emergency assistance to injured people if necessary, at a crash scene by:

| 1. Reviewing the traffic conditions at a crash scene thoroughly to reduce the chance of secondary crashes during a crash investigation. |
| 2. Position the patrol vehicle at a visible, safe location to assist in controlling traffic flow and warning motorists during a crash investigation. |
| 3. Activating fully the patrol vehicle emergency lights at the crash scene as a caution to all road users during a crash investigation. |
| 4. Using the appropriate reflective and warning devices to protect the crash scene in accordance with agency policy during a crash investigation. |
| 5. Re-routing the vehicular traffic flow effectively at a crash scene in accordance with agency policy during a crash investigation. |
| 6. Ensuring the safety of all personal property at the crash scene in accordance with agency policies and procedures during a crash investigation. |
| 7. Deciding which agency will conduct the crash investigation by determining the jurisdiction of the crash location. |
| 8. Determining the need for additional resources by thoroughly assessing the crash scene during a crash investigation. |
| 9. Requesting dispatch to provide additional resources to manage unusual conditions at the crash scene during a crash investigation. |

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| 10. Preserving the crash scene for investigative purposes during a crash investigation in accordance with agency policy during a crash investigation.  
11. Providing efficient emergency medical assistance to injured people prior to arrival of EMS during a crash investigation. |

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<th>Competency 4: The student will be able to identify people to interview and obtain pertinent information regarding the crash from the involved parties, witnesses, and non-motorists for completing a crash report by:</th>
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| 1. Explaining the three phases of a crash associated with a crash investigation.  
2. Identifying all people who may be interviewed regarding a crash during a crash investigation.  
3. Explaining the statutory requirements for the identification of drivers, certificate of vehicle registration, and proof of vehicle insurance during a crash investigation.  
4. Collecting pertinent and factual information from all the people having knowledge of the crash during a crash investigation.  
5. Obtaining written or recorded statements regarding the crash from witnesses in accordance with agency policy and procedures during a crash investigation. |

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<th>Course Competency 5: The student will be able to identify the chain of crash events, establish physical evidence, determine area of collision, reasons for the crash, and take appropriate agency-approved measurements at the crash scene by:</th>
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| 1. Listing the common types of evidence to collect at a crash scene during a crash investigation.  
2. Determining the path of travel of a vehicle involved in a crash using vehicle dynamics analysis during a crash investigation.  
3. Describing the common types of tire marks that can be identified and measured at a crash scene during a crash investigation. |

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4. Determining how the crash occurred by analyzing the collected evidence, observing the crash scene, and interviewing the people at the crash scene during a crash investigation.
5. Determining why the crash occurred by analyzing the collected evidence, observing the crash scene, and interviewing the people at the crash scene during a crash investigation.
6. Taking clear photographs of the involved vehicles and the crash scene in accordance with agency policy and procedures during a crash investigation.
7. Measuring the skid marks found at the crash scene accurately in accordance with agency policy during a crash investigation.
8. Describing how to prepare a factual and observable sketch of the crash scene in field notes using agency approved symbols during a crash investigation.
9. Identifying the additional important resources that may be needed during a crash investigation.
10. Describing the three types of damages on a vehicle involved in a crash during a crash investigation.
11. Determining the area of collision during a crash investigation.
12. Locating the area of collision using common evidence found at the crash scene during a crash investigation.

**Course Competency 6:** The student will be able to manage and resolve issues pertaining to crashes with unique circumstances during crash investigations by:

1. Notifying the owner of an unattended vehicle regarding any damage during a crash investigation.
2. Notifying the owner of a damaged property during a crash investigation.
3. Explaining how to determine the actual driver behind the wheel in a crash involving a single vehicle during a crash investigation.
4. Explaining how to effectively investigate a crash involving fatal or serious bodily injury in

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accordance with state statutes and agency policy and procedures during a crash investigation.
5. Explaining how to effectively investigate a driver-impaired related crash in accordance with state statutes and agency policy and procedures during a crash investigation.
6. Identifying the reason for the invocation of the “changing of the hats” rule during crash investigation and prior to criminal investigation.
7. Contacting the dispatch to issue a BOLO for the apprehension of a hit and run driver involved in a crash during crash investigation.

**Course Competency 7:** The student will be able to safely return a crash scene to normalcy and take appropriate enforcement action during a crash investigation by:

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<td>3. Removing all vehicles involved in a crash safely from the roadway in accordance with the Florida Statutes during a crash investigation.</td>
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<td>4. Removing all debris or hazards at a crash scene or roadway safely in accordance with the Florida Statutes and agency policy and procedures during a crash investigation.</td>
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<td>8. Remaining at the crash scene until all safety and security risks are resolved in accordance with agency policy and procedures.</td>
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**Course Competency 8:** The student will be able to properly document a crash using appropriate HSMV forms during a crash investigation by:

1. Listing the common traffic crash report forms used in Florida to document crashes during a crash investigation.
2. Explaining the principal elements of the Traffic Crash Report Forms used in Florida to document crashes during a crash investigation.
3. Determining the Florida Statutes requirement for recommending a driver re-examination or medical review based on interview and assessment.
4. Identifying the Florida Statutes requirement for reporting an individual’s inability to drive a motor vehicle.
5. Completing the appropriate forms for submission to DHSMV suggesting the need for a driver re-examination or medical review according to agency policy and procedure.
8. Listing the common errors usually made when completing crash report forms during a crash investigation.