Prerequisite: Successful performance of Guide 18A

Reward:

- Will have opportunity to get distracted drivers' attention.
- Will be able to keep control of your front zone.
- Will have opportunity to find an alternate escape path.
- You prevent being victimized by the other driver!

Unstable Rear Zone...

... is when a vehicle is closing in on you at a fast pace.

Unstable rear zones are due to drivers not controlling their front buffer. And, more frequent in recent times than in the past, a large percentage of drivers are distracted by using cell phones -- especially while texting. When stopped in traffic keep monitoring the rear zone until at least two vehicles (sand barrels) are stopped to your rear.

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Do not read when car is moving.

With a Closed A Front Zone

- Reduce speed early
- Tap brakes repeatedly
- Look for escape path
- Increase Tire Concept space
- Stopped in traffic-find Sand Barrels
- Avoid Sudden Hard Braking

Prerequisite: Successful and consistent evaluation of SAM 's A Zone. Guide 17. G17-25, G17-50, 18-20, G18-21, G18-40, G18-50, G21-21

Reward:

- Will increase your options to control traffic to the rear.
- · Will reduce your chances of being rear ended.
- Will eliminate stress by putting yourself in control.
- Will increase your control for making lane changes.
- · Will provide you with more opportunity to change lanes.

ECCCR Coaching Process: Use Eye Check Mirror to evaluate trainee's use of the mirror Before, During, and After the brake is applied.

- When correct mirror check is made, compliment by saying, "great that you checked the mirror." Then, ask: "Is the rear zone open or closed?"
 Compliment or coach the correct reply.
- When there is an open rear zone, ask the trainee to tell you when the rear condition changes. When a change is detected, ask: "What actions are you going take to best control the situation?" Compliment or coach.

Open Rear Zone...

... is when there is 2 seconds or more of space to the rear. And, when there is at least 12 seconds of vision to the rear.

Closed Rear Zone...

- ... the vehicle to the rear is less than 2 seconds away.
- Charger tailgater demonstrates aggressive actions. He comes up fast, and moves to LP2 in attempts to pass you.

With an Open Rear Zone

- Keep awareness of rear traffic
- Detect changes with Fringe Vision
- A, B, C window change, check rear
- Foot on brake, eyes to mirror

With a Closed Rear Zone

- Extra Control of your Front Buffer
- Observe his actions to your braking
- Charger, let him pass when able

Guide 18B: Control Unstable Rear Zone