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Mobile District Safety and Occupational Health Office
Utility Vehicle Operator Training

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The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (Yellow Book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the changes for utility vehicles as stated below.

18.J.02 Utility vehicle operators shall be trained.

- a. They must be familiar with the use of all controls and understand proper moving, stopping, turning and other operating characteristics of the vehicle.
- b. Operators must review all training materials provided by the manufacturer for the specific vehicles, and training should be in accordance with appropriate manufacturer recommendations.

At a minimum, training shall be documented and shall address:

- (1) Basic riding tips from the manufacturer's published literature for each vehicle;
- (2) Reading terrain;
- (3) Climbing hilly terrain;
- (4) Descending a hill;
- (5) Traversing a slope;
- (6) Riding through water;
- (7) Cargo carriers and accessories;
- (8) Loading and unloading;
- (9) Troubleshooting;
- (10) Proper preventative maintenance, i.e., oil levels, tire pressure requirements and scheduled maintenance requirements according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

