



Did YOU know?

SIPDE

Sense-Identify-Predict-Decide-Execute

Identify: to recognize or establish as being a particular thing

The second step to developing an action plan.

Once you have used your senses to gather data, the data must be analyzed to be useful. Identifying potential developing situations improves with experience and training. Your mental “slide deck” starts to include events or situations you have encountered previously. The pertinent situations or conditions to identify while driving apparatus is nearly endless, however here are some common issues that you should be identifying as you travel:

- 👁️ Bad sight distance due to hills, curves, shrubbery, structures, or other vehicles.
- 👁️ Low or narrow clearances where your apparatus may not fit. Objects such as protective bollards, street signs, fire hydrants, mailboxes, trees, curbs, bay doors, parked cars, carports, guardrails, and concrete medians all need to be identified as potential obstacles.
- 👁️ Construction zones that slow traffic, close lanes, introduce slow moving vehicles to the roadway, obscure sight distances, or change the road surface.
- 👁️ Mechanical malfunctions or issues causing abnormal gauge readings, dashboard alarms, unusual noises, odd smells, and vibrations or unusual reactions to driver inputs.
- 👁️ Other vehicles who are not yielding the right of way. This includes other responding units such as fire, police, or MVA help trucks.
- 👁️ Changing road conditions caused by weather, poor maintenance, or loose materials on the road surface.
- 👁️ Traffic signs to forewarn of changes to the road configuration (curves, intersections, traffic lights, lane reductions).
- 👁️ Street signs or landmarks along your route to indicate the approach of your destination.
- 👁️ Limited access or crowded parking areas that should be avoided.

After identifying situations or issues, you predict their consequences to your apparatus.