

## **Middle California Region USPC**

### **Preparing For Your C-3 Test**

#### *Travel Safety*

**For the C-3 test, The USPC C-3 Standard requires that the candidate:**

- **Discuss preparation of mount for safe, comfortable travel for short and long distances.**
- **Discuss preparation and checklist for vehicle and trailer safety.**

**Some questions to consider for the C-3 test:**

- A bumper pull trailer usually hooks up with a hitch, 2 safety chains, electrical connection, and one other little wire. What is the little wire for and how do you know if it's working?
- How often should you check your trailer's floorboards? How do you check them?
- What fluids should be checked in the towing vehicle? Should the vehicle be running or cold when checking them?

*Please refer to the Travel Safety sections in the USPC D Manual, pages 222-228, and USPC C Manual, pages 261-274.*

*Refer to the Trailer Safety Checklist in the USPC B, H-A, A Manual.*

**Discuss preparing a horse, trailer and vehicle for safe travel**

**The horse:**

- Why do we need to protect the horse while trailering?
- What do we need to protect the horse while trailering?
- Discuss various types of protection -- shipping bandages, commercial leg wraps, stable bandages with bell boots, tail bandage, head bumper, knee and hock protection
- Discuss temperature and ventilation. Give reason horse may need blanket or sheet
- Know why it is important to use a halter with a breakaway and safe rope
- What else do you need to have with you to insure the horse's comfort, health and safety?

**The trailer:**

- Check electrical connection, make sure lights and signal lights are in working order
- Check that the hitch is securely fastened
- Have emergency device, such as chains or emergency brake, to keep the trailer attached to the vehicle in case the hitch breaks or malfunctions
- Check that the doors close securely and safely
- Know how to fasten horse securely and safely
- Be sure you have feed, water, a first aid kit, grooming tools, buckets, medications, and all supplies to care for your horse in the trailer

**The vehicle:**

- Be sure all fluid levels have been checked (and know what they are!), and that you have adequate gas
- Check all electrical connections with the trailer. Be sure headlights and break lights on the towing vehicle work
- Have all necessary paperwork in the vehicle with you – this includes insurance for the towing vehicle, registration and health papers for the horse, horse insurance, etc.

- Have spare tire and necessary equipment to change it
- Have a human first aid kit