

## SIPDE PROCESS

<u>Situational Awareness is your primary weapon system.</u> The SIPDE Process is combat proven to enhance the effectiveness of this weapon.

Your eyes lead your physical movements and give you your line of sight path of travel (LOSPOT). The further your eyes lead your path of travel, the better you will be able to avoid an attack or, if you can not avoid it, minimize the damage on you and your team. Trust and utilize peripheral vision. Your eyes can only focus on one thing at a time so your ability to broaden your field of vision will allow and increase your situational awareness. When mobile learn to change your point of reference not your point of focus. This visual directional control helps increase your ability to recognize threats. By seeing these potential threats early, an escape route or evasive maneuver can be planned and executed more effectively. This allows you to react faster and in more control during the initial contact.

## **S = Search and Scan** for Threats in the Environment and Enemy

Scan the roadway 10 seconds ahead of your vehicle. Search the area immediately around the vehicle or 4 seconds to the front, rear, sides and yes; also above. When stopped in traffic maintain a standoff distance to where you can see the rear wheel contact patch of the vehicle in front of you. When in motion keep 2-3 seconds following distance between you and the vehicle ahead.

- **I = Identify** the Potential Threats
- P = Predict the Worse Case Scenario
- **D = Decide** How to Avoid or Minimize the Potential Threat

Steering is the quickest response for a driver. It takes less time and distance to swerve then it does to move your foot from the throttle then transition to the brake and begin brake effort. You can change your speed or position to tilt the field in your favor.

## E = Execute the Necessary Countermeasure