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**Peace Officer Standards  
and Training**

**BASIC ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAM**

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**MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS**

Academic: 259  
Skills: 79  
TOTAL: 338

**I. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**      **REQUIRED HOURS 18**

A.	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	Recommended Hours	3
B.	Criminal Process	Recommended Hours	4
C.	State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies	Recommended Hours	2
D.	NCIC/CCIC Systems	Recommended Hours	1
E.	Role of Prosecuting and Defense Attorneys	Recommended Hours	2
F.	Jurisdiction of State and Federal Courts	Recommended Hours	2
G.	Law Enforcement Ethics	Recommended Hours	4
H.	Electives		

**II. BASIC LAW**      **REQUIRED HOURS 83**

A.	Colorado Criminal Code	Recommended Hours	32
B.	Colorado Juvenile Code	Recommended Hours	8
C.	U.S. Constitution	Recommended Hours	6
D.	Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure	Recommended Hours	6
E.	Rules of Evidence	Recommended Hours	4
F.	Laws of Interrogations and Confessions	Recommended Hours	4
G.	Laws Pertaining to the Use of Force	Recommended Hours	6
H.	Civil Liability	Recommended Hours	4
I.	Legal Research	Recommended Hours	1
J.	Court Testimony	Recommended Hours	2

K.	Moot Court	Recommended Hours	6
L.	Liquor Code	Recommended Hours	4
M.	Electives		
<b>III.</b>	<b>HUMAN RELATIONS</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS</b>	<b>19</b>
A.	Police – Community Relations	Recommended Hours	4
B.	Crime Prevention	Recommended Hours	1
C.	Stress Management	Recommended Hours	7
D.	Conflict Management	Recommended Hours	7
E.	Electives		
<b>IV.</b>	<b>PATROL PROCEDURES</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS</b>	<b>44</b>
A.	Patrol Observation and Perception	Recommended Hours	3
B.	Vehicle Stops	Recommended Hours	6
C.	Handling Family and Non-Family Disputes	Recommended Hours	7
D.	Handling In-Progress Calls	Recommended Hours	6
E.	Pedestrian Approaches	Recommended Hours	2
F.	Building Searches	Recommended Hours	4
G.	Searching Vehicles	Recommended Hours	2
H.	Crowd Control	Recommended Hours	4
I.	Handling the Mentally Ill	Recommended Hours	2
J.	Handling Hazardous Situations	Recommended Hours	4
K.	Officer Survival Techniques	Recommended Hours	4
L.	Electives		
<b>V.</b>	<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS</b>	<b>26</b>
A.	Traffic Enforcement	Recommended Hours	2
B.	Traffic Accident Investigation	Recommended Hours	12
C.	D.U.I.	Recommended Hours	8
D.	Traffic Code	Recommended Hours	4
E.	Electives		
<b>VI.</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS</b>	<b>53</b>
A.	Introduction to Criminal Investigations	Recommended Hours	4
B.	Crime Scene Searching	Recommended Hours	2
C.	Investigative Notes	Recommended Hours	3
D.	Sketching	Recommended Hours	6
E.	Identification and Collection		

	of Evidence	Recommended Hours	6
F.	Latent Fingerprints	Recommended Hours	4
G.	Photographing Crime Scene	Recommended Hours	4
H.	Interviewing Techniques	Recommended Hours	6
I.	Death/Major Crime Investigation	Recommended Hours	6
J.	Sexual Assault Investigation	Recommended Hours	4
K.	Mock Crime Scene	Recommended Hours	8
L.	Electives		

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS** **REQUIRED HOURS 16**

A.	Report Writing	Recommended Hours	16
B.	Electives		

**SKILLS**

**I. ARREST CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM**  
**MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS 21**

A.	Arrest	Recommended Hours	21
B.	Electives		

**II. LAW ENFORCEMENT DRIVING PROGRAM**  
**MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS 24**

A.	Law Enforcement Driving	Recommended Hours	24
B.	Electives		

**III. FIREARMS TRAINING PROGRAM**  
**MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS 34**

A.	Safety	Recommended Hours	4
B.	Range	Recommended Hours	30