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**Peace Officer Standards
and Training**

BASIC ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAM

Revised May 1991

MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS

Academic: 262
Skills: 83
TOTAL: 345

I. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	REQUIRED HOURS 18
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	
	Recommended Hours 3
Criminal Process	Recommended Hours 4
State and Federal Law Enforcement Agenice	
	Recommended Hours 2
NCIC/CCIC Systems	Recommended Hours 1
Role of Prosecuting and Defense Attorneys	
	Recommended Hours 2
Jurisdiction of State and Federal Courts	Recommended Hours 2
Law Enforcement Ethics	Recommended Hours 4
II. BASIC LAW	REQUIRED HOURS 83
Colorado Criminal Code	Recommended Hours 32
Colorado Juvenile Code	Recommended Hours 8
U.S. Constitution	Recommended Hours 6
Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure	Recommended Hours 6
Rules of Evidence	Recommended Hours 4
Laws of Interrogation and Confessions	Recommended Hours 4
Laws Pertaining to the Use of Force	Recommended Hours 6
Civil Liability	Recommended Hours 4
Legal Research	Recommended Hours 1
Court Testimony	Recommended Hours 2
Moot Court	Recommended Hours 6
Liquor Code	Recommended Hours 4
III. HUMAN RELATIONS	REQUIRED HOURS 22
Police-Community Relations	Recommended Hours 4
Crime Prevention	Recommended Hours 1
Stress Management	Recommended Hours 4
Conflict Management	Recommended Hours 7

	Staff/Officer Relations	Recommended Hours	2
	Victims' Rights	Recommended Hours	4
IV.	PATROL PROCEDURES	REQUIRED HOURS	44
	Patrol Observation and Perception	Recommended Hours	3
	Vehicle Stops	Recommended Hours	6
	Handling Family and Non-Family Disputes	Recommended Hours	7
	Handling In-Progress Calls	Recommended Hours	6
	Pedestrian Approaches	Recommended Hours	2
	Building Searches	Recommended Hours	4
	Searching Vehicles	Recommended Hours	2
	Crowd Control	Recommended Hours	4
	Handling the Mentally Ill	Recommended Hours	2
	Handling Hazardous Situations	Recommended Hours	4
	Officer Safety Techniques	Recommended Hours	4
V.	TRAFFIC CONTROL	REQUIRED HOURS	26
	Traffic Enforcement	Recommended Hours	2
	Traffic Accident Investigation	Recommended Hours	12
	D.U.I.	Recommended Hours	8
	Traffic Code	Recommended Hours	4
VI.	PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES	REQUIRED HOURS	53
	Introduction to Criminal Investigations	Recommended Hours	4
	Crime Scene Searching	Recommended Hours	2
	Investigative Notes	Recommended Hours	3
	Sketching	Recommended Hours	6
	Identification and Collection of Evidence	Recommended Hours	6
	Latent Fingerprints	Recommended Hours	4
	Photographing Crime Scene	Recommended Hours	4
	Interviewing Techniques	Recommended Hours	6
	Death/Major Crime Investigation	Recommended Hours	6
	Sexual Assault Investigation	Recommended Hours	4
	Mock Crime Scene	Recommended Hours	8
VII.	COMMUNICATIONS	REQUIRED HOURS	16
	Report Writing	Recommended Hours	16

SKILLS

I.	ARREST CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM	MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS	21
	Arrest	Recommended Hours	21
II.	LAW ENFORCEMENT DRIVING PROGRAM		

	MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS	24
Law Enforcement Driving	Recommended Hours	24
III. FIREARMS TRAINING PROGRAM		
	MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS	38
Safety	Recommended Hours	4
Range	Recommended Hours	30
Decisions – Alternatives to the Use of Deadly Force	Recommended Hours	4