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**Peace Officer Standards
and Training**

BASIC ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAM

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MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS

Academic: 263
Skills: 79
TOTAL: 342

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 87**

- 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	8
M.	Electives		
III.	HUMAN RELATIONS	REQUIRED HOURS	19
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		
IV.	PATROL PROCEDURES	REQUIRED HOURS	44
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		
V.	TRAFFIC CONTROL	REQUIRED HOURS	26
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		
VI.	PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES	REQUIRED HOURS	53
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