

California POST
Peace Officer Regular Basic Course
Learning Domain Topics for Basic Course Waiver Training Evaluation

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The following is a list of topics covered in each Learning Domain (LD) in the Regular Basic Course (RBC). This list will assist you in determining whether you have comparable training in a specific LD. Learning Domains that are in gray are not used in the Basic Course Waiver training evaluation for the Self-Assessment Training Worksheet.

Full details of the [Training & Testing Specifications](#) for each LD, can be found on the POST Website.

LD 1 - Leadership, Professionalism & Ethics: leadership principles and goals, code of ethics, good character, professionalism, public trust, response to coworker unprofessional or unethical conduct, intervention, ethical decision-making

LD 2 - Criminal Justice System: components, Constitutional Amendments, Bill of Rights, court system, judicial process, parole/probation conditions

LD 3 - Principled Policing in the Community: community policing (CP), Problem-oriented policing (POP), community partnerships, community mobilization and education, peace officer responsibilities to enforce the law, local government partnerships, problem-solving, crime prevention, community expectation, communication, principled policing, tenets of procedural justice, implicit and explicit bias, media relations, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

LD 4 - Victimology/Crisis Intervention: defuse crisis situations, victims, officer reaction to victims, victim bill of rights, victim interviews, assistance programs

LD 5 - Introduction to Criminal Law: origins of law, criminal and civil law, classification and elements of crimes, parties to a crime, people capable of committing crime, letter of law v. spirit of law, case law

LD 6 - Property Crimes: theft, burglary, shoplifting, fraud, forgery, stolen property, arson, trespass, landlord/tenant disputes, repossessions, vandalism

LD 7 - Crimes Against Persons/Death Investigation: battery, assault w/deadly weapon, elder/dependent abuse, kidnapping, false imprisonment, child abduction, robbery, carjacking, murder, manslaughter, death investigations, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) investigations

LD 8 - General Criminal Statutes: disorderly conduct, lewd conduct, invasion of privacy, prostitution, loitering, public intoxication, public nuisance, prowling, disturbing the peace, peeping

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LD 9 - Crimes Against Children: child physical abuse, neglect, endangerment, corporal punishment, child molestation, unlawful sexual intercourse, child pornography, sexual exploitation, interview child victim, behavioral indicators of abuse, reporting requirements, mental suffering

LD 10 - Sex Crimes: rape, indecent exposure, sodomy, sexual battery, penetration with foreign object, oral copulation, victim reaction and response, victim interviews, evidence collections, medical/legal exam, rights and resources, demeanor of officer, sex offender registration

LD 12 - Controlled Substances: effects of drugs on the body, controlled substances terminology, drug categories, officer safety guidelines, possession of drug paraphernalia, under the influence, cultivating, manufacturing, selling, furnishing, transporting, marijuana, probable cause

LD 13 - ABC Laws: identifying alcoholic beverages, collecting evidence, reporting, age restrictions, documents

LD 15 - Laws of Arrest: United States and California Constitutions, civil rights, Amendments: (4th, 5th, 6th, 14th), consensual encounters, detentions, reasonable suspicion, restraint/use of force, probable cause for arrest, warrant arrests, custodial interrogations, Miranda warnings, private person arrests, statute of limitations

LD 16 - Search & Seizure: 4th Amendment protections, expectation of privacy, search and seizure laws, probable cause to search, search warrants, consent searches, frisk, exigent circumstances, probation/parole, body intrusion searches, search of vehicles, plain view, protective searches, field show ups, lineups, identification procedures

LD 17a - Hearsay Testimony: *presentation of hearsay evidence*, types of evidence, chain of custody, exclusionary rule, opinion and expert testimony, credibility of witnesses, hearsay rule, dying declarations, spontaneous statements, admissions and confessions, officer testimony, evidence code, preparing for court testimony

LD 17b - Presentation of Evidence: lawful collection of evidence, rules of evidence

LD 18 - Investigative Report Writing: investigative reports, writing mechanics, spelling, grammar, judicial process, distinguish between opinion, fact, and conclusion, note taking, field interview, report elements

LD 19 - Vehicle Operations: vehicle pursuits, physical and psychological effects of driving, vehicle operations, operating emergency vehicles, identifying hazardous road conditions, collision avoidance, vehicle inspection, rules of the road, liability, agency policies, limitations of warning devices, defensive driving, seat belt use, ABS

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LD 20 - Use of Force/Deescalation: objectively reasonable force, authority to use force, force options, resistance, critical decision-making, strategic communication, de-escalation, legal standard for use of deadly force, documentation of use of force, use of force review and analysis, unreasonable force, self-control, need for ongoing training, anger management, officer and agency liability, intervention techniques

LD 21 - Patrol Techniques: basic patrol concepts, preventative patrol, directed enforcement, contact and cover officers, officer safety while on patrol, basic patrol concepts

LD 22 - Vehicle Pullovers: categories (traffic enforcement, investigative, high-risk), officer safety, planning and initiating a vehicle pullover, approaching the vehicle, contact with occupants, vehicle searches, van, campers, motorhomes, motorcycles, buses, semi-trucks

LD 23 - Crimes in Progress: officer safety and survival, tactical approach, establishing a perimeter, systematic search for suspects, shots fired calls, burglary in progress, robbery in progress, barricaded suspects, hostage situations, violent suspects, active shooter, officer ambush, sniper attack, officer-down, suspicious persons, off-duty peace officer actions

LD 24 - Handling Disputes/Crowd Control: officer safety, intervention techniques, mediation and resolution, diffusion techniques, family disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, repossessions, crowd dynamics, freedom of speech and assembly, phases of riot development, crowd management, crowd control and riot formations

LD 25 - Domestic Violence: criminal threats, stalking, dissuading a witness, domestic battery, spousal rape, cycle of violence, batter and victim characteristics, peace officer's role, identify evidence, type of court orders, EPO's, documentation, support services

LD 26a - Critical Incidents (hazardous materials awareness): first responders to hazardous materials, health and safety, emergency response book, recognizing materials, resources, RAIN (Recognize, Avoid, Isolate, Notify) concept, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), toxic/chemical/radiological materials, personal protective equipment, decontamination, primary pathways of entering the body, control zones

LD 26b - Critical Incidents (NIMS/SEMS): command systems, first responder roles, history, features and five functions of the Incident Command System (ICS), components of National Emergency Management System (NIMS), components of the California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), FEMA ICS 100 & IS 700

LD 27 - Missing Persons: accepting a report, legal requirements, preliminary investigation, broadcasts, notifications, initial searches, parental abduction, Amber Alert, entries of missing person information into databases, BOLO alert

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LD 28 - Traffic Enforcement: Vehicle Code, arrest authority, traffic controls, warning devices, vehicle removal, Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Field Sobriety Tests (FST), possession of drugs/alcohol, hit and run, right-of-way, bicycles, pedestrians, driver's license, vehicle registration, vehicle equipment, public offenses

LD 29 - Traffic Accident Investigation: vehicle collision, scene management, collision evidence, tire marks, measurements, report documentation, diagrams

LD 30 - Crime Scene, Evidence, & Forensics: preservation of crime scene, search patterns, photographs, handling evidence, fingerprints, chain of custody

LD 31 - Custody: peace officer responsibilities in a custodial situation, lawful basis for custody, constitutional and statutory rights and protections, officer safety, assault by a public officer, cruel and unusual punishment, inhumane or oppressive treatment, violation of a prisoner's civil rights, securing weapons in detention facilities, medical care and prescreening of prisoners

LD 32 - Lifetime Fitness: personal lifetime fitness program, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning, muscular (strength, power, endurance), flexibility/stability/mobility, core strength, acceleration and agility, body composition v. performance, recovery, principles of physical conditioning, training sessions, nutritional planning, recognizing/managing stress, use and abuse of (alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, drugs), risk management, training injuries, nutrition, prevention of illness and injuries

LD 33 - Arrest & Control: Awareness, balance, control, areas of the body which require maximum protection, body parts as personal weapons, introduction to person searches, responsibilities of searching and cover officers, control holds, takedown techniques, restraint device, handcuffing, weapon retention/takeaway, impact weapon

LD 34 - First Aid, CPR & AED: *Must include bloodborne pathogens training.* peace officer roles and responsibilities, legal protections regarding Emergency Medical Services, victim assessment, moving a victim, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), airway obstructions, rescue breathing, bleeding control, shock, head, neck and back injuries, chest and abdominal injuries, bone, joint, and muscle injuries, burns, cardiac emergencies, respiratory emergencies, drowning, seizures, strokes, altered mental states, severe abdominal pain, allergic reactions and anaphylaxis, psychological emergencies, diabetic emergencies, poisoning, substance abuse, temperature related emergencies, stings and bites, normal labor and complications in childbirth, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), conscious v. unconscious

LD 35a - Chemical Agents: legal issues regarding use and possession, safe and effective use, OC (Oleoresin Capsicum), CN (Chloroacetophenone) and CS (Ortho-chlorobenzylidene-malononitrile), gas mask usage (inspection, proper fit, storage), decontamination, physiological and psychological effects

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LD 35b - Firearms (Handgun): range, firearms safety and storage, semi-automatic pistols and magazines, revolvers, ammunition, wound ballistics, safety inspections, maintenance, malfunctions, drawing and holstering, combat shooting skills, low light/nighttime conditions

LD 35c – Firearms (Shotgun): basic operation, ammunition, wound ballistics, safety inspections, maintenance, malfunctions, combat shooting skills, low light/nighttime conditions

LD 36 - Information Systems: CA Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), DOJ requirements, unauthorized access, Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI), Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS), DMV databases

LD 37 - People with Disabilities: ADA, types of disabilities, peace officer interactions with people with disabilities, intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, epilepsy, blindness, deaf, laws protecting people with disabilities, person with mental illness, neurological disorders, Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, PTSD

LD 38 - Gang Awareness: street gangs, gang territory, officer safety, outlaw motorcycle gangs, prison gangs, crime trends

LD 39 - Crimes Against the Justice System: bribery, perjury, false reporting, resisting/delaying/threatening an officer, unlawful assembly

LD 40 - Weapons Violations: prohibited weapons, illegal knives, tear gas, carrying a loaded firearm, possession of a deadly weapon with intent, serial number alteration, persons prevented from carrying firearms, drawing, exhibiting, unlawful use of weapons

LD 42a - Cultural Diversity/Discrimination: cultural groups, ethnicity, race, ethnocentrism, sexual orientation and gender identity in the community or law enforcement workplace, California history past and present (immigrants, refugee, migrant, indigenous people, minority groups), gender expression

LD 42b - Hate Crimes: laws related to hate crimes, related federal and civil actions, impacts, indicators, investigation, documentation

LD 42c - Racial Profiling: perceptions, stereotypes, implicit bias, prejudice, discrimination, effective communication (verbal, active listening, nonverbal)

LD 42d - Sexual Harassment: related laws, awareness, complaint process, remedies

LD 43 - Terrorism Awareness: terrorist methods, ideologies, tactics, domestic terrorist, special interest groups, international terrorist, Homeland Security Threat Levels, information sharing, deterrence actions, critical infrastructure, threat assessment, intelligence resources, suspicious reporting (SAR), National Terrorism Advisory System.