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Subject: **POST Advisory on Certified PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Course Content**

Penal Code sections 832 and 13510 establish the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) as the governmental entity responsible for, and entrusted with, establishing minimum standards for training peace officers. Compliance with POST regulatory requirements is the responsibility of presenters of POST-certified training. The PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Course is the minimum training standard for California peace officers as specified in Commission Regulation 1005, and it is also required by other non-peace officer professions, either by statute or agency-specific mandate. This training may be met by successful completion of a basic training course (e.g. Regular Basic Course, Specialized Investigators' Basic Course, and Level III Modular Format Course) or most commonly by means of completing a separate stand-alone POST certified PC 832 course.

The increasingly diverse challenges and ever-changing service demands confronting law enforcement require that the content and instructional methodologies of peace officer training be regularly evaluated and updated. Effective initial training is crucial if an officer is to acquire the critical knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to render high quality service. Law enforcement training presenters must ensure all content is current, consistent with regulation, and is appropriately taught in order to ensure the training is commensurate with the requirements of the law and meets the needs and expectations of the profession. This is particularly important if the graduates of any law enforcement course are appointed to positions that exercise peace officer powers or are employed in a position that requires passage of such a course.

By regulation, PC 832 presenters are required to provide instruction on specific course content articulated in the POST Training and Testing Specifications (TTS). The TTS lists the minimum, mandated curriculum and testing for all POST basic courses, including the PC 832 course. The curriculum is divided into individual topics, called learning domains, which contain the minimum required foundational learning needs, learning objectives, any required tests and instructional activities as well as minimum hourly requirements. The TTS are updated twice a year, or as needed, and coincide with the educational objectives (EO's) listed in the student workbooks used by academies.

The training and testing specifications for PC 832 may be accessed at [PC 832 Arrest and](#)

In addition to curriculum content, instructors of certain specialty disciplines in all POST basic courses, including the PC 832 course, are required by Regulation 1070 to have successfully completed specified training. The specialty courses covered in PC 832 are Arrest and Control, and Firearms.



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POST regulation 1070 may be accessed at [Minimum Training Standards for Instructors of POST-Certified Specialized Training](#).

Presenters of the 832 course are reminded that strict adherence to the mandates of POST regulation is required in order for their respective courses to be properly certified. Pursuant to POST Commission Procedure D-1-7, "Presenters shall provide instruction on all learning objectives specified for the PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Course in the Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses" and "Presenters shall test all students as specified in the Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses."

Any deviation from the regulatory mandates, or failure to obtain the required express approval from POST through the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) prior to presentation of the course will result in a course that was not certified. Therefore, the graduates of such course will not have met the legal mandate to satisfy the necessary hiring criteria if their employer required successful completion (either by statute or policy) of a POST-certified PC 832 course.

Entities that hire personnel based on their successful completion of the PC 832 course are cautioned that only POST-certified PC 832 presenters with a certified course are authorized to provide the required PC 832 training recognized by law. Any organization providing instruction similar to the PC 832 content, without the express permission of POST through the certification process, is providing a course that does not meet the mandates of law to be recognized as PC 832 course, thus exposing both the employer and employee to significant liability.

Persons interested in accessing a list of POST-certified PC 832 presenters may do so via the [POST Course Catalog](#).

For a comprehensive resource regarding all aspects of the PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Course, beyond the above-mentioned links, persons may access the webpage at [PC 832 Arrest and Firearms Course Materials](#).

Questions regarding the PC 832 Course may be directed to Senior Consultant Phil Caporale, by email at [philip.caporale@post.ca.gov](mailto:philip.caporale@post.ca.gov), or by telephone at (916) 227-3915.

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