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

For full details of the [Training and Testing Specifications](https://post.ca.gov/regular-basic-course-training-specifications) for each Learning Domain, they can be found on the POST website: <https://post.ca.gov/regular-basic-course-training-specifications>.

LD 1- Leadership, Professionalism and 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 of Criminal Justice system, Constitutional amendments, Bill of Rights, court system, judicial process, parole and probation conditions.

LD 3- Principled Policing in the Community: Community Policing (CP), Problem Oriented Policing (POP), community partnerships, community mobilization, peace officer responsibilities to enforce the law, partnerships, problem solving, crime prevention, community expectation, communication, Principled Policing, tenets of procedural justice, implicit and explicit bias.

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

LD 5- Introduction into 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.

LD 6- Property Crimes: Theft, burglary, shoplifting, fraud, forgery, stolen property, Arson, trespass, landlord/tenant disputes, repossessions.

LD 7- Crimes Against Persons: Battery, ADW, 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.

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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.

LD 10- Sex Crimes: Rape, indecent exposure, sodomy, sexual battery, penetration with foreign object, oral copulation, victim reaction, interviews, evidence collections, exam, 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, and reports.

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 and 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, testify in court.

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.

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.

LD 20- Use of Force/De-escalation: Objectively reasonable force, authority to use force, force options, resistance, critical decision making, strategic communication, de-

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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, preventative patrol, directed enforcement, contact and cover officers, officer safety while on patrol.

LD 22- Vehicle Pullovers: categories of vehicle pullovers, officer safety, planning and initiating a vehicle pullover, approaching the vehicle, contact with occupants, high-risk vehicle pullovers, 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, phases of riot development, crowd management, crowd control, riot and crowd control formations.

LD 25- Domestic Violence: Criminal threats, stalking, dissuading a witness, domestic battery, spousal rape, 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, isolation, notification and RAIN (recognize, Avoid, Isolate, notify) concept. Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), toxic/ chemical/radiological materials, personal protective equipment, decontamination.

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 State of 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.

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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 license, vehicle registration, vehicle equipment, public offenses.

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

LD 30- Crime Scene, Evidence and 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 and endurance, flexibility/stability/mobility, core strength, acceleration and agility, body composition vs. performance, recovery, principles of physical conditioning, training sessions, nutritional planning, recognizing stress, alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, and drug use and abuse, stress management.

LD 33- Arrest and 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, use of control holds and takedowns, control holds, takedown techniques, restraint device, handcuffing.

LD 34- First Aid/CPR and AED: *Must include bloodborne pathogens training.* Peace officer roles and responsibilities, legal protections regarding Emergency Medical Services, victim assessment, multiple 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).

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 and storage), decontamination.

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LD 35b- Firearms-Handgun: Range and 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- Shotgun: Basic operation of shotgun, 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.

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.

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

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

LD 42b: Hate Crimes- Laws related to hate crimes, federal and civil actions related to hate crimes, impact of hate crimes, indicators, investigation, documentation.

LD 42c: Racial Profiling- Perceptions, stereotypes, implicit bias, prejudice, discrimination, racial profiling, effective communication (verbal, active listening and nonverbal communication).

42d: Sexual Harassment- Laws dealing with sexual harassment, awareness, sexual harassment complaints.

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

