

**THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**THE 140-HOUR BASIC  
09-01-70 / 12-31-72**

**TITLE: THE BASIC COURSE – REGULAR OFFICERS**

In accordance with Section 1005 (a) (1) of the Regulations the Basic Course shall consist of a minimum of 140 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below:

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
1. Classroom Orientation and Notetaking	1
2. Police Service as a Career	1
3. Beat Patrol and Observation	4
4. Code of Criminal Procedure	6
5. Laws of Arrest and Search	8
6. Mechanics of Arrest	4
7. Offensive and Defensive Tactics	10
8. The Rules of Evidence	4
9. Case Preparation	4
10. Officer's Conduct in Court	2
11. Report Writing	4
12. Criminal Law	12
13. Local City Ordinances (substitute appropriate subject for county officers)	2
14. Criminal Investigation	10
15. Field Demonstrations	4
16. Field Interrogation and Interviews	6
17. Crowd Control	4
18. Jail Procedures	2
19. Firearms Training	12
20. Handling of Juveniles	2
21. First Aid	10
22. Traffic Supervision (or 12 hours Civil Matters for county officers)	24
23. Police and Community Relations	4
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<b>TOTAL HOURS, BASIC COURSE</b>	<b>140</b>

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**THE 240-HOUR BASIC COURSE  
01-01-73 / 12-31-80**

In accordance with Rule 210.01.003, Section B, the Basic Course shall consist of a minimum of 240 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below:

	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
1.	Introduction to Police Training	1
2.	Classroom Notetaking	2
3.	Structure of Government	1
4.	History and Philosophy of Law Enforcement	4
5.	Crime in America	1
6.	The Criminal Justice System	2
7.	Agency Organization	1
8.	Law Enforcement Coordination	1
9.	Courts	1
10.	Corrections	1
11.	Social Agencies' Services	1
12.	Law Enforcement Ethics and Professionalization	2
13.	Law Enforcement Careers	1
14.	Constitutional Law and Police Liability	5
15.	Texas Code of Criminal Procedures	8
16.	Laws of Arrest	3
17.	Texas Juvenile Law	2
18.	Introduction to Texas Penal Code	2
19.	Texas Penal Code	12
20.	Rules of Evidence	4
21.	Search and Seizure	5
22.	Identification of Civil Procedure	1
23.	General Patrol Procedure	6
24.	Crime in Progress	2
25.	Field Notetaking	1
26.	Disorderly Conduct, Domestic Complaints and Minor Offenses	2
27.	Recognizing and Handling Abnormal Persons	2
28.	Missing Persons	1
29.	Liquor Law Violations	2
30.	Nature and Control of Civil Disorder and Crowd and Riot Operations	4
31.	Disaster Operations	1
32.	Communications	2
33.	Case Preparation	4
34.	Jail Procedures	2
35.	Chemical Weapons	1
36.	Defensive Driving	8
37.	Texas Motor Vehicle Law	12
38.	Traffic Law Enforcement	8

39.	Accident Investigation and Reporting	12
40.	Preliminary Investigation	2
41.	Information Development	1
42.	Interviews and Interrogations	3
43.	Physical Evidence	2
44.	Burglary Investigation	2
45.	Assault Cases	1
46.	Injury and Death Cases	2
47.	Robbery Investigation	1
48.	Theft and Related Cases	2
49.	Auto Theft Investigations	2
50.	Arson	1
51.	Sex Crimes and Deviant Behavior	2
52.	Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs	4
53.	Organized Crime and Vice	1
54.	Delinquency Causation and Prevention	1
55.	Delinquency Control	3
56.	Firearms Training	16
57.	Public Speaking	4
58.	Defensive Tactics	10
59.	First Aid	10
60.	Traffic Direction	2
61.	Crime Scene Techniques	4
62.	Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony	4
63.	Crowd and Riot Control (Formations and use of Chemical Weapons)	3
64.	Written and Oral Reports	4
65.	Practical Problems (Disorderly Conduct, Minor Offenses and Crime in Progress)	4
66.	Human Relations	8
67.	The Officer and His Role in Society	4
68.	Examinations and Evaluations	6

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<b>TOTAL HOURS, BASIC COURSE</b>	<b>240</b>
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**THE 320-HOUR BASIC COURSE  
01-01-81 / 08-31-85**

In accordance with Regulations, the Basic Course shall consist of a minimum of 320 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below:

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
1. Introduction to Course and Classroom Notetaking	2
2. U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights	4
3. The Peace Officers' Role in Society	8
4. Texas Penal Code	28
5. Texas Code of Criminal Procedure	16
6. Arrest/ Search and Seizure	20
7. Mechanics of Arrest	6
8. Dangerous Drugs/Controlled Substances	6
9. Liquor Control Act	2
10. Texas Family Code	6
11. Civil Law and Process	12
12. Law Enforcement Information Coordination	4
13. Field Notetaking	2
14. Interviewing and Interrogation	3
15. Protection of/and Crime Scene Search	6
16. Report Writing	4
17. Case Preparation	4
18. Basic Criminal Investigation	40
19. Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony	2
20. First Aid	14
21. Traffic Law Enforcement	32
22. D.W.I. and D.U.I.D. Enforcement	4
23. Traffic Collision Investigation	30
24. Traffic Direction	4
25. Patrol Procedures	32
26. Recognizing and Handling Abnormal Persons	6
27. Custody Arrest	2
28. Communications	3
29. Crowd Control	2
30. Firearms	16
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<b>TOTAL HOURS, BASIC COURSE</b>	<b>320</b>

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**THE 400-HOUR BASIC COURSE  
09-01-85 / 08-31-94**

In accordance with Regulations, the Basic Course shall consist of a minimum of 400 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below:

SUBJECT	HOURS
1. Introduction to Course and Classroom Notetaking	2
2. Classroom Review, Testing, State License, Test and Graduation	17
3. Patrol Procedures	37
4. Traffic Law Enforcement – Traffic Stops – Intoxicated Driver	40
5. U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights	4
6. Texas Code of Criminal Procedure	16
7. Texas Penal Code	40
8. Use of Force	8
9. Texas Family Code	8
10. Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code	4
11. Dangerous Drugs and Controlled Substances	8
12. Arrest, Search and Seizure, and Mechanics of Arrest	40
13. Community Relations – Peace Officer’s Role in Society, and Recognizing and Handling Abnormal People	14
14. Basic Investigations – Criminal Investigation, Interviewing and Interrogations, Protection of and Crime Scene Search, and Traffic Collision Investigation	60
15. Field Notetaking and Report Writing	12
16. Civil Law Process and Liability	8
17. Firearms	40
18. Driving	8
19. Emergency Medical Care	20
20. Traffic Direction and Control	4
21. Crowd Control	2
22. Jail Operations (Booking Procedures)	2
23. Case Preparation, and Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony	6
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TOTAL HOURS, BASIC COURSE	400

## **400-hour BPOC Reserve Program**

### **Basic Reserve – 145 hours**

Introduction to Course, Classroom Notetaking, Testing  
U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights  
Texas Code of Criminal Procedure  
Use of Force  
Arrest, Search, Seizure  
Mechanics of Arrest  
Firearms Safety  
Emergency Medical Care  
Traffic Direction  
Crowd Control  
Case Preparation  
Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony

### **Intermediate Reserve – 131 hours**

Introduction to Course, Classroom Notetaking, Testing  
Penal Code  
Peace Officers' Role in Society  
Recognizing and Handling Abnormal Persons  
Basis Criminal Investigation  
Interviewing and Interrogation  
Protection of and Crime Scene Search  
Traffic Collision Investigation  
Notetaking and Report Writing

### **Advanced Reserve – 124 hours**

Introduction to Course, Classroom Notetaking, Testing  
Patrol  
Traffic Law Enforcement  
Traffic Stops  
Intoxicated Driver  
Texas Family Code  
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code  
Dangerous Drugs  
Civil Law, Process, Liability  
Driving  
Jail Operations

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THE 560-HOUR BASIC COURSE  
09-01-94 / 12-31-01

In accordance with Regulations, the Basic Course shall consist of a minimum of 560 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below:

	SUBJECT	HOURS
	<b>Introduction and Orientation</b>	2
1.	<b>Fitness and Wellness</b>	6
2.	<b>History of Policing</b>	3
3.	<b>Professionalism and Ethics</b>	8
4.	<b>U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Bill of Rights</b>	10
5.	<b>Criminal Justice System</b>	2
6.	<b>Code of Criminal Procedure</b>	16
7.	<b>Arrest, Search and Seizure</b>	24
8.	<b>Penal Code</b>	40
9.	<b>Traffic</b>	72
10.	<b>Civil Process and Liability</b>	12
11.	<b>Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code</b>	4
12.	<b>Drugs</b>	8
13.	<b>Juvenile Issues – Texas Family Code</b>	8
14.	<b>Stress Management for Peace Officers</b>	8
15.	<b>Field Notetaking</b>	4
16.	<b>Interpersonal Communications/Report Writing</b>	24
17.	<b>Use of Force - Law</b>	8
18.	<b>Use of Force Concepts</b>	16
19.	<b>Strategies of Defense – Mechanics of Arrest</b>	40
20.	<b>Strategies of Defense - Firearms</b>	40
21.	<b>Emergency Medical Assistance</b>	16
22.	<b>Emergency Communications</b>	12
23.	<b>Problem Solving and Critical Thinking</b>	4
24.	<b>Professional Police Driving</b>	32
25.	<b>Multiculturalism and Human Relations</b>	12
26.	<b>Professional Policing Approaches</b>	6
27.	<b>Patrol</b>	40
28.	<b>Victims of Crime</b>	8
29.	<b>Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses</b>	16
30.	<b>Recognizing &amp; Interacting with Persons with Mental Illness and Mental Retardation</b>	6

31.	<b>Crowd Management</b>		<b>2</b>
32.	<b>Hazardous Materials Awareness</b>		<b>6</b>
33.	<b>Criminal Investigation</b>		<b>45</b>
	• <b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>	
	• <b>General</b>	<b>16</b>	
	• <b>Protection of and Crime Scene Search</b>	<b>12</b>	
	• <b>Victims' Rights</b>	<b>2</b>	
	• <b>Interviewing Techniques</b>	<b>4</b>	
	• <b>Booking Procedures</b>	<b>2</b>	
	• <b>Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony</b>	<b>6</b>	
	• <b>Case Management</b>	<b>2</b>	

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**TOTAL HOURS, BASIC COURSE      560**

This is the recommended sequence for teaching the course. Academies may change the sequence, if necessary.



## Reserve Courses

Effective December 1, 1994

<u>Basic Topics</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Introduction and Orientation	2
U.S. & Texas Constitutions and Bill of Rights	10
Penal Code	40
Use of Force – Law	8
Use of Force – Concept	16
Strategies of Defense – Mechanics of Arrest	40
Strategies of Defense – Firearms	40
Traffic Law	24
Code of Criminal Procedure	16
Emergency Medical Assistance	16
Professionalism and Ethics	8
Juvenile Issues – Texas Family Code	8

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 Total 228

<u>Intermediate Topics</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Arrest, Search and Seizure	24
Traffic (continued)	48
Patrol Procedures	40
Civil Process and Liability	12
Interpersonal Communications/Report Writing	24
Field Notetaking	4
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code	4
Emergency Communications	12
Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses	16
Recognizing and Interacting with Persons with Mental Illness and Mental Retardation	6

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 Total 190

<u>Advanced Topics</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Drugs	8
Multiculturalism and Human Relations	12
Victims of Crime	8
Crowd Management	2
Hazardous Materials Awareness	6
Fitness and Wellness	6
Criminal Investigation	45
Professional Police Driving	32
History of Policing	3
Criminal Justice System	2
Stress Management for Peace Officers	8
Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	4
Professional Policing Approaches	6

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 Total 142

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**THE 576-HOUR BASIC COURSE  
(effective January 1, 2002)  
Revised September 2001**

In accordance with Commission Regulations and Regulations, the Basic Course shall consist of a minimum of 576 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below:

	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
	Introduction and Orientation	2
1.	Fitness and Wellness	6
2.	History of Policing	3
3.	Professionalism and Ethics	8
4.	U.S. & Texas Constitutions and Bill of Rights	10
5.	Criminal Justice System	2
6.	Code of Criminal Procedure	16
7.	Arrest, Search and Seizure	24
8.	Penal Code	40
9.	Traffic	72
	Intoxicated Driver Accident Investigation Direction	
10.	Civil Process and Liability	12
11.	Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code	4
12.	Drugs	8
13.	Juvenile Issues – Texas Family Code	8
14.	Stress Management for Peace Officers	8
15.	Field Notetaking	4
16.	Interpersonal Communications/Report Writing Spanish	40
17.	Use of Force - Law	8
18.	Use of Force Concepts	16
19.	Strategies of Defense – Mechanics of Arrest	40
20.	Strategies of Defense - Firearms	40
21.	Emergency Medical Assistance	16
22.	Emergency Communications	12
23.	Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	4
24.	Professional Police Driving	32
25.	Multiculturalism and Human Relations	12
26.	Professional Policing Approaches	6
27.	Patrol	40
28.	Victims of Crime	8
29.	Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses	16
30.	Recognizing & Interacting with Persons with Mental Impairments	6
31.	Crowd Management	2
32.	Hazardous Materials Awareness	6

33.	<b>Criminal Investigation</b>	45
	<b>Introduction</b>	
	<b>General</b>	
	<b>Protection of and Crime Scene Search</b>	
	<b>Victims' Rights</b>	
	<b>Interviewing Techniques</b>	
	<b>Booking Procedures</b>	
	<b>Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony</b>	
	<b>Case Management</b>	

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<b>TOTAL HOURS, BASIC COURSE</b>	<b>576</b>
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**This is the recommended sequence for teaching the course. Academies may change the sequence, if necessary.**

## 618-HOUR BASIC PEACE OFFICER COURSE

(effective January 1, 2005)

In accordance with Commission regulations, the Basic Peace Officer Course shall consist of a minimum of 618 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below. This is the recommended sequence for teaching the course. Academies may change the sequence, if necessary.

#	SUBJECT	HOURS
	Introduction and Orientation	2
1.	Fitness and Wellness, and Stress Management	14
2.	Professional Policing	10
3.	Professionalism and Ethics	8
4.	U.S. & Texas Constitutions, Bill of Rights, and Criminal Justice System	12
5	Multiculturalism and Human Relations	12
6.	Code of Criminal Procedure	16
7.	Arrest, Search, and Seizure	24
8.	Penal Code	40
9.	Traffic	68
10.	Intoxicated Driver and SFST	24
11.	Civil Process	8
12.	Alcoholic Beverage Code	4
13.	Health and Safety Code – Controlled Substances Act	8
14.	Family Code – Juvenile Issues	10
15.	Written and Verbal Communications	28
16.	Spanish	16
17.	Force Options	24
18.	Mechanics of Arrest	40
19.	Firearms	40
20.	Emergency Medical Assistance	16
21.	Emergency Communications	12
22.	Professional Police Driving	32
23.	Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	4
24.	Patrol/Consular Notification	42
25.	Victims of Crime	10
26.	Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses	20
27.	Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and Mental Health Code	24
28.	Hazardous Materials Awareness	6
29.	Criminal Investigation	44
	<u>Including:</u> Introduction, General, Protection of and Crime Scene Search, Interviewing Techniques, Booking Procedures, Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony, Case Management	

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**TOTAL HOURS**

**618**

## 618-HOUR BASIC PEACE OFFICER COURSE

(revised March 2008)

In accordance with Commission regulations, the Basic Peace Officer Course shall consist of a minimum of 618 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below. This is the recommended sequence for teaching the course. Academies may change the sequence, if necessary.

#	SUBJECT	HOURS
	Introduction and Orientation	2
1.	Fitness and Wellness, and Stress Management	14
2.	Professional Policing	10
3.	Professionalism and Ethics	8
4.	U.S. & Texas Constitutions, Bill of Rights, and Criminal Justice System	12
5	Multiculturalism and Human Relations	12
6.	Code of Criminal Procedure	16
7.	Arrest, Search, and Seizure	24
8.	Penal Code	40
9.	Traffic	68
10.	Intoxicated Driver and SFST	24
11.	Civil Process	8
12.	Alcoholic Beverage Code	4
13.	Health and Safety Code – Controlled Substances Act	8
14.	Family Code – Juvenile Issues	10
15.	Written Communications	28
16.	Spanish	16
17.	Force Options	24
18.	Mechanics of Arrest	40
19.	Firearms	40
20.	Emergency Medical Assistance	16
21.	Emergency Communications	12
22.	Professional Police Driving	32
23.	Communication and Problem Solving	4
24.	Patrol/Consular Notification	42
25.	Victims of Crime	10
26.	Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses	20
27.	Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and Mental Health Code	24
28.	Hazardous Materials Awareness	6
29.	Criminal Investigation	44
	<u>Including:</u> Introduction, General, Protection of and Crime Scene Search, Interviewing Techniques, Booking Procedures, Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony, Case Management	
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# 643-HOUR BASIC PEACE OFFICER COURSE

(Revised November 2013)

In accordance with Commission regulations, the Basic Peace Officer Course shall consist of a minimum of 643 classroom hours and shall include, but not be limited to, the subjects set forth below. This is the recommended sequence for teaching the course. Academies may change the sequence, if necessary.

#	SUBJECT	HOURS
	Introduction and Orientation	2
1.	Fitness and Wellness, and Stress Management	16
2.	Professional Policing	8
3.	Professionalism and Ethics	8
4.	U.S. & Texas Constitutions, Bill of Rights, and Criminal Justice System	8
5	Multiculturalism and Human Relations	10
6.	Code of Criminal Procedure	20
7.	Arrest, Search, and Seizure	28
8.	Penal Code	44
9.	Traffic	68
10.	Intoxicated Driver and SFST	24
11.	Civil Process	8
12.	Alcoholic Beverage Code	4
13.	Health and Safety Code – Controlled Substances Act	12
14.	Family Code – Juvenile Issues	10
15.	Written Communications	16
16.	Spanish	16
17.	Force Options	24
18.	Mechanics of Arrest	40
19.	Firearms	48
20.	Emergency Medical Assistance	16
21.	Emergency Communications	12
22.	Professional Police Driving	32
23.	Communication and Problem Solving	16
24.	Patrol/Consular Notification	42
25.	Victims of Crime	10
26.	Family Violence and Related Assaultive Offenses	20
27.	Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and Mental Health Code	16
28.	Hazardous Materials Awareness	6
29.	Criminal Investigation	44
	<u>Including:</u> Introduction, General, Protection of and Crime Scene Search, Interviewing Techniques, Booking Procedures, Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony, Case Management	
30.	Racial Profiling	4
31.	Asset Forfeiture	4
32.	Identity Crimes	4
33.	TCLEOSE Rules Overview	3
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TOTAL HOURS		643