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GA POST Press Release

Subject: Updating Georgia Basic Peace Officer Training Mandate

Today, the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (GA POST) voted to update and increase the minimum training required in order to become a certified as a Basic Law Enforcement Officer in Georgia in any police academy in Georgia.

The previous minimum standard of training in Georgia consisted of a designated 408 hours. Today, the GA POST Council voted to increase that minimum training up to 810 hours and to add topics that were previously not a part of the Basic Law Enforcement Officer training including Active Shooter Response, Crisis Intervention, Tactical Casualty Control, Officer Resiliency, Extremist Groups, Election Security, Advanced DUI Enforcement, and others.

In addition, training that had previously been provided has been updated and in some cases increased in scope and depth including training in firearms, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, and physical training.

This update will be effective on January 1, 2025, and marks the culmination of a cooperative effort involving GA POST, The Georgia Sheriffs Association, The Georgia Chiefs of Police Association, The Georgia Public Safety Training Center, and numerous individual agencies and officers who provided subject matter expertise.

Attached to this release is the previous 408 hours of Basic Mandate Training, and the new 802 hours of Basic Mandate Training.

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New Basic Mandate Training
Effective 01-01-2025

Topic	Hours
Introduction to Law Enforcement: Criminal Justice System (2hrs) State and Federal Agencies (1hr) POST Block (1hr) Election Laws (1hr) GCIC (2hrs) Ethics and Professionalism (Sexual Harassment) (2hrs)	8
Basic Law: Georgia Criminal Law (24hrs) Criminal Procedures (34hrs) Peace Officer Liability (2hrs)	60
Community Relations: Interpersonal Communications (3hrs) Media (1hrs) Officer and Public (2hrs) 1 st Amendment Audits (2hrs) Crisis Intervention and Committals (40hrs) Cultural Diversity (2hrs) Implicit Bias (1hr) Consular Notification (1hr) Civil Unrest (2hrs) Victims Bill of Rights (2hrs)	56
Law Enforcement Procedures: Patrol and Observation (8) Crimes in Progress (4) Warrant Services (4) Arrest Booking Procedures (2) Civil Process (1) Report Writing (8) Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony (8) NIMS: Incident Command System (4hrs)	39
Investigative Services: Interviews and Interrogations (6) Crime Scene Processing and Fingerprints (16hrs) Sex Crime Investigations (4hrs) General Patrol Investigations (8hrs) Motor Vehicle Theft Investigations (2hrs) Arrest and Search Warrants (8hrs) Crimes Against Children (8hrs) Juvenile Law (4hrs) Elder Abuse (2hrs) Family Violence, Domestic Disputes, and Disturbances (8hrs) Bombs, Explosives, and Arson Investigations (3hrs)	83

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Organized Crime, Gang, Terrorism, Human Trafficking Extremist Groups Investigations (8hrs) Controlled Substances/Surveillance Investigations (4hrs) Death Investigations (2hrs)	
Traffic Services: Motor Vehicle Law (16hrs) Traffic Enforcement, Vehicle Pullovers, Traffic Direction and Control, Vehicle Occupant Protection (16hrs) Speed Detection (Radar/Lidar) (16hrs) Accident Investigation/Reporting (24hrs) Impaired Driving (SFST) (24hrs) Emergency Vehicle Operations (PIT) (56hrs)	152
Law Enforcement Skills: Firearms, Advance Shooting Skills, Patrol Rifle, Low Light (120hrs) Taser (8) Use of Force and De-escalation (4hrs) Officer Survival (40hrs) Control Tactics DT/BJJ (64hrs) TECC (CPR and Narcan) (28hrs) ALERT (Active Shooter) (16hrs) Judgmental Simulator/Scenarios and Practical Exercises (40hrs) Physical Training (Tactical Athlete) (64hrs)	384
Administrative Functions	20
Total Hours	802

Basic Mandate Program Prior to the Update on June 11, 2024

Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council
408 Hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Course, 12th edition

Introduction to Law Enforcement Hours:

1.1 The Criminal Justice System 3
1. 2 Ethics and Professionalism 2
1. 3 Peace Officer Standards and Training 1

Basic Law

2.1 Georgia Criminal Law 16
2. 2 Criminal Procedure 34
2.3 Rules of Evidence 4
2. 4 Peace Officer Liability 4

Community Relations

3.1 Interpersonal Communication 8
3. 2 Officer and the Public 2
3. 3 Mental Health, Mental Retardation,

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and Substance Abuse 6

3.4 *Media Relations* 1

3.5 *Crisis Intervention* 4

3.6 *Family Violence, Domestic Disputes,
and Disturbances* 4

3.7 *Community Policing Crime
Prevention Techniques* 2

3.8 *Cultural Diversity* 2

3.9 *Crime Victims Compensation* 2

Law Enforcement Procedures

4.1 *Patrol and Observation* 6

4.2 *Crimes in Progress* 8

4.3 *Communications and G. C. I. C. Procedures* 3

4.4 *Vehicle Pullovers* 12

4.5 *Interviews and Interrogations* 8

4.6 *Hazardous Materials* 6

4.7 *Officer Survival* 8

4.8 *Arrest Booking Procedures* 2

4.9 *Report Writing* 8

4.10 *Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony* 4

4.11 *Terrorism* 4

4.12 *NIMS: Incident Command System* 4

Investigative Services

5.1 *Fundamentals of Investigation* 4

5.2 *Crime Scene Processing* 16

5.3 *Sex Crimes Investigation* 4

5.4 *Arson Investigation* 2

5.5 *Burglary Investigation* 2

5.6 *Robbery Investigation* 2

5.7 *Crimes Against Children* 6

5.8 *Juvenile Offender* 6

5.9 *Surveillance* 2

5.11 *Bombs and Explosives* 2

5.12 *Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation* 2

5.13 *Organized Crime and Gangs Investigation* 4

5.14 *Controlled Substances Investigation* 4

5.15 *Death Investigation* 2

5.16 *Environmental Crimes* 1

Traffic Services

6.1 *Motor Vehicle Law* 8

6.2 *Traffic Enforcement* 4

6.3 *Accident Reporting* 12

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6. 4 Impaired Driving	8
6. 5 Traffic Direction and Control	2
6. 6 Vehicle Occupant Protection	2
Law Enforcement Skills	
7.1 Fingerprinting	4
7. 2 Firearms	32
7. 3 Defensive Tactics	32
7. 4 First Aid and CPR	9
7.5 Emergency Vehicle Operations	24
7. 7 Stress	3
7. 8 Universal Precautions	3
7. 9 Judgemental Simulation in the Use of Deadly Force	16
Administrative	22
TOTAL	408

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