

Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission
520 Hour Basic Training Curriculum
 Revised 01/2020

Subject	Hours
<u>Introduction To Law Enforcement</u>	<u>Total 8 Hours</u>
Opening Remarks and Orientation	2 hours
History of Law Enforcement	1 hour
Law Enforcement Ethics and Professionalism	4 hours
Title 36-21-40	1 hour
 <u>General Topics</u>	 <u>Total 94 Hours</u>
Note-taking & Notebook Construction	2 hours
Federal Law Enforcement Agencies	2 hours
State law Enforcement Agencies	2 hours
Introduction to Terrorism	3 hours
Police Communications (Radio)	2 hours
Law Enforcement Information Systems	2 hours
Effective Report Writing	8 hours
Explosives Act #1971/Recognizing Bombs and Explosives	3 hours
Mental Health Awareness (Being Prepared – Behavioral Health Issues)	8 hours
First Aid (Includes C.P.R certification in accordance with American Heart Association or Red Cross Standards)	8 hours
Stress	4 hours
Hazardous Materials	2 hours
Domestic Violence	4 hours
Public Utilities Enforcement Agencies	2 hours
Gangs, Sects, Cults and Deviant Movements	6 hours
Victims of Crime and Leniency	2 hours
Interpersonal Communications	4 hours
N.H.T.S.A. Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course	24 hours
Dealing with Death/Death Notifications	1 hour
Project ICE	1 hour
Community/News Media Relations	2 hours
Care and Use of Police Equipment	2 hours

<u>Criminal Investigation</u>	<u>Total 72 Hours</u>
Receiving and Handling Complaints	4 hours
Preserving the Crime Scene, Collecting and Preserving Evidence	8 hours
Building Searches	8 hours
ALERRT	16 hours
Death Investigations	4 hours
Fingerprints	3 hours
Burglary Investigations	2 hours
Robbery Investigations	2 hours
Auto Theft	2 hours
Sex Crimes	4 hours
Search and Seizure/4th Amendment law	4 hours
Cyber Crime/Identity Theft	7 hours
Human Trafficking	2 hours
Drug Enforcement	6 hours
(Drug Enforcement – 4 hours, Methamphetamine Lab – 2 hours)	

<u>Courts, Civil/Criminal Procedures & Laws of Evidence</u>	<u>Total 63 Hours</u>
Laws of Arrest, State & Federal Criminal Procedure	8 hours
Searching & Transporting Prisoners	4 hours
Laws of Corrections & Custody	4 hours
Civil Process	2 hours
Interrogations & Confessions (5 th & 6 th Amendments)	4 hours
Alabama Rules of Evidence	3 hours
Criminal/Civil Liability & Civil Rights	4 hours
U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights & Constitution Principles	2 hours
Alabama Criminal Law, Title 13A	16 hours
State of Alabama Motor Vehicle Laws, Title 32,	4 hours
Title 15, Criminal Procedure	2 hours
Title VII: ADA/Sexual Harassment	1 hour
Alabama Immigration Law	1 hour
Court Procedures	8 hours

<u>Juvenile Procedure</u>	<u>Total 6 Hours</u>
Juvenile Laws, Detainment & Detention Procedures	3 hours
Exploitation of Children	3 hours

<u>Patrol Techniques</u>	<u>Total 16 Hours</u>
Patrol Techniques	12 hours
Officer/Violator Contact	2 hours
Traffic Direction and Control	2 hours

<u>Traffic Operations</u>	<u>Total 61 Hours</u>
Introduction to Accident Investigation	2 hours
Questioning Drivers & Witnesses	1 hour
Hit and Run Accidents	1 hour
Accident Reports and Safety Responsibility Laws	4 hours
Measurements & Diagrams (no scale diagramming)	10 hours
Marks on the Roadway	4 hours
Licenses & Registration and CDL	2 hours
Traffic Exam	1 hour
Traffic Exam Review	1 hour
Dräger BAT Operator Certification	8 hours
Emergency Vehicle Operations	27 hours

<u>Offensive & Defensive Tactics</u>	<u>Total 109 Hours</u>
SSGT-Vanguard (Levels I & II)	48 hours
Physical Training	33 hours
Officer Survival (4 Hours for Below 100)	24 hours
Physical Agility Exam	4 hours

<u>Firearms Training</u>	<u>Total 55 hours</u>
Safe Gun Handling Skills	11 hours
Firearms Qualification	24 hours
Practical & Low-light Skills	12 hours
Shotgun Familiarization	4 hours
Patrol Rifle Familiarization	4 hours

**Students who are re-taking firearms training will attend the 36-hour Firearms Qualification & Practical/Low-light skills blocks.*

**Safe Gun Handling Skills is a stand-alone training block/test to be completed before live-fire training and qualification courses*

<u>Examinations and Directors Time</u>	<u>Total 36 Hours</u>
Testing	
Evaluations	
Reviews	
Graduation	
Administrative Meetings	

Grand Total 520 Hours