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**BASIC ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAM**  
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**MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS**

Academic: 268  
Skills: 87  
TOTAL: 355

<b>I.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS 18</b>
A.	Introduction of Justice	Recommended Hours 18
B.	Criminal Process	Recommended Hours 8
C.	State, Federal, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies	Recommended Hours 3
D.	Law Enforcement Ethics	Recommended Hours 4
<b>II.</b>	<b>BASIC LAW</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS 81</b>
A.	Colorado Criminal Code	Recommended Hours 33
B.	Colorado Children's Code	Recommended Hours 8
C.	United States Constitution	Recommended Hours 6
D.	Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure, Interrogation and Confessions and Rules of Evidence	Recommended Hours 14
E.	Laws Pertaining to the Use of Force (Includes "Shoot-Don't Shoot exercise)	Recommended Hours 10
F.	Court Testimony	Recommended Hours 8
G.	Liquor Code	Recommended Hours 2
<b>III.</b>	<b>HUMAN RELATIONS</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS 22</b>
A.	Police-Community Relations	Recommended Hours 4
B.	Stress Management	Recommended Hours 4
C.	Conflict Management	Recommended Hours 7
D.	Victim's Rights	Recommended Hours 4
E.	Crime Prevention	Recommended Hours 1
F.	Staff/Officer Relations	Recommended Hours 2

<b>IV. PATROL PROCEDURES</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS</b>	<b>52</b>
A. Patrol Observation and Perception	Recommended Hours	3
B. Vehicle Stops	Recommended Hours	6
C. Pedestrian Approaches	Recommended Hours	2
D. Handling In-Progress Calls	Recommended Hours	6
E. Domestic Disputes and Other Disputes	Recommended Hours	7
F. Building Searches	Recommended Hours	4
G. Searching Vehicles	Recommended Hours	2
H. Crowd Control	Recommended Hours	4
I. Interaction With Special Populations	Recommended Hours	2
J. Officer Safety Techniques	Recommended Hours	4
K. Ethnic Intimidation	Recommended Hours	4
L. Hazardous Materials	Recommended Hours	8
<b>V. TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS</b>	<b>26</b>
A. Traffic Enforcement	Recommended Hours	2
B. Traffic Accident Investigation	Recommended Hours	12
C. D.U.I.	Recommended Hours	8
D. Traffic Code	Recommended Hours	4
<b>VI. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS</b>	<b>53</b>
A. Introduction to Criminal Investigations	Recommended Hours	4
B. Crime Scene Search	Recommended Hours	2
C. Crime Scene Documentation	Recommended Hours	13
D. Identification and Collection of Evidence	Recommended Hours	10
E. Interviewing and Interrogation Techniques	Recommended Hours	6
F. Death and Major Crime Investigation	Recommended Hours	18
<b>VII. COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>REQUIRED HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>
A. Report Writing	Recommended Hours	16

**SKILLS**

- I. ARREST CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM**  
MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS 21
  - A. Arrest
  
- II. LAW ENFORCEMENT DRIVING PROGRAM**  
MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS 28
  - A. Law Enforcement Driving Recommended Hours 24
  - B. Vehicle Occupant Protection Recommended Hours 4
  
- III. FIREARMS TRAINING PROGRAM**  
MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS 38
  - A. Firearms Safety Recommended Hours 4
  - B. Range Recommended Hours 30
  - C. Decisions – Alternatives to the Use of Deadly Force Recommended Hours 4