# TRAINING AND TESTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR LEARNING DOMAIN #28 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

#### July 1, 2012 August 1, 2014

#### LEARNING NEED

Peace officers must know the principles of traffic law set forth in the California Vehicle Code to carry out their responsibilities in traffic enforcement.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Explain the relevance of traffic enforcement to:
  - 1. Public safety and quality of life within a community
  - 2. Legally establish probable cause for accomplishing general law enforcement objectives<del>.</del>
- B. Explain the organization of information within the Vehicle Code

#### LEARNING NEED

Peace officers need to recognize their authority under the law and to manage traffic effectively.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Discuss <u>the elements and Vehicle Code section(s)</u> governing arrest
- B. Differentiate between mandatory and optional appearances before a magistrate
- C. Recognize <u>the elements and by common names</u> and <u>Vehicle Code section(s)</u>, <u>for</u> violations involving failure to obey the lawful orders of a peace officer or designated employee

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D. Demonstrate effective use of hand signals, flashlights and other warning devices to control traffic

# III. LEARNING NEED

Peace officers must know the elements of the laws governing motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Recognize <u>the elements and by common names and Vehicle Code section(s)</u>, for -traffic control <u>signal</u> and device violations involving:
  - 1. Red signal lights
  - 2. Stop signs
  - 3. Other traffic control signals and devices
- B. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s)</u>, <u>for</u> right-of-way violations involving:
  - 1. Failure to yield the right-of-way
  - 2. Failure to yield to an emergency vehicle
- C. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s)</u>, <u>for</u> rights and provisions involving bicyclists
- D. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common name<u>s</u> <del>and Vehicle Code section(s), <u>for</u> violations involving pedestrians</del>
- E. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s)</u>, <u>for</u> violations involving turning and signaling
- F. Recognize the elements and by common names and Vehicle Code section(s), for speed violations involving:
  - 1. Basic speed laws
  - 2. Maximum speed

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- G. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s), for</u> driving and passing violations involving:
  - 1. Following too closely
  - 2. Unsafe lane change
  - 3. Passing on the right/left
  - 4. Passing a stopped school bus
- <u>IH.</u> Recognize the elements and <u>by common names and Vehicle Code section(s)</u>, for public offense violations involving:
- 1.
   Reckless driving

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   Speed contests

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   Hand-held wireless telephone

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- HI. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <del>and Vehicle Code section(s), involving for</del> hit and run violations
  - Recognize by common name and Vehicle Code section(s), public offense violations involving:

# Reckless driving Speed contests

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- J. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common name<u>s and Vehicle Code section(s)</u>, <u>for</u> basic motor vehicle licensing requirements
- K. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s), for</u> violations when driving with a suspended or revoked license
- L. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s),for</u> basic motor vehicle registration requirements
- M. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s)</u>, for basic vehicle equipment requirements for motor vehicles driven upon highways

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# LEARNING NEED

Peace officers must know the legal authorities to impound and store vehicles as authorized in the Vehicle Code.

A. Recognize a peace officer's legal authority to remove vehicles

#### LEARNING NEED

Peace officers must know the laws to detect and apprehend drivers whose behavior indicates that they may be driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s), for</u> violations involving the possession of alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle
- B. Explain the meaning of the phrase "under the influence"
- C. Recognize <u>the elements and by</u> common names <u>and Vehicle Code section(s), for</u> violations involving Driving Under the Influence (DUI)
- D. Recognize driving that might indicate a driver of a vehicle may be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs
- E. Recognize the indications of intoxication driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs a peace officer may observe upon making contact with a driver
- F. Discuss medical conditions that may cause a person to appear intoxicated under the influence
- G. Recognize appropriate peace officer actions if a subject refuses to cooperate in performing a Field Sobriety Test (FST)
- H. Demonstrate FSTs that may be used to determine impairment, to include:

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- 1. Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN)
- 2. One-Leg Stand (OLS)
- 3. Walk & Turn (WAT)
- I. Discuss the primary elements included in the statutory admonition read to drivers who refuse to submit to <u>a</u> chemical sobriety <u>test</u>
- VI. REQUIRED TESTS
  - A. The POST-Constructed Knowledge Test on the learning objectives in Domain #28.
  - B. The POST-Constructed Comprehensive Mid-Course Proficiency Test.
  - C. The POST-Constructed Comprehensive End-of-Course Proficiency Test.
  - D. The POST-Constructed Comprehensive Module III End-of-Course Proficiency Test.
  - E. The POST-Constructed Comprehensive Module II End-of-Course Proficiency Test.
  - F. The POST-Constructed PC 832 Arrest Written Test.
  - G. The POST-Constructed Comprehensive Test for the Requalification Course.

# VII. REQUIRED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- A. The student will participate in a learning activity that will reinforce the student's understanding of definitions, laws and procedures related to DUI arrests, including:
  - 1. Legal definitions and terminology
  - 2. Vehicle Code sections and related statutes

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- 3. Detention and arrest procedures, the development of probable cause, reasonable suspicion, and field tests
- 4. Evidence recognition, collection and preservation procedures
- 5. Report writing requirements
- B. The student will participate in a learning activity that will reinforce the student's understanding of techniques to effectively direct and control traffic using hand signals, flashlights and warning devices, including:
  - 1. The procedures related to the use of hand signals and flashlights to safely control the stopping, starting or turning of vehicular and pedestrian traffic
  - 2. Other traffic control devices, vehicles; or other available equipment to safely control traffic movement

C. The student will participate in one or more learning activities from the POST-developed *Instructor's Guide to Learning Activities for Leadership, Ethics and Community Policing (December 2005)* or other comparable sources regarding traffic enforcement. At a minimum, each activity, or a combination of activities, must address the following topics:

- 1. Application of a problem solving strategy to assess the underlying conditions and develop resolutions to community traffic safety issues
- 2. Professional demeanor, fairness and effective communication during a traffic enforcement contact
- 3. Initiative, discretion and decision making when issuing citations and considering spirit versus letter of the law

D. Given one or more video re-enactments depicting alcohol or drug impairment, or an equivalent number of simulations, scenarios, or role play exercises provided by the presenter, the student will participate in a learning activity that addresses:

- 1. The ability to recognize valid indicators of impairment that establish probable cause for arrest
- 2. The ability to describe and document the observed behaviors of the person impaired by alcohol or drugs
- 3. The ability to present or critique testimony in court related to observation and documentation of impairment

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