

# Basic Peace Officer Course Description

**Time** Starting September 1st, 2009 through April 10, 2010, the academy will be offering the Basic Peace Officer course at night. The course will be from 6 pm - 10 pm, Monday through Friday. This course will be held at the academy.

In the Spring, SPAG will be offering the daytime Basic Peace Officer Course and it will run Monday- Friday 8-5 or 8-1 depending on regional demand. This course will be held at the academy.

**Hours** 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 - includes Introduction, General, Protection of and Crime Scene Search, Interviewing Techniques, Booking Procedures, Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony, Case Management	44
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>618</b>