

Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission
560 Hour Basic Training Curriculum
Effective January 1, 2021

General Topics	Total 78 Hours
Orientation	2
Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
Law Enforcement Ethics and Professionalism	4
A.P.O.S.T. Rules & Regulations	1
Study & Practice Habits	2
State & Federal Law Enforcement Agencies	3
Public Utilities Enforcement Agencies	2
Effective Report Writing	8
Identifying Terrorist Activities	3
Safe Response to Bombs & Explosives	3
Hazardous Materials	2
Care and Use of Police Equipment	2
Responding to Civil Unrest	1
In-Custody Care & Transport	2
Traffic Direction & Control	2
Licenses, Registration and CDL	2
Examination & Director's Time	36

Legal Issues	Total 73 Hours
Constitutional Foundations	4
Introduction to Criminal Procedure	3
Detention, Arrest, & Use of Force Law	12
Search & Seizure Law	6
Conducting Lawful Interviews	3
Civil & Criminal Liability Law	4
Criminal Law, Title 13A	18
Court Procedures	10
Laws of Correction & Custody	3
Motor Vehicle Laws, Title 32	4
Alabama Immigration Law	1
Juvenile Offender Law	3
Civil Process	2

Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills	Total 54 Hours
Fundamentals of Effective Communication	12
Conflict Resolution & De-escalation Skills	8
Mental Health Awareness & Behavioral Health Issues	16

Interview Skills	4
Implicit Bias	4
Recognizing & Managing Stress	2
Receiving & Handling Complaints	2
Community/Media Relations	1
Preventing Harassment & Discrimination	1
Police Communications (Radio)	2
Assisting Victims of Crime and Leniency	2

Investigations, Intelligence & Information Gathering **Total 107 Hours**

Crime Scene Security & Evidence Collection	10
Violent Crime Investigations	8
Property Crime Investigations	6
Cyber Crime Investigations	4
Drug Investigations	6
Law Enforcement Information Systems	2
Exploitation of Children & the Elderly	4
Gangs in Alabama	5
Sex Crimes	4
Domestic Violence	4
Human Trafficking	2
Drager BAT Operator Certification	8
NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course	24
Traffic Accident Investigations	20

Skills & Tactics **Total 248 Hours**

Physical Agility/Ability Exam (PAAT)	4
First Aid (includes CPR & Stop the Bleed training)	12
Physical Training	30
Building Searches	16
ALERRT	16
Patrol Techniques & Traffic Stops	16
Emergency Vehicle Operations	27
SSGT – Vanguard (Levels I & II)	48
Officer Survival	20
Below 100	4
Safe Gun Handling	11
Firearms Qualifications	24
Practical & Low-light Firearms Skills	12
Shotgun Familiarization	4
Rifle Familiarization	4