

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE
REGULAR BASIC COURSE
PATROL PREPARATION

Effective date of outline: August 1, 2013

PATROL PREPARATION

The students will demonstrate an understanding of the components of the preparations needed to safely prepare for patrol.

I. Preparing for a Patrol Shift

A. Introduction

1. Preparation for a patrol shift enables the officer to be properly equipped to handle duties.
2. All equipment must be authorized, serviceable, and well maintained.

B. Preparing for a shift will involve:

1. Checking personal equipment (uniforms, assigned equipment, etc.)
2. Acquiring necessary materials and resource information.
2. Inspecting equipment issued for use during the shift. (vehicle, radio, shotgun)

C. Inspecting personal equipment

1. Although the types of items carried by officers may vary by agency, you should carefully inspect your uniform and equipment for serviceability and appearance.
2. The following are items you might carry and would need to inspect prior to each tour of duty:
 - a. Uniform components
 - (1) Leather gear/nylon web gear
 - (2) Handgun
 - (3) Chemical agents
 - (4) Handcuffs or other restraint equipment
 - (5) Baton /impact weapon
 - (6) Flashlight
 - (7) Badge and name plate
 - (8) Clipboard and citation book
 - (9) Helmet and face shield
 - (10) Weather gear
 - (11) Gloves
 - (12) Binoculars

- (13) CPR mask
- (14) Any other equipment that you might be able to fit in your unit

D. Inspecting your handgun look for:

- 1. Cleanliness
- 2. Ammunition/magazines
- 3. Holster

E. Chemical agents look for:

- 1. Content amount
- 2. Expiration date
- 3. Shake the contents
- 4. Trigger device
- 5. Clear the nozzle

I. Acquiring appropriate materials and information

A. Officers need to ensure they obtain the necessary supplies, resources, and information prior to the beginning of a tour of duty. Examples include:

- 1. Daily incident log
- 2. Review crime reports that affect your assigned area
- 3. Briefing boards
- 4. Sharing of individual officer information
- 5. Debriefing by off-going shift
- 6. Warrants desk
- 7. Make sure you have enough report forms
- 8. Know your court calendar dates

<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>
POST Minimum Required Hours	<u>0</u>
Agency Specific Hours	<u>5</u>
Total Instructional Hours	<u>5</u>