

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE
REGULAR BASIC COURSE
PROP 115

Effective date of outline August 1, 2013

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I. Understanding what proposition 115 is and how it pertains to law enforcement.

LEARNING NEED:

A peace officer must have the proper understanding of our current propositions and laws to properly perform the duties of a law enforcement officer.

A. Proposition 115:

1. Proposition 115 is known as the “Crime Victim’s Justice Reform Act”
2. It allows the officer to testify at the preliminary hearing.
 - a. Officer can testify as to statements by victims/ witnesses during the investigation
3. Allows DA’s to overcome hearsay objections.
 - a. Hearsay is normally thrown out of court
4. Prop 115 makes it so victims do not have to appear and testify against the criminal twice.
5. Only a District attorney or a defendant may use

A. Proposition 115 is covered in California Penal Code 872(b)

1. Officers should not read from their report in court.

B. Recruits will understand the terminology and the court procedures

1. Officers will be asked in court if they are Prop 115 certified
2. Officers will be able to testify that they received two hours of training
3. Officers will receive a Prop 115 identification card certifying their training.

C. What officers will need to say and do to perform well in court.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>
POST Minimum Required Hours	<u>0</u>
Agency Specific Hours	<u>2</u>
Total Instructional Hours	<u>2</u>