

# Special Function Officer (SFO) Curriculum

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A **Special Function Officer** is a sworn and certified peace officer who performs special investigations, service of the legal process, security functions, and/or specialized ordinance, rule or regulatory functions. You will study the following topics during your Special Function Officer training:

## Ethics

- Ethical standards
- Leadership and professionalism
- Ethical decision making
- Community relations
- Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certification and investigations

## Fundamentals

- U.S. and state constitutions
- Utah Criminal Code
- Utah Courts' systems
- Defensive tactics

## Core

- Report writing
- Radio communications
- Media relations
- Bureau of Criminal Identification/Automated Fingerprint Identification System
- Hazardous materials response
- Emergency medical response
- First aid/CPR
- Healthy lifestyles

## Law

- Laws of arrest
- Laws of search and seizure
- Laws of evidence
- Laws of reasonable force
- Liability of peace officers
- Crimes against persons, property, family, administration of government, and public order and decency
- Controlled substance law
- Alcohol Beverage Control Act
- Juvenile law

## Mental Health

- Understanding human behavior and mental illness
- Introduction to the crisis intervention team
- Response to the mental health crisis
- Management and recognition of excited delirium and agitated chaotic events

## Patrol Techniques

- Gang awareness
- Conflict resolution
- Written scenario training
- Introduction to the Incident Command System
- National Incident Management System
- Law enforcement encounters with citizens' dogs

## Investigations

- Basic interviews and interrogations
- Preliminary investigations
- Crime scene protection and search
- Collection and preservation of evidence
- Victimology
- Fraudulent documents
- Drug recognition and familiarization

## Defensive Tactics

- Handcuffing
- Takedowns
- Ground tactics
- Startle response
- Positions of advantage
- Striking with natural weapons (hands, feet, elbows, etc.)

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