

Special Function Officer (SFO) Curriculum

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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Basic Corrections Officer (BCO) Curriculum

A **Basic Corrections Officer** helps guard and supervise prisoners confined to correctional institutions by maintaining order, enforcing rules, ensuring the safety of inmates and fellow officers and preventing escape. You will study the following topics during your Basic Corrections Officer training:

Law

- Corrections law and offenders' rights
- Prison Rape Elimination Act
- Reasonable force
- Court demeanor and testifying

Defensive Tactics and Physical Training

- Edge weapons
- In-custody restraint

Corrections Fundamentals

- Decision-making and problem-solving
- Leadership
- Ethics and professionalism
- Suicide prevention
- General perspectives
- Professional and effective communication for LGBTI
- Mental health self-care

Core

- Offender supervision strategies
- Inmate discipline
- Gender responsive issues
- Inmate classification
- Forced cell entry
- Critical response
- Chemical agents
- Safety and emergencies
- Survival mindset
- Search techniques
- Riots and disturbances
- Institutional security
- Grievance process
- Transportation of prisoners
- Prison and street gangs
- Hostage taking and negotiations
- Explosives and incendiary materials
- Offender manipulation

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Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Curriculum

As a **Law Enforcement Officer**, you will have a variety of responsibilities that may include responding to 911 calls, securing crime scenes, interviewing witnesses, making traffic stops, subduing and arresting suspects, providing fingerprinting duties and more. You will study the following topics during your Law Enforcement Officer training:

Fundamentals

- Introduction to emergency vehicle operations (actual training to be completed by the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) agency or your hiring agency)
- Introduction to firearms handling
- Introduction to scenario training

Core

- Report writing
- Court demeanor and testifying
- Career development

Law

- Civil disputes
- Traffic law
- Driver's license law and hearings

Patrol

- Patrol concepts
- Immediate response tactics
- Critical incident casualty care
- Mental preparation skills
- Pedestrian/vehicle stop and approach
- Vehicle and building searches
- Crimes in progress
- Hostage/barricaded subjects
- Off-duty responses
- Introduction to K-9 units
- Basic bomb recognition
- Radar/Lidar certification

Investigations

- Sex crimes, dead body, follow-up and traffic accident investigations
- Child abuse and neglect
- Domestic violence/cohabitant abuse procedures
- Identity theft

Intoxication

- Recognizing and handling drugs and narcotics
- Intoxilyzer (breath alcohol testing instrument) operation certification
- DUI and standardized field sobriety testing

Firearms

- Handgun handling and safe operation
- Firearms range – day and night shooting

Defensive Tactics

- Equipment retention
- Impact weapons

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