

**POLICE CORPORAL
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **POLICE CORPORAL** to be administered will consist of **112** multiple-choice questions.

The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	% OF EXAM
<p>PATROL AND GENERAL POLICE KNOWLEDGE Knowledge of general patrol practices and procedures including methods of patrol, defensive tactics, responding to crimes in progress, field interviews, arrest procedures, the use of firearms, vehicle stop tactics, and laws governing these procedures.</p>	11.0%
<p>TRAFFIC PRINCIPLES/TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION Knowledge of accepted procedures for traffic control and traffic accident investigations, including enforcement of all applicable motor vehicle laws.</p>	12.0%
<p>ARREST PRINCIPLES Knowledge of general practices for arresting suspect, with or without an arrest warrant, by stating specific charges and advising suspect of Miranda rights; handcuffs suspect, and conducts appropriate search for weapons or contraband.</p>	10.0%
<p>SEARCH AND SEIZURE Knowledge of practices for conducting searches upon probable cause or making application for a search warrant from a designated official using established procedure; seizing contraband or evidence located as a result of a legal search</p>	6.0%
<p>FIREARMS PRACTICES Knowledge of accepted procedures for the use of firearms and laws governing these procedures.</p>	6.0%
<p>FIRST AID Knowledge of procedures for providing emergency medical care by examining ill or injured persons and giving stabilizing treatment until appropriate medical personnel arrive, in order to prevent worsening of condition or loss of life.</p>	9.0%
<p>CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION Knowledge of accepted procedures for investigating crimes against persons or property, including identifying elements which constitute the various crimes; identification, collection, and preservation of evidence; interview and interrogation; and applicable laws.</p>	13.0%

<p>RECORDS AND REPORTS Knowledge of effective records-keeping practices, including preparation, content, format, control, and retention, and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation, analysis, and organization of data into an effective written format for reports.</p>	<p>7.0%</p>
<p>COURT TESTIMONY Knowledge of accepted procedures for preparing for court testimony, reviewing the laws of evidence and all information relevant to the case; testifying in court to facilitate a proper disposition of the case.</p>	<p>5.0%</p>
<p>CRIMINAL LAW Knowledge of city ordinances, criminal law, and departmental rules and regulations.</p>	<p>17.0%</p>
<p>TRAINING Knowledge of the procedures for evaluating the training needs of the department and for developing and implementing an effective training program, including serving as an instructor.</p>	<p>4.0%</p>

REFERENCE MATERIAL

While the entire list of reference materials will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from these references listed below.

WEST’S LOUISIANA STATUTORY CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE 2015, Constitution of the State of Louisiana, West Publishing Company, 2015, pages 1-6.

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STREET SURVIVAL/Tactics For Armed Encounters, Adams, Ronald J., et. al., Calibre Press, Inc., 666 Dundee Rd., Suite 1607, Northbrook, IL 60062, 1980, 1st ed., (Fifth Printing/May 1982).

LOUISIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOK, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Available to Law Enforcement Officers through your local District Attorney's Office, 12th ed., 2014.

POLICE FIELD OPERATIONS, Adams, Thomas F., Prentice-Hall, Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 07458, 8th ed., 2014.

AMERICAN RED CROSS EMERGENCY RESPONSE, Prepared by: American National Red Cross, Published by: The Banta Co., Staywell, 263 Summer Street, Boston, MA., 02210, 2001.

SUPERVISION OF POLICE PERSONNEL, Iannone N. F., Pearson Education, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, 8th ed., 2014.

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