

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE  
REGULAR BASIC COURSE  
**LEARNING DOMAIN 6**  
PROPERTY CRIMES

I. LEARNING NEED

Arrest depends on the development of probable cause. Successful prosecution depends on the collection of admissible evidence. Peace officers need to know the elements required to arrest for crimes related to theft, and to correctly classify these crimes as misdemeanors or felonies.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for:
  - 1. Theft
  - 2. Vehicle theft
  - 3. Defrauding an innkeeper
  - 4. Burglary
  - 5. Shoplifting
  - 6. Possession of burglary tools
  - 7. Possession of or receiving personal property with altered serial numbers or identification marks
  - 8. Receiving stolen property
  - 9. Forgery
- B. Recognize the crime classification as a misdemeanor or felony
  - 1. Intent
  - 2. Determining property values
  - 3. Classifications and degrees
- C. Describe appropriate peace officer actions when taking a report of burglary or other similar property crimes
  - 1. Promote crime prevention
  - 2. Recognize the crime's effect on the victim
  - 3. Describe follow up procedures
- D. Describe information that should be obtained when interviewing the victim(s) of or witness(es) to a burglary
  - 1. Detailed descriptions of items taken
  - 2. Determine who was known to be at the property last
  - 3. Determine who had access
  - 4. Inquire about insurance coverage
  - 5. Inquire about possible suspects known to the victim
  - 6. Canvas area for witnesses / further observations
  - 7. Identify other possible sources of information
  - 8. Identify time period of crime occurrence

## II. LEARNING NEED

Arrest and successful prosecution depends on the development of probable cause. Peace officers need to know the elements required to arrest for crimes related to arson, and to correctly classify these crimes as misdemeanors or felonies.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for:
  - 1. Arson
  - 2. Unlawfully causing a fire
  - 3. Possession of a flammable or combustible material
- B. Recognize the crime classification as a misdemeanor or felony
  - 1. 451 PC – Felony
  - 2. 452 PC - Felony
  - 3. 452(d) PC - Misd
  - 4. 548 PC - Felony

## III. LEARNING NEED

Arrest and successful prosecution depends on the development of probable cause. Peace officers need to know the elements required to arrest for crimes related to trespassing, and to correctly classify these crimes as misdemeanors.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for:
  - 1. Unauthorized entry of property
  - 2. Trespass
- B. Recognize the crime classification as a misdemeanor
  - 1. 602.5 PC 9 (dwellings) - Misd
  - 2. 602 PC Sections a-w (land) - Misd
  - 3. 602.1 PC (interfere w/business) - Misd

## IV. LEARNING NEED

Arrest and successful prosecution depends on the development of probable cause. Peace officers need to know the elements required to arrest for crimes related to other types of property crimes, and to correctly classify these crimes as misdemeanors or felonies.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for vandalism
  - 1. Malicious intent
  - 2. To deface, damage or destroy w/graffiti or other inscribed material
  - 3. Personal or real property
  - 4. Not their own
- B. Recognize what constitutes unlawful conduct in a landlord/tenant dispute

1. Tenant lockout
2. Seizure of tenant's property
3. Removing doors/windows
4. Trespass
5. Interruption of utility services
6. Repossession of land after legal eviction
7. Unauthorized entry / burglary
8. Theft
9. Vandalism

C. Recognize what constitutes a lawful repossession

1. Dominion and control
2. Public areas
3. Private property

D. Recognize the crime classification as a misdemeanor or felony

1. Misdemeanor sections / related crimes
2. Felony sections / related crimes
3. Wobbler

V. REQUIRED TESTS

- A. The POST-Constructed Comprehensive RBC Test 2.
- B. The POST-Constructed Comprehensive RBC Test 3.

VI. REQUIRED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- A. The student will participate in a learning activity regarding the actions which should be taken during a preliminary investigation of a property crime which includes the specific elements of burglary and grand theft. The discussion shall address:
  1. Initial actions
  2. Sources of information
  3. Establishing whether a crime has occurred
  4. Physical evidence considerations
  5. Identification marks
  6. Vehicle identification number (VIN) locations

Description	Hours
POST Minimum Required Hours	<u>6</u>
Agency Specific Hours	<u>4</u>
Total Instructional Hours	<u>10</u>