

SECTION **7**

Radio Communication Systems

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In order for POST to review and approve your agency's *Field Training Guide*, you MUST submit the following electronic files:

- 1) The POST FTP Approval Checklist ([Form 2-230](#))
- 2) Your department's *Policy & Procedure Manual*
- 3) Your completed Guide (Volumes 1 & 2), including ALL competency requirements covered in Part 5, Sections 1–18.

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7.1 RADIO COMMUNICATION**7.1.01 Agency Policy Regarding Communications**

The trainee shall review and briefly summarize agency policy on communications control and coordination and radio call numbers.

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Additional Information:

7.1.01	Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum)	☐ N/A

7.1.01	Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

7.1.02 Memorizing Codes The trainee shall memorize the phonetic alphabet and agency brevity radio codes, including commonly used Penal Code Section numbers and codes for dispatching emergency vehicles.								
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7.1.03 Radio Procedures and Use

The trainee shall demonstrate knowledge of agency radio procedures and proficient use of the radio including:

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| <p>A. Waiting until the air is clear before pressing the transmit button</p> <p>B. Pressing the transmit button firmly and speaking calmly and clearly into the microphone</p> <p>C. Avoiding over-modulation by speaking moderately into the microphone</p> | <p>D. Knowing the meaning of “emergency traffic only” and always saving routine and non-emergency transmissions until “emergency traffic only” status is terminated</p> <p>E. Knowing the call signs, assignments, and beat locations of other units in the area</p> |
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7.1.03 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

7.1.04 Crime Broadcast

Given a situation in which there is one or more suspect descriptions, the trainee shall properly utilize the radio to complete a crime broadcast. This description shall minimally include:

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| A. Type of incident and number of suspects | D. Weapon(s) used |
| B. Complete known description of suspect(s), including height, weight, hair color and style, eye color, clothing description, and distinguishing characteristics | E. Vehicle(s) used |
| C. Loss (if any), including approximate value and denomination of bills | F. Direction(s) of flight |

Reference(s):

Case # (If applicable)

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Additional Information:**7.1.04 Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum)**

☐ N/A

7.1.04 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

7.1.05 Vehicle Pursuit Transmission

The trainee shall explain the proper use of the police radio and transmissions to maintain control of a vehicle pursuit. Appropriate transmissions shall minimally include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Identification of the vehicle in pursuit B. What the vehicle or occupant(s) is wanted for C. Complete description of the vehicle, including license number D. Number of occupants and possibility of weapons E. Direction of travel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F. Approximate speed G. Conditions (light or moderate traffic, dry or wet pavement, damage to suspect vehicle, etc.) H. Necessity for backup and number of units needed I. Location of stop |
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Reference(s):

Case # (If applicable)

Incident #

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7.1.05 Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum)

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7.1.05 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

7.1.06 Control During In-Progress Assignment

Given a situation involving an in-progress assignment, the trainee shall use the police radio to maintain control of the situation. This shall minimally include:

- A. Voice control so as not to escalate the situation
 B. Establishment of perimeter and control of possible escape routes
 C. Control of response of other police units

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7.1.06	Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum)	☐ N/A
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7.2 INFORMATION SYSTEMS / TELECOMMUNICATIONS**7.2.01 Examples of Inquiries**

The trainee shall give examples where inquiries into a law enforcement information system would be necessary. These may include:

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| <p>A. To locate information on lost, stolen, or recovered property, including vehicles</p> <p>B. To establish probable cause for a search or an arrest</p> <p>C. To verify the validity of a warrant</p> <p>D. To verify the validity of a driver's license, vehicle registration, or occupational license</p> | <p>E. To determine if a person is wanted</p> <p>F. To determine the status of a person on parole or probation</p> <p>G. To report or locate a missing person</p> |
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Reference(s):

Case # (If applicable)

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7.2.01 Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum)

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7.2.01 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)

7.2.02 Law Enforcement Information Systems

The trainee shall be able to identify the law enforcement information systems used by the agency including:

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| A. Automated Property System (APS) | D. Automated Firearms System (AFS) |
| B. Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) | E. Domestic Violence Restraining Order System (DVROS) |
| C. Wanted Persons System (WPS) | F. Missing Unidentified Person System (MUPS) |

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7.2.02	Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum)	☐ N/A
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7.2.03 System Inquiries to Complete an Investigation

Given an incident in which information is required to complete an investigation, the trainee shall demonstrate a knowledge of the minimum information requirements for generating a system inquiry related to the following categories:

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| A. Wanted persons | D. DMV information |
| B. Property, vehicles, and firearms | E. Miscellaneous information |
| C. Criminal histories | |

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7.2.03	Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum)	☐ N/A
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7.2.03	Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)
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7.2.04 Agency Policy for Use of MCTs and Laptops

The trainee shall review and explain agency policy regarding the proper use and/or the misuse of Mobile Computer Terminals (MCTs) and on-board laptop computers.

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Additional Information:**7.2.04 Part A - Reference Agency Policies/Procedures, if applicable (600 characters maximum)**☐ N/A**7.2.04 Part B - Agency Training Details (field will expand automatically)**

7.2.05 Inappropriate Use of Information Systems The trainee shall identify inappropriate use(s) of law enforcement information systems according to agency policy and law.								
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See next page for Attestation

Part 5 – Section 7: Radio Communication Systems

ATTESTATION FOR SECTION 7

TO ENTER YOUR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE:

- Export your file as a PDF. (Go to File > Export > Create PDF/XPS Document)
- Click on “Fill & sign” > Click on “Sign” icon at top of page > Click on “Add signature”
- Click on the “Image” icon > Click “Select image” > Locate your signature file > Click “Apply” to place your signature.
- Enter your full name next to your signature.

YOUR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES VERIFY that the Field Training Officer (FTO) and Trainee attest to the following:

1. The FTO(s) provided all instruction, training, and related feedback/comments to the Trainee in accordance with the agency’s training requirements for this portion of the Field Training Program.
 2. The Trainee demonstrated all competencies required for this portion of the Field Training Program.
 3. If remedial training was performed, the results were reviewed by the appropriate FTO(s) and accepted by the Trainee.
 4. The final evaluation of the Trainee’s performance for this portion of the Field Training Program were approved by the FTO(s) and accepted by the Trainee.
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Primary Field Training Officer: X Print Full Name: _____

Trainee: X Print Full Name: _____

IMPORTANT: After signing the Attestation, the file will be “locked” and **CANNOT BE MODIFIED**. If you need to make changes, both signatures must be removed and re-entered after the final revisions have been made.

To remove the electronic signature: Click on the signature > Click on the trash icon.

See the following pages for Instructions to Administrators and FTOs

How to Complete Part 5 (Sections 1–18)

INSTRUCTIONS TO ADMINISTRATORS

VOLUME 2 OF THE FIELD TRAINING GUIDE CONSISTS OF 18 SECTIONS WHICH MAKE UP PART 5. Each section is provided as a separate file on the POST website (<https://www.post.ca.gov/field-training--police-training.aspx>). Prior to submitting your FTP Guide to POST for review, you must complete all 18 sections and include them as part of your Guide.

1. **Set up:** Keep an unchanged copy of each section file as a master for reference. Make a copy of the file to use for your agency-specific entries.
2. **Front cover (optional):** To keep a hard copy of Volume 2 for internal use, you can add your agency name and date to the front cover.
3. **For each section (1–18):**
 - a. Open the applicable file and add your agency name and date to the header on page 1. (DO NOT change any other headers or footers or alter any other sections of the file.)
 - b. Below each table:
 - *Part A:* Enter applicable references from your agency’s Policies & Procedure Manual.
 - *Part B:* Enter your agency’s training details.
4. **After completing ALL sections (1–18),** you MUST submit the following materials via flash drive, CD, or DVD to POST for review and approval (do not send printed copies):
 - 1) **Your completed FTP Guide**
 - 2) **FTP Approval Checklist** ([POST Form 2-230](#))
NOTE: Guides submitted without this form will NOT be reviewed.
 - 3) **Your Department’s Policy & Procedure Manual**
5. MAIL YOUR ELECTRONIC MEDIA TO:
Commission on POST
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95605
Attn: Basic Training Bureau (BTB)
6. All applicants shall be notified in writing within **30** working days regarding the completeness of the package and application. A decision for approval shall be reached within **45** working days from the date the completed application is received.

See next page for Instructions to Field Training Officers

How to Complete Part 5 (Sections 1–18)

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS (FTOs)

VOLUME 2 OF THE FIELD TRAINING GUIDE CONSISTS OF 18 SECTIONS WHICH MAKE UP PART 5. Each section has been customized by your agency administrator(s) to include references to policies and procedures and training details to meet your agency's Field Training Program requirements. Each file is provided as a separate file. For each section (1–18), complete all tables for each topic.

1. **Set up:** Keep an unchanged copy of each section file as a master for reference. Make a copy of the file to use for your training sessions.
2. **Tracking your training sessions:**
 - a. Upon completing each competency, enter the FTO and trainee names and dates, and how the competency was demonstrated, into the applicable tables.
 - b. Enter any note-worthy comments related to the trainee's performance.
3. **If trainee requires remedial training:**
 - c. Enter the FTO and trainee names and dates, and how the competency was remediated, to show that each competency was completed.
 - d. Enter any additional note-worthy comments related to the trainee's performance.
4. **Attestation:** After all competencies have been performed, including any remedial training, the primary FTO and Trainee **MUST** enter their electronic signatures on the Attestation page (see instructions) to verify that the Trainee has completed this portion of the Field Training Program.

End Section