

Section 32 - Basic

New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

32.1 Basic Course for Police Officers – **CRITICAL STANDARD**

TRAINING

STANDARD 32.1

The agency requires that all sworn officers successfully complete a basic course for police officers within one year of appointment date. This course must meet or exceed the requirements established by the Municipal Police Training Council. Sworn officers are prohibited from performing regular law enforcement duties prior to completing a basic course for police officers, unless accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a sworn officer with a valid basic course certificate. The certificate achieved from successfully completing a basic course must remain valid throughout a sworn officer's term of service.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. Training records of sworn officers may be reviewed to verify successful completion of a basic school.
2. A copy of the course curriculum and lesson plans are provided if the course was not approved by the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC). The assessor should verify that the course meets or exceeds MPTC requirements.
3. Interview(s) with agency personnel to verify the accuracy of training records and agency compliance with the standard.
4. Interview(s) with agency personnel responsible for the training function to verify their knowledge of and compliance with this standard.