DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT (DPD) RADIO CODES AND SIGNALS PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. Code 6S stands for?

A. Fire Works Disturbance

B. Major Disturbance

C. Disturbance at a School

D. AWARE Family Violence Alarm

2. Which code letter maps to Nora?

A. H

B. N

C. O

D. J

3. Accident City Equipment occurs with which code?

A. 7CE

B. 7XF

C. 9

D. 8

4. Code 10 denotes which designation?

A. Known Offender

B. Felony Warrant

C. Stolen Vehicle

D. Registered Sexual Offender

5. Which code represents a Pursuit?

A. 42

B. 43

C. 44

D. 45

6. Which code indicates a stolen vehicle?

A. Stolen Vehicle

B. En Route

C. Disregard

D. Arrived

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7. Which name corresponds to code letter J?

A. John

B. Henry

C. Queen

D. Lincoln

8. Which code corresponds to Fire Works Disturbance?

A. Fire Works Disturbance

B. Disturbance

C. 7

D. 6X

9. Which code is used for Business Burglar Alarm?

A. Residential Burglar Alarm

B. Burglar Alarm

C. Business Burglar Alarm

D. Prowler

10. Which code maps to a Dead Person?

A. Criminal Mischief

B. Sick Person

C. Dead Person

D. Open Building

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Answers

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1. C
2. B
3. A
4. A
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. A
9. C
10. C

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Explanations

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1. Code 6S stands for?

A. Fire Works Disturbance

B. Major Disturbance

C. Disturbance at a School

D. AWARE Family Violence Alarm

Interpreting location-based radio codes lets responders respond with the right resources and urgency. Code 6S is used to indicate a disturbance occurring at a School. The trailing letter functions as a location cue, so the combination tells responders both the incident type (disturbance) and the exact setting (a school). This specificity matters for safety planning, coordinating with school staff, and prioritizing campus-related needs. The other options describe different scenarios or locations and don't match the official designation for a disturbance at a school.

2. Which code letter maps to Nora?

A. H

B. N

C. O

D. J

In the DPD radio alphabet, each letter has a unique spoken code word to reduce confusion. Nora is the code word assigned to the letter N, so the code letter that maps to Nora is N. The other options correspond to different letters (Henry for H, Oscar for O, Jack/John for J), which is why they don't map to Nora.

3. Accident City Equipment occurs with which code?

A. 7CE

B. 7XF

C. 9

D. 8

Accident City Equipment is coded using a numeric category plus two letters to specify the exact subject of the incident. In this system, the 7-series is used for certain incident types, and the trailing letters refine what's involved. The combination C and E signals that the incident involves City resources or equipment, i.e., an accident with city equipment. That exact two-letter detail is what makes the code 7CE the correct mapping for this scenario. The other options either lack the required detail (single-digit codes) or point to a different subtype within the 7-series (such as 7XF), which doesn't match "Accident City Equipment."

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4. Code 10 denotes which designation?

A. Known Offender

B. Felony Warrant

C. Stolen Vehicle

D. Registered Sexual Offender

Code 10 is used to indicate a Known Offender. This designation helps officers quickly share that they're dealing with someone already identified to the department, often with prior history, so responding units can approach with appropriate awareness and caution and relay relevant background information from dispatch. Other designations would flag different situations: a felony warrant points to someone with an outstanding warrant, a stolen vehicle alerts to a vehicle theft case, and a registered sexual offender is tracked under a separate alert system. Those contexts are handled with their own specific designations rather than the general Code 10 tag.

5. Which code represents a Pursuit?

A. 42

B. 43

C. 44

D. 45

In this radio code system, a pursuit is signaled with a specific numeric code to instantly alert all units that a vehicle is fleeing. Using a dedicated code for pursuit ensures the message carries high priority, prompting immediate coordination, supervisor notification, and appropriate pursuit procedures. The code for a pursuit is 42. When this code is broadcast, units know to prioritize the incident, maintain visual contact, monitor updates from the dispatcher, and be prepared for rapid decisions about containment or discontinuation based on safety and circumstances. This clear, unambiguous signal helps reduce confusion and keeps everyone aligned on how to proceed in a high-risk situation. Other numbers represent different events or statuses, such as routine stops or other types of incidents, and do not convey the same urgent pursuit significance. Memorizing that 42 is the pursuit code helps you recognize and respond to this critical scenario quickly.

6. Which code indicates a stolen vehicle?

A. Stolen Vehicle

B. En Route

C. Disregard

D. Arrived

In this context, the clearest way to convey a vehicle has been stolen is to use a code that directly names the situation. The option that states Stolen Vehicle communicates the theft status explicitly, signaling to units to treat the vehicle as stolen, which is the critical and distinguishing detail in an incident. The other terms describe movement or actions (En Route means heading to a location; Disregard means ignore a previous instruction; Arrived means you've reached the destination) and do not indicate the vehicle's theft status. So the code that best fits and instantly informs responders is the one labeled Stolen Vehicle.

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7. Which name corresponds to code letter J?

A. John

B. Henry

C. Queen

D. Lincoln

In this code system, each letter is linked to a first name to speed up radio identification. For the code letter J, the mapped name is John, so that option is the correct fit. The other names correspond to different letters (Henry with H, Queen with Q, Lincoln with L), so they don't match J. This kind of mapping helps keep transmissions quick and unambiguous in radio communications.

8. Which code corresponds to Fire Works Disturbance?

A. Fire Works Disturbance

B. Disturbance

C. 7

D. 6X

Understanding that certain incidents have specific textual codes in the Dallas PD system is key here. Fire Works Disturbance is a distinct category that specifically flags issues related to fireworks, so dispatchers know to assign the appropriate resources and track the incident accurately. A generic Disturbance would be too broad and could apply to many types of incidents, which may affect response and recording. The numeric options don't map to this exact fireworks situation in the standard code list, so they wouldn't convey the precise nature of the call. Therefore, the exact label Fire Works Disturbance is the correct code.

9. Which code is used for Business Burglar Alarm?

A. Residential Burglar Alarm

B. Burglar Alarm

C. Business Burglar Alarm

D. Prowler

In this radio-codes context, alarms are labeled by the location type to convey the exact situation to responders. When the alarm is at a business property, the specific designation used is "Business Burglar Alarm." This tells units that the incident involves a business premises, which can influence the response, dispatch level, and any business-specific notifications. The other options either describe a residential setting, a general burglar alarm without a location qualifier, or a different scenario entirely (a prowler), so they don't match the business context as precisely. Therefore, the best fit is the code that explicitly identifies a business burglar alarm.

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10. Which code maps to a Dead Person?

A. Criminal Mischief

B. Sick Person

C. Dead Person

D. Open Building

In DPD radio codes, each label is a shorthand for a specific call type, so responders know what kind of scene they're walking into and what resources to bring. A Dead Person code is used to indicate a fatality on scene, signaling the need for investigators and possibly the medical examiner, rather than a medical aid or a nonfatal incident. The label Dead Person is the exact descriptor for that situation, making communication precise and saving time. The other options describe different scenarios—Criminal Mischief is a property crime, Sick Person is a medical call, Open Building indicates an unsecured or open structure. They don't convey a death, so using them would mischaracterize the incident and delay an appropriate response.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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