LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) RADIO 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. What action is defined as vehicle stripping?

A. Removing components from a vehicle for resale

B. Restoring the body of a vehicle

C. Changing the tires of a vehicle

D. Cleaning the engine of a vehicle

2. What does "stand by" indicate in a radio communication?

A. A need for immediate assistance

B. A request to pause or wait for further instructions

C. A situation requiring backup

D. An acknowledgment of a message

3. What disturbance type does the code 415LT represent?

A. Landlord/tenant dispute

B. Gang activity

C. Neighbor conflict

D. Juvenile incident

4. In LASD codes, what does CODE 3 represent?

A. Emergency. Use red lights and siren

B. No further assistance needed

C. Clear your MDT buffer

D. Information only, a pursuer is approaching

5. What must officers do when responding to CODE 77N?

A. Continue without caution

B. Use caution as no answer was received

C. Notify dispatch they are out of service

D. Respond as if no emergency

6. What term describes the duty involving overseeing activities at a specific location?

A. Station Detail

B. Prowler

C. Found Adult/Juvenile

D. Messenger Service

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7. What is a critical action when a subject has a previous conviction for a serious crime?

A. Proceed with caution during a traffic stop

B. Engage with the subject aggressively

C. Ignore past records unless pertinent

D. Record information for departmental review

8. Which code is associated with an insane person?

A. 918V

B. 919

C. 920

D. 916A

9. Code 902R refers to which response?

A. Rescue responding

B. Ambulance dispatched for a sick person

C. Traffic collision with injuries

D. Person sick or injured

10. What is the appropriate response when an officer needs to clear a previous transmission?

A. Cancel

B. Confirm

C. Acknowledge

D. Stand by

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What action is defined as vehicle stripping?

A. Removing components from a vehicle for resale

B. Restoring the body of a vehicle

C. Changing the tires of a vehicle

D. Cleaning the engine of a vehicle

Vehicle stripping is defined as the process of removing components from a vehicle with the intention of reselling those parts. This activity often involves the systematic disassembly of various elements such as engines, transmissions, and body parts, which may be sold individually to repair other vehicles or to be used as upgrades. This practice is commonly associated with auto theft, as stolen vehicles may be stripped of their valuable parts before the remaining shell is discarded or hidden. Restoring the body of a vehicle refers to repairs and refinishing to bring a car back to its original condition, which is unrelated to the definition of vehicle stripping. Changing tires is a standard maintenance task that involves replacing worn-out tires, and cleaning the engine is typically aimed at maintaining the vehicle's performance and appearance, neither of which involves the removal of parts for resale.

2. What does "stand by" indicate in a radio communication?

A. A need for immediate assistance

B. A request to pause or wait for further instructions

C. A situation requiring backup

D. An acknowledgment of a message

In the context of radio communication, the phrase "stand by" is used to request that someone pause their activity and wait for further instructions or information. This is often employed when the responder needs a moment to gather additional information, process the current situation, or address a different priority before continuing the conversation. It establishes a temporary hold in communication without dismissing the request or communication altogether, allowing for clear and organized exchanges during potentially high-pressure situations. This term is crucial in maintaining the flow of communication and ensuring that all parties are aligned before proceeding with the next steps. It helps to manage the operational tempo, ensuring that crucial information can be delivered effectively and without unnecessary interruptions. Understanding this phrase is vital for effective radio protocol among personnel, as it aids in maintaining clarity and efficiency during operations.

3. What disturbance type does the code 415LT represent?

A. Landlord/tenant dispute

B. Gang activity

C. Neighbor conflict

D. Juvenile incident

The code 415LT represents a landlord/tenant dispute. This classification is used within law enforcement to identify issues arising specifically from conflicts between landlords and their tenants. Such disturbances may involve disagreements over lease agreements, eviction notices, or issues of property maintenance, contributing to the tensions that can escalate into calls for police assistance. This code helps officers quickly identify the nature of the disturbance and respond appropriately, as landlord-tenant disputes often require careful mediation to resolve. Utilizing specific codes like 415LT allows law enforcement to categorize disturbances effectively and ensures that they are prepared to handle the situation with the right expertise.

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4. In LASD codes, what does CODE 3 represent?

A. Emergency. Use red lights and siren

B. No further assistance needed

C. Clear your MDT buffer

D. Information only, a pursuer is approaching

CODE 3 in LASD codes signifies an emergency response that necessitates the use of both red lights and sirens. This code alerts other drivers and pedestrians that a law enforcement vehicle is responding to a situation that requires immediate attention, enabling it to navigate traffic more effectively to reach the scene quickly. The use of red lights and sirens is crucial for ensuring safety during urgent responses, as it commands the right of way on the road. The other options do not accurately represent the urgency or the protocol associated with CODE 3. For instance, indicating that no further assistance is needed or simply providing information without the urgency of a potential emergency does not align with the high-priority nature of CODE 3 responses. Therefore, understanding CODE 3 is essential for prioritizing responses and ensuring effective communication in emergency situations.

5. What must officers do when responding to CODE 77N?

A. Continue without caution

B. Use caution as no answer was received

C. Notify dispatch they are out of service

D. Respond as if no emergency

When officers respond to a CODE 77N, the appropriate action is to use caution due to the absence of a received response. This situation indicates that there might be potential danger or that something is not going as expected. The lack of an answer requires the officer to be alert and proceed carefully to assess the circumstances upon arrival. Officers must remain vigilant, ensuring their own safety and that of others while investigating the situation. This cautious approach is crucial as it acknowledges the uncertainty surrounding the call, and can help prevent potential risks that may arise from entering a scenario without full knowledge of what is happening.

6. What term describes the duty involving overseeing activities at a specific location?

A. Station Detail

B. Prowler

C. Found Adult/Juvenile

D. Messenger Service

The term that describes the duty involving overseeing activities at a specific location is "Station Detail." This term is commonly used in law enforcement to refer to an assignment where officers are tasked with monitoring a particular area or station. The focus of a Station Detail is to maintain safety, manage any incidents that may arise, and ensure order is upheld in that designated space. On the other hand, the other choices refer to different concepts. "Prowler" typically suggests someone who is suspiciously loitering or moving stealthily in a space, often implying a potential threat or criminal activity. "Found Adult/Juvenile" pertains to incidents regarding individuals who are located without supervision or whose whereabouts are unaccounted for, which does not align with the idea of overseeing a location. Lastly, "Messenger Service" usually refers to a method of delivering documents and messages, rather than a law enforcement function related to supervision and oversight.

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7. What is a critical action when a subject has a previous conviction for a serious crime?

A. Proceed with caution during a traffic stop

B. Engage with the subject aggressively

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D. Record information for departmental review

Proceeding with caution during a traffic stop is essential when a subject has a previous conviction for a serious crime. This cautious approach ensures the safety of law enforcement officers as well as the public. When handling individuals with a significant criminal history, there may be an increased risk of unpredictable behavior, potentially leading to confrontational situations. By maintaining a heightened awareness and being prepared for a range of possible responses from the subject, officers can better manage the interaction while prioritizing their safety and that of others around them. Engaging aggressively could escalate the situation unnecessarily, while ignoring previous records outright could prevent officers from adequately assessing risks. Recording information for departmental review is important, but it is a procedural action rather than one that directly addresses safety concerns during the immediate interaction.

8. Which code is associated with an insane person?

A. 918V

B. 919

C. 920

D. 916A

The code associated with an insane person is 918V. This designation is used in law enforcement to indicate a situation involving individuals who may be experiencing severe mental health crises or are perceived to be a danger to themselves or others due to a mental condition. The use of this code helps dispatch and responding officers to identify and respond appropriately to incidents involving mental health issues, ensuring that the necessary resources, such as mental health professionals, can be mobilized to handle the situation effectively. Understanding this code is important for officers as it guides their approach to interactions with individuals who may require specialized intervention rather than traditional law enforcement procedures, fostering a more compassionate and informed response.

9. Code 902R refers to which response?

A. Rescue responding

B. Ambulance dispatched for a sick person

C. Traffic collision with injuries

D. Person sick or injured

Code 902R specifically denotes a scenario involving an incident requiring a rescue response. This means that the circumstances are urgent and necessitate immediate assistance, typically due to an individual being trapped or in a potentially life-threatening situation. When an officer or dispatcher uses code 902R, it signals to all units that they should respond promptly and prioritize the situation to ensure that the appropriate rescue services are deployed. This code is crucial for mobilizing the right resources to handle serious emergencies, which distinguishes it from other codes that might relate to medical calls or traffic incidents without the implication of a rescue operation being directly involved. While the other options address various medical situations or responses, they do not convey the same level of urgency required for rescue operations that Code 902R represents.

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10. What is the appropriate response when an officer needs to clear a previous transmission?

A. Cancel

B. Confirm

C. Acknowledge

D. Stand by

When an officer needs to clear a previous transmission, the appropriate response is to use "Cancel." This term effectively communicates to the recipient that the officer wishes to retract or nullify the earlier message, ensuring that there is no confusion or misunderstanding about the prior transmission. Using "Cancel" serves to clarify the communication process, allowing other officers or dispatchers to understand that the earlier information is no longer relevant or should not be acted upon. This is essential in maintaining effective communication practices within the department, as clear signals are critical in high-stakes environments such as law enforcement operations where accurate information is paramount. In contrast, terms like "Confirm," "Acknowledge," and "Stand by" do not convey the intention to clear or retract information. These terms might imply agreement with or understanding of a previous message but would not effectively indicate that it should be disregarded. Therefore, "Cancel" is the most straightforward and appropriate response in this context.

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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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