

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) CODES 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.

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!

Questions

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- 1. Which code would you reference for a speeding driver?**
 - A. Code 702
 - B. Code 693
 - C. Code 311
 - D. Code 926

- 2. What should be reported when dealing with an abandoned vehicle?**
 - A. The vehicle's color and make
 - B. The location of the vehicle
 - C. Only report if it is blocking traffic
 - D. Ignore unless there are suspicious activities

- 3. What is the significance of the Arizona Uniform Traffic Ticket?**
 - A. It serves as a warning for minor offenses
 - B. It standardizes the citation process across jurisdictions
 - C. It allows for plea bargains in traffic violations
 - D. It is only used for DUI offenses

- 4. What does a 10-28S code signify?**
 - A. Confidential information
 - B. Suspended vehicle registration
 - C. Misdemeanor warrant
 - D. Driver license check

- 5. What is the meaning of the code 10-38?**
 - A. Request for backup
 - B. Is party out of hearing range?
 - C. Search and apprehend
 - D. Check for vehicle warrants

- 6. What does Code 961 signify?**
 - A. Collision with injuries
 - B. Collision with no injuries
 - C. Reckless driver
 - D. Indecent exposure

7. What should be used if there are difficulties with receiving a message?

- A. Receiving well
- B. Receiving poorly
- C. In service
- D. Out of service

8. Which code is associated with a collision that has a fatality involved?

- A. Code 964
- B. Code 963A
- C. Code 998
- D. Code 999

9. Which of the following codes is associated with a misdemeanor warrant?

- A. 10-36
- B. 10-38M
- C. 10-30
- D. 10-27

10. What does the code 10-30 indicate?

- A. Contrary to radio procedures
- B. Wants/warrants check
- C. Driver license status check
- D. Vehicle registration inquiry

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which code would you reference for a speeding driver?

A. Code 702

B. Code 693

C. Code 311

D. Code 926

The correct choice for referencing a speeding driver is Code 702. This code specifically pertains to the regulations and enforcement measures related to speed limits on roadways, which is essential for maintaining traffic safety and order. Speeding is a common traffic violation, and Code 702 outlines the specifics of the laws surrounding speed restrictions, including how they are enforced and the consequences for violations. In the context of traffic regulations, properly identifying codes like 702 is crucial for law enforcement officers when issuing citations or conducting traffic stops. Understanding these codes enables officers to appropriately apply the law and ensure compliance by drivers. The other codes presented do not relate directly to speeding. Code 693 might cover a different area of traffic regulation, perhaps related to other violations. Code 311 could involve a different set of rules or offenses entirely, and Code 926 might deal with another aspect of traffic or public safety. Knowing the specific application of each code allows for accurate law enforcement and effective communication during legal and administrative procedures.

2. What should be reported when dealing with an abandoned vehicle?

A. The vehicle's color and make

B. The location of the vehicle

C. Only report if it is blocking traffic

D. Ignore unless there are suspicious activities

Reporting the location of an abandoned vehicle is crucial for several reasons. First, it helps authorities to identify the specific area where the vehicle is situated, allowing them to take appropriate action, whether that be to retrieve it, assess the situation, or ensure public safety. The accurate location also facilitates quicker resolution to issues such as debris on roadways or potential hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, or other vehicles. While details like the vehicle's color and make can be useful, they do not provide the immediate context needed for prompt action. Reporting only if the vehicle obstructs traffic fails to address the potential safety and community concerns surrounding abandoned vehicles, which can lead to urban blight or other issues in the area. Ignoring the vehicle unless suspicious activity is observed also neglects the civic responsibility to report conditions that could lead to broader public safety problems. Therefore, focusing on the location is the key step in ensuring the situation is addressed efficiently.

3. What is the significance of the Arizona Uniform Traffic Ticket?

A. It serves as a warning for minor offenses

B. It standardizes the citation process across jurisdictions

C. It allows for plea bargains in traffic violations

D. It is only used for DUI offenses

The significance of the Arizona Uniform Traffic Ticket lies in its role in standardizing the citation process across various jurisdictions. This uniformity is vital because it ensures that law enforcement officers use a consistent form and procedure when issuing traffic citations. This consistency helps to maintain clarity and fairness in how traffic laws are enforced statewide. When all jurisdictions adhere to the same ticket format and regulations, it simplifies the legal process for both officers and the public, making it easier for individuals to understand their rights, obligations, and the resulting penalties for traffic violations. This standardization also facilitates data tracking and reporting related to traffic violations, which can inform future policy decisions and law enforcement practices. Overall, the Arizona Uniform Traffic Ticket is an essential tool for creating a cohesive legal framework for handling traffic offenses, enhancing the efficiency of the criminal justice system.

4. What does a 10-28S code signify?

- A. Confidential information
- B. Suspended vehicle registration**
- C. Misdemeanor warrant
- D. Driver license check

The 10-28S code is specifically used to signify a suspended vehicle registration. This code is part of the ten-codes used for effective communication among law enforcement personnel. When this code is utilized, it indicates that the vehicle in question has a registration status that is not valid due to suspension, which can occur for various reasons such as non-payment of fees or failure to comply with vehicle insurance requirements. Understanding this code is essential for officers on patrol, as it helps them quickly assess the legal status of the vehicle and determine the appropriate course of action. In contrast, the other options refer to different situations within the law enforcement context but do not pertain to vehicle registration statuses.

5. What is the meaning of the code 10-38?

- A. Request for backup
- B. Is party out of hearing range?**
- C. Search and apprehend
- D. Check for vehicle warrants

The code 10-38 is typically understood in law enforcement communications to mean "Is party out of hearing range?" This code is used by officers to inquire about the communication abilities between them and another party, particularly in situations where verbal communication is crucial but hindered. Understanding the context of communication in law enforcement is vital, especially in situations where situational awareness and coordination are important. The use of such codes helps to convey messages succinctly without disclosing too much information over the radio, which can be crucial for operational security. Unlike the other options, which signify actions or requests that are more direct in nature, the interpretation of 10-38 involves checking on the conditions of communication rather than initiating backup, searching for warrants, or apprehending a suspect. Each of those actions carries a different protocol and urgency compared to inquiring about hearing range, which is more about ensuring effective communication.

6. What does Code 961 signify?

- A. Collision with injuries
- B. Collision with no injuries**
- C. Reckless driver
- D. Indecent exposure

Code 961 signifies a collision with no injuries. This designation is essential for law enforcement and emergency response teams to communicate the nature of an incident quickly. When officers report a Code 961, it indicates that while a collision has occurred, there are no injuries involved, which can affect the urgency of the response and the resources allocated to the scene. Understanding this code helps ensure that appropriate response measures are in place, prioritizing incidents with injuries over non-injury collisions. This distinction supports efficient use of police and emergency resources, maintaining a focus on situations that may require immediate medical attention.

7. What should be used if there are difficulties with receiving a message?

- A. Receiving well
- B. Receiving poorly**
- C. In service
- D. Out of service

The correct response indicates a situation where communication is not occurring effectively, highlighting the challenges related to receiving a message. When interactions or transmissions are described as "receiving poorly," it directly points to issues such as unclear audio, signal interference, or anything that disrupts the clarity and effectiveness of a message being understood. Choosing this option emphasizes the recognition of a communication challenge, prompting immediate attention to improve the situation, such as seeking clarity, confirming the message, or employing alternate communication methods. In contrast, the other options suggest varying states of communication that do not directly address the difficulties being faced. "Receiving well" implies there are no issues with the message being transmitted effectively; "In service" suggests normal operational status; and "Out of service" denotes an absence of functionality altogether. These do not convey the specific context of encountering challenges while trying to receive a message, which is why they are not appropriate in this scenario.

8. Which code is associated with a collision that has a fatality involved?

- A. Code 964
- B. Code 963A**
- C. Code 998
- D. Code 999

The code associated with a collision that has a fatality involved is Code 963A. This specific designation indicates that the incident includes at least one death as a result of the collision, making it crucial for proper reporting and investigation of serious traffic incidents. Code 964 refers to injury collisions but does not specifically denote fatalities, while Code 998 and Code 999 address other traffic-related or criminal incidents but are not used for fatal collisions. Understanding the specific codes helps ensure accurate documentation and communication among law enforcement and public safety officials, as each code serves a distinct purpose in reporting and categorizing traffic incidents.

9. Which of the following codes is associated with a misdemeanor warrant?

- A. 10-36
- B. 10-38M**
- C. 10-30
- D. 10-27

The code that signifies a misdemeanor warrant is 10-38M. In law enforcement communication, codes are often used to convey specific types of information succinctly. The addition of the "M" at the end of the code indicates that the warrant pertains specifically to misdemeanor charges, distinguishing it from other types of warrants that may exist for different categories of offenses. Understanding the context of other codes can be vital. For instance, 10-36 typically relates to a specific situation that does not implicate warrants directly, while 10-30 does not correspond to warrants at all. The code 10-27 is usually used for checks, not warrant classifications. Therefore, 10-38M specifically and accurately indicates a misdemeanor warrant, making it the correct choice in this context.

10. What does the code 10-30 indicate?

- A. Contrary to radio procedures
- B. Wants/warrants check**
- C. Driver license status check
- D. Vehicle registration inquiry

The code 10-30 is used in law enforcement communication to indicate a request for a wants or warrants check. This code is essential for officers to determine if a person or vehicle has any outstanding warrants or legal issues associated with them. It serves as a quick way to communicate this specific need over the radio, ensuring that officers can safely assess situations and make informed decisions. Being able to quickly and accurately identify whether there are any active warrants associated with an individual is crucial for officer safety and operational efficiency in the field.

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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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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

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