

Atlanta Police Department Signals Practice Test (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. A mercantile fire incident is reported; select the dispatch code.**
 - A. 33I**
 - B. 33MC**
 - C. 34**
 - D. 35**

- 2. Which category describes a pickpocket theft?**
 - A. Larceny - Gas Drive Off**
 - B. Larceny - Vehicle Theft**
 - C. Larceny - Pickpocket**
 - D. Larceny - Shoplifting**

- 3. Which code is Burglary in Progress - Residence?**
 - A. 6R**
 - B. 3M**
 - C. 4**
 - D. 7**

- 4. Which call type would be most appropriate for a loud argument between neighbors that may involve a disturbance?**
 - A. Noise Complaint**
 - B. Suspicious Person**
 - C. Meet Officer**
 - D. Domestic Disturbance**

- 5. A subject is actively soliciting sexual services.**
 - A. Non-Police Help Call**
 - B. Gambling**
 - C. Peeping Tom**
 - D. Person Soliciting Sex**

- 6. A phone call is received with no one speaking after dialing 911. What is the call type?**
- A. Missing Person**
 - B. Noise Complaint**
 - C. Meet Officer**
 - D. 911 Hang-Up**
- 7. Which signal is associated with Demented Person?**
- A. 21 Kidnapping**
 - B. 26 Fireworks**
 - C. 28 Intoxicated Person**
 - D. 24 Demented Person**
- 8. What is the term for a call involving a person who may be seeking to harm themselves?**
- A. Meet Officer**
 - B. Domestic Disturbance**
 - C. Suicide**
 - D. Child Abuse**
- 9. Which signal corresponds to Illegal Parking?**
- A. Information to Officer**
 - B. Illegal Parking**
 - C. Animal Call**
 - D. Illegal Drugs**
- 10. What measures the effectiveness of directed patrol?**
- A. Crime statistics and community feedback**
 - B. Number of tickets issued**
 - C. Weather changes**
 - D. Officer salaries**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. A mercantile fire incident is reported; select the dispatch code.

- A. 33I
- B. 33MC**
- C. 34
- D. 35

The dispatch code uses a base number for the broad incident type and a suffix that identifies the occupancy or location. For a fire at a mercantile establishment, the suffix that denotes mercantile is used. So the combination 33MC is the code that communicates a mercantile (retail) fire, signaling the appropriate response and units for a store-type occupancy. Other suffixes or plain numbers refer to different types of fires or incidents and don't indicate mercantile occupancy, which is why they're not the correct match.

2. Which category describes a pickpocket theft?

- A. Larceny - Gas Drive Off
- B. Larceny - Vehicle Theft
- C. Larceny - Pickpocket**
- D. Larceny - Shoplifting

Classification of theft by method and target is what this item tests. A pickpocket theft involves taking someone's belongings from their person, usually in public and without force. In department records, that specific scenario is categorized as Larceny - Pickpocket. This distinguishes it from other larceny subtypes like gas drive off (stealing gasoline after filling up), vehicle theft (taking a vehicle), or shoplifting (stealing from a store). Understanding this helps you recognize how the crime was carried out and how it should be labeled.

3. Which code is Burglary in Progress - Residence?

- A. 6R**
- B. 3M
- C. 4
- D. 7

Identifying the signal that conveys Burglary in Progress at a Residence. In the APD signals system, each code compresses both the incident type and the location into one label. Burglary in progress indicates an active break-in needing an immediate, high-priority response, and the designation of residence specifies the scene as a home. The combination that matches this scenario is the code 6R, where the 6 points to burglary-related activity and the R shows residence. That's why it's the correct code for Burglary in Progress - Residence. Other codes don't pair the burglary-in-progress status with a home location, so they don't fit this exact situation.

4. Which call type would be most appropriate for a loud argument between neighbors that may involve a disturbance?

A. Noise Complaint

B. Suspicious Person

C. Meet Officer

D. Domestic Disturbance

Assessing risk and potential for escalation drives the appropriate call type. A loud argument between neighbors that may involve a disturbance isn't just about noise; it signals possible ongoing conflict, emotional tension, and potential for aggression or illegal behavior. Domestic disturbance is used in situations where there is a dispute between individuals who live together or share a dwelling, or where the incident involves an ongoing disturbance with the possibility of violence. Labeling it as a domestic disturbance alerts responders to treat the situation with heightened safety, separate parties if needed, check for injuries or weapons, and connect with resources for domestic issues. This makes it a better fit than a simple noise complaint (which focuses on sound levels without implying risk), a suspicious person (which targets an unknown individual's behavior), or a meet officer call (which implies no immediate incident).

5. A subject is actively soliciting sexual services.

A. Non-Police Help Call

B. Gambling

C. Peeping Tom

D. Person Soliciting Sex

When a subject is actively soliciting sexual services, the most accurate label is a person soliciting sex. This directly names the actor and the action, which helps dispatchers classify the incident correctly and direct the right resources to address the offense. The other options describe different situations—seeking help without involving police, gambling activity, or voyeurism—so they don't fit the behavior being described and wouldn't signal the same type of offense.

6. A phone call is received with no one speaking after dialing 911. What is the call type?

A. Missing Person

B. Noise Complaint

C. Meet Officer

D. 911 Hang-Up

In 911 call handling, a connection where no one speaks after the line is established is categorized as a 911 Hang-Up. This designation exists because there's no audible information to determine if there's an emergency, so the dispatcher must treat it as potentially important and verify safety. This is the best choice because the other options describe different situations: a Missing Person involves someone not accounted for or located, a Noise Complaint involves ongoing loud or disruptive noise, and Meet Officer implies a scheduled in-person contact. With a silent 911 call, there's no provided detail about a crime, danger, or location—just a potential misdial or someone in distress who cannot speak—so the appropriate action is to log it as a 911 Hang-Up and, if policy allows, attempt to call back or send a unit to verify welfare.

7. Which signal is associated with Demented Person?

- A. 21 Kidnapping
- B. 26 Fireworks
- C. 28 Intoxicated Person
- D. 24 Demented Person**

Signals are a compact radio language where each incident type has its own code on the chart. This lets responders communicate quickly and clearly about what's happening. Demented Person is one of the entries on that chart, paired with a specific code. When you reference the chart, you use the code that corresponds to that Demented Person entry. The other options map to their own distinct entries (Kidnapping, Fireworks, Intoxicated Person), so they don't match the Demented Person entry. So the signal associated with Demented Person is the code entry on the chart that bears that label.

8. What is the term for a call involving a person who may be seeking to harm themselves?

- A. Meet Officer
- B. Domestic Disturbance
- C. Suicide**
- D. Child Abuse

When someone may be seeking to harm themselves, the proper call type is suicide. This designation signals imminent self-harm risk and prompts crisis intervention and potential medical assistance as the highest priority. Other options don't fit because meeting an officer is a procedural instruction rather than a risk category, a domestic disturbance involves conflict within a home, and child abuse concerns harm to a child, not the person on the call. Using the correct term helps responders quickly gauge danger level, allocate the right resources, and approach the situation appropriately. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call emergency services.

9. Which signal corresponds to Illegal Parking?

- A. Information to Officer
- B. Illegal Parking**
- C. Animal Call
- D. Illegal Drugs

Each signal is tied to a specific type of call so officers can grasp the situation at a glance. When the issue is a vehicle in a parking space in violation of rules, the signal designated for Illegal Parking is used. This immediate label helps the dispatcher and responding units know that the matter is a parking violation, typically a non-emergency enforcement scenario, without sifting through other categories. The other signals point to different situations—information to an officer, an animal-related call, or illegal drugs—so they wouldn't accurately convey a parking violation. Using the signal that matches Illegal Parking keeps communication clear and routing efficient.

10. What measures the effectiveness of directed patrol?

A. Crime statistics and community feedback

B. Number of tickets issued

C. Weather changes

D. Officer salaries

Directed patrol focuses resources in high-crime areas to deter offenders and reassure the community, so its effectiveness is judged by real outcomes and public perception. If crime statistics show fewer incidents in the targeted area after implementing directed patrols, that indicates the tactic is having an impact. Likewise, positive community feedback—residents feeling safer and more trusting of the police—signals the approach is improving perceived safety and legitimacy. Relying on the number of tickets issued only shows enforcement activity, not whether crime declined or people felt safer. Weather changes and officer salaries don't reflect the tactic's success in reducing crime or improving community safety.

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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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