

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.

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 letter is represented by Zebra?

- A. Letter X
- B. Letter Y
- C. Letter W
- D. Letter Z

2. Which description matches the radio code for Robbery?

- A. Kidnap in Progress
- B. Holdup Alarm
- C. Shooting
- D. Robbery

3. Code 39 maps to which incident?

- A. Racing, Speeding
- B. Abandoned Child
- C. Other
- D. Street Blockage

4. Which code stands for Criminal Assault + 72 Hours?

- A. 25
- B. 21R
- C. 26
- D. 25R

5. Which description matches code Daev?

- A. Bait Car Activation
- B. Criminal Trespass
- C. Open Air Drug Sale
- D. Sleeping in Public

6. Accident City Equipment is coded as?

- A. 7X
- B. 9
- C. 8
- D. 7CE

7. Which code indicates Missing Person Critical?

- A. 26
- B. 26/01
- C. 21R
- D. 23

8. Code 6X-01 AWARE Family Violence Alarm.

- A. AWARE Family Violence Alarm
- B. Random Gunfire
- C. Major Disturbance Violence Emergent
- D. Minor Accident

9. Channel 3 is the channel for which location?

- A. South West
- B. Central
- C. North East
- D. South East

10. Channel 6 is mapped to which region?

- A. South East
- B. North Central
- C. North West
- D. South Central

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which letter is represented by Zebra?

- A. Letter X
- B. Letter Y
- C. Letter W
- D. Letter Z**

This question tests using the starting letter of a word to identify a corresponding alphabet letter. Zebra begins with Z, so the letter represented is Z. This direct mapping works because the first letter of the word determines the match, and there's no need to consider other letters. If the word were different, like Whale or Yak, the corresponding letters would be W and Y, respectively. But for Zebra, the correct match is Z.

2. Which description matches the radio code for Robbery?

- A. Kidnap in Progress
- B. Holdup Alarm
- C. Shooting
- D. Robbery**

In this context, radio codes are used to label the exact crime being reported so units can respond appropriately. When the incident is robbery, the most precise description to use is Robbery. It directly identifies the crime as taking property by force or threat, guiding the dispatcher and responding officers on the right resources and approach. The other descriptions point to different situations: Kidnap in Progress means abduction, Holdup Alarm is an alarm signal indicating a hold-up is happening (often from a business), and Shooting signals that gunfire is involved. While a holdup event can be related to a robbery, the label that best matches the incident as described is Robbery, ensuring clear, concise communication and correct dispatch.

3. Code 39 maps to which incident?

- A. Racing, Speeding**
- B. Abandoned Child
- C. Other
- D. Street Blockage

Radio codes are a quick way to categorize incidents for fast communication. Code 39 is specifically used to label Racing or Speeding events. When you hear or see this code, it means the call involves a vehicle that is racing or traveling at high speeds, which guides responders toward traffic enforcement actions, potential pursuit considerations, and awareness of related hazards. The other categories refer to different kinds of incidents (for example, a welfare/check for an Abandoned Child, or a traffic obstruction for Street Blockage), which use their own codes.

4. Which code stands for Criminal Assault + 72 Hours?

- A. 25
- B. 21R
- C. 26
- D. 25R**

The key idea is how suffixes modify a base code. In Dallas Police codes, the base number for Criminal Assault is 25. When a 72-hour time element is involved, an R suffix is added, making it 25R. So this code conveys both the offense and the 72-hour period. Therefore, 25R is the correct code for Criminal Assault with a 72-hour hold. The plain 25 would be just the offense without the 72-hour detail, and other numbers or suffixes refer to different offenses or timeframes.

5. Which description matches code Daev?

- A. Bait Car Activation
- B. Criminal Trespass**
- C. Open Air Drug Sale
- D. Sleeping in Public

Daev signals Criminal Trespass. It's used when someone is on property without permission or after being warned to stay off, so responding officers immediately establish trespass status, verify posted signs or notices, and coordinate with the property owner or manager. If the person refuses to leave or returns, it can escalate to enforcement actions for criminal trespass. This code is distinct from scenarios like bait car activation (a tactic to catch vehicle thieves), open-air drug sales (public drug dealing), or sleeping in public (a public-order or quality-of-life issue), which involve different offenses and responses. Knowing Daev helps units communicate the exact offense quickly and apply the appropriate enforcement steps.

6. Accident City Equipment is coded as?

- A. 7X
- B. 9
- C. 8
- D. 7CE**

In Dallas PD radio codes, a long description is shortened by combining a numeric prefix with letters that spell out the specifics. The number signals the broad category, and the letters specify the detail. For "Accident City Equipment," the number 7 represents the accident-related category, and the letters CE stand for City Equipment. Put together, the full code is 7CE, perfectly capturing both the accident context and the city equipment detail. Other options don't include the CE detail, or they represent different subtypes, so they wouldn't convey the same precise meaning.

7. Which code indicates Missing Person Critical?

- A. 26
- B. 26/01**
- C. 21R
- D. 23

Missing Person is the base call, and adding the modifier signals urgency. In this system, the base code for a missing person is 26. When a critical condition is indicated, the modifier /01 is added, making 26/01. That slash-delimited form communicates that the missing person is in danger or requires immediate attention, so responding units treat it as a high-priority case and allocate rapid resources accordingly. The other codes do not carry that critical modifier, so they do not indicate Missing Person Critical.

8. Code 6X-01 AWARE Family Violence Alarm.

- A. AWARE Family Violence Alarm**
- B. Random Gunfire
- C. Major Disturbance Violence Emergent
- D. Minor Accident

Recognizing the exact label used for a family violence alarm. In this coding, Code 6X-01 is paired with AWARE Family Violence Alarm, signaling responders that the call involves domestic or family violence and requires careful, safety-focused handling. This is a distinct designation from other incidents like random gunfire, a major disturbance, or a minor accident, which would use different codes. So the correct choice is the one that directly matches the stated label for a family violence alarm.

9. Channel 3 is the channel for which location?

- A. South West
- B. Central
- C. North East
- D. South East**

Channel-to-location mappings in DPD radio operations assign a specific channel to a geographic area so traffic stays local. Channel 3 is designated for the South East area, so units in that region use Channel 3 for routine and incident communications. This keeps transmissions from spilling into other regions and makes dispatch more efficient by having everyone in the South East on the same channel. The other locations—South West, Central, and North East—use their own channels.

10. Channel 6 is mapped to which region?

- A. South East
- B. North Central**
- C. North West
- D. South Central

Channels are mapped to geographic regions so responders can quickly coordinate by area. Channel 6 is designated for the North Central region, so transmissions on that channel are intended for North Central units and operations. This makes it the correct mapping because the chart used for training assigns Channel 6 specifically to North Central, allowing you to recognize which region you're communicating with just by the channel. The other regions—South East, North West, and South Central—have their own separate channel assignments, which is why they aren't associated with Channel 6. To perform well on the exam and in the field, memorize or reference the official channel-to-region chart and practice recalling which region each channel serves.

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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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