

Oakland Police Department 900 Radio Codes 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. 928C stands for which action?**
 - A. Explosion**
 - B. Investigate Possible Incendiary Device**
 - C. Explosion - Possible (Bomb Threat)**
 - D. Fire**

- 2. What does radio code 918 mean?**
 - A. Person Screaming for Help**
 - B. Drunk in Auto**
 - C. Go to Your Office**
 - D. Go to Communications Division**

- 3. What does radio code 922B mean?**
 - A. Drunk on Street**
 - B. Drunk in Auto**
 - C. Drunk Inside Building**
 - D. Go to Communications Division**

- 4. Code 908C refers to which break?**
 - A. Out of Service (Meal)**
 - B. Out of Service**
 - C. Out of Service - Rest Relief**
 - D. Out of service - Coffee**

- 5. Which code refers to the Phone Communications Division?**
 - A. 915**
 - B. 914**
 - C. 909**
 - D. 908D**

- 6. Code 929 corresponds to which incident type?**
 - A. Medical Aid**
 - B. Noise Complaint**
 - C. Burglary Alarm**
 - D. Fire**

7. Code 905 refers to which of the following?

- A. Abandoned automobile**
- B. Vehicle Collision - Drunk Involved**
- C. Message received**
- D. Out of Service - Rest Relief**

8. What does the 928 code indicate?

- A. Explosion**
- B. Fire**
- C. Burglary Alarm**
- D. File check - Vehicle**

9. Which offense is associated with code 261?

- A. Rape**
- B. Lewd and Lascivious Conduct**
- C. Indecent Exposure**
- D. Disturbing the Peace**

10. Which code corresponds to Trespassing?

- A. 901A Vehicle Collision - Personal Injury**
- B. 415E Disturbing the Peace - Music Party**
- C. 484 Theft - petty**
- D. 602L Trespassing**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. 928C stands for which action?

- A. Explosion
- B. Investigate Possible Incendiary Device**
- C. Explosion - Possible (Bomb Threat)
- D. Fire

Investigators are dispatched to evaluate a situation where a device that could start a fire is suspected. 928C signals the need to assess the scene, determine whether an incendiary device actually exists, and secure the area while precautions are taken. This is about evaluating a potential threat rather than reacting to something that has already happened. It's different from an actual explosion, which is an event that has occurred, or from a broad fire response, which centers on active burning. It also isn't a generic bomb-threat code about an anticipated explosion; the emphasis here is on investigating and confirming whether an incendiary device is present.

2. What does radio code 918 mean?

- A. Person Screaming for Help**
- B. Drunk in Auto
- C. Go to Your Office
- D. Go to Communications Division

Radio codes are shorthand used to convey situations quickly and unambiguously. When 918 is spoken, it signals a person who is screaming for help and in immediate distress, calling for rapid, high-priority response. Responders would prioritize locating the caller, ensuring scene safety, and providing aid or backup as needed. The other phrases describe different scenarios—a person who is drunk in a vehicle is a separate condition that requires attention but not the same urgent distress signal, while directions like going to an office or to the communications division are administrative commands rather than live distress reports.

3. What does radio code 922B mean?

- A. Drunk on Street
- B. Drunk in Auto
- C. Drunk Inside Building**
- D. Go to Communications Division

In this radio code system, a number signaling the subject's condition is paired with a suffix that shows location. The number 922 identifies a drunken subject, and the suffix indicates where they are. The suffix used here corresponds to being inside a building, so 922B means there is a drunk person located inside a building. This detail helps officers plan the response safely, since approaching someone inside a building differs from handling someone on the street or in a vehicle.

4. Code 908C refers to which break?

- A. Out of Service (Meal)
- B. Out of Service**
- C. Out of Service - Rest Relief
- D. Out of service - Coffee

Understanding how 900-series radio status codes convey availability is key. The code 908C signals an Out of Service status, meaning you're not available to take new assignments. In this context, the suffix does not specify a particular break type, so it denotes the general Out of Service condition. The other options describe specific break types (meal, rest relief, coffee), which would be indicated by different codes or suffixes in other contexts, but this code communicates only that you are Out of Service.

5. Which code refers to the Phone Communications Division?

- A. 915**
- B. 914
- C. 909
- D. 908D

The concept being tested is knowing which radio code specifically identifies the Phone Communications Division within the Oakland Police Department's 900-series codes. In this system, a distinct numeric code is reserved for that division, so using the exact code ensures the message reaches the correct desk. The code for the Phone Communications Division is 915. This single number is the designated identifier for that division, used when officers refer to or contact the phone communications team. The other options map to different units or roles and would not correctly point to Phone Communications, so they wouldn't route the communication appropriately.

6. Code 929 corresponds to which incident type?

- A. Medical Aid
- B. Noise Complaint
- C. Burglary Alarm
- D. Fire**

In the 900 radio code system, each number maps to a specific incident type so responders know exactly what kind of response is needed without delay. Code 929 is designated for a fire, signaling that the fire department (and any needed EMS or additional units) should be dispatched. This clear labeling helps prevent misdirection of resources that would occur if a fire call were treated as a different type of incident, like medical aid or an alarm. So 929 = fire because that number is reserved in the code set specifically for fire incidents.

7. Code 905 refers to which of the following?

- A. Abandoned automobile**
- B. Vehicle Collision - Drunk Involved**
- C. Message received**
- D. Out of Service - Rest Relief**

Code 905 means an abandoned automobile. This is used when a vehicle is left unattended and not in use, potentially creating a hazard, obstructing traffic, or on public property with no clear operator around to move it. When you encounter this, you assess safety first, note the location and condition of the vehicle, look for license plates or a VIN, and contact dispatch to check for ownership or to arrange tow or removal if needed. The goal is to determine if the vehicle can be safely left, needs to be tagged or removed, or if further follow-up is required. This doesn't describe a motor vehicle collision involving alcohol, a simple message acknowledgment, or an officer's rest status, so those scenarios aren't what the code is referring to.

8. What does the 928 code indicate?

- A. Explosion**
- B. Fire**
- C. Burglary Alarm**
- D. File check - Vehicle**

Code 928 designates an explosion. In this radio code system, 900-series codes quickly describe the incident type, and 928 signals a blast event with potential injuries, structural damage, and secondary hazards such as gas leaks or fires. Responders should treat it as a hazardous scene, establish a safe perimeter, call for Fire and EMS, and coordinate with HazMat if needed. The other options describe distinct situations: a burglary alarm is a security-system trigger, a file check - vehicle is an administrative records check, and a general fire is a separate code for non-explosion fire conditions. The explosion designation emphasizes the blast hazard and the need for rapid, coordinated response.

9. Which offense is associated with code 261?

- A. Rape**
- B. Lewd and Lascivious Conduct**
- C. Indecent Exposure**
- D. Disturbing the Peace**

Code 261 designates rape. In the 900-series radio codes used by OPD, each number stands for a specific offense, and 261 specifically refers to the crime of rape — sexual intercourse obtained by force or without the victim's consent. This makes it distinct from other listed offenses, such as Lewd and Lascivious Conduct, Indecent Exposure, or Disturbing the Peace, which are associated with different codes. Knowing this mapping helps responders relay the exact nature of the incident quickly and accurately.

10. Which code corresponds to Trespassing?

- A. 901A Vehicle Collision - Personal Injury**
- B. 415E Disturbing the Peace - Music Party**
- C. 484 Theft - petty**
- D. 602L Trespassing**

In this radio-code system, the base number shows the general type of incident and a letter suffix adds specificity. Trespassing is indicated by the base number 602, with the suffix L giving the exact designation here, 602L. This is the best choice because it maps directly to trespassing, whereas the other codes refer to a vehicle collision with injury, disturbing the peace at a party, and petty theft—different offenses altogether.

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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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