

# Pinellas County Sheriff's Office 10 Codes for Law Enforcement 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. What does the code 10-18 mean?**
  - A. Return to Station**
  - B. Expedite**
  - C. Location**
  - D. Subjects/Suspects Present**
  
- 2. To indicate that a message has been received, which code would be used?**
  - A. 10-25**
  - B. 10-26**
  - C. 10-23**
  - D. 10-29**
  
- 3. What does 10-40 indicate?**
  - A. Silent run**
  - B. Traffic stop**
  - C. Correct time**
  - D. Assistance needed**
  
- 4. Which code indicates that an officer is unavailable for communication?**
  - A. 10-6**
  - B. 10-5**
  - C. 10-3**
  - D. 10-7**
  
- 5. If an officer states "10-58", what are they referring to?**
  - A. Meal**
  - B. Traffic Stop**
  - C. Enroute to**
  - D. Car calling car**
  
- 6. What does code 10-21 allow communication for?**
  - A. Telephone call**
  - B. Detaining subject**
  - C. Check for wants**
  - D. Unnecessary use of radio**

- 7. What is the meaning of 10-46?**
- A. Traffic light out**
  - B. Begin tour of duty**
  - C. Assist motorist**
  - D. End tour of duty**
- 8. In law enforcement, what does the 10-52 code signify?**
- A. Estimated time of arrival**
  - B. Traffic Stop**
  - C. Meet Party At...**
  - D. Can you copy**
- 9. What does 10-41 signify in law enforcement communication?**
- A. Beginning tour of duty**
  - B. Ending tour of duty**
  - C. Information**
  - D. Assist motorist**
- 10. What does code 10-49 mean?**
- A. Beginning tour of duty**
  - B. Traffic light out**
  - C. Ending tour of duty**
  - D. Need fire department**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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## 1. What does the code 10-18 mean?

- A. Return to Station
- B. Expedite**
- C. Location
- D. Subjects/Suspects Present

The code 10-18 is used to indicate "Expedite." This term is significant in law enforcement communication as it conveys urgency in a situation requiring immediate attention or quick action. When an officer or dispatcher uses 10-18, it alerts others that a matter needs to be handled promptly, which is essential for effective crisis management or response to active incidents. In contrast, the meanings of the other options do not fit the context of urgency encapsulated by 10-18. "Return to Station" primarily communicates a directive for officers to go back to their base of operations; "Location" simply indicates where someone is, which lacks the sense of urgency embodied in 10-18; and "Subjects/Suspects Present" refers to a situation involving individuals, which does not imply an immediate action is required. Understanding the specific meaning of 10-18 helps maintain clear and efficient communication within law enforcement agencies.

## 2. To indicate that a message has been received, which code would be used?

- A. 10-25
- B. 10-26**
- C. 10-23
- D. 10-29

The code used to indicate that a message has been received is 10-26. This specific code is standardized within law enforcement communication to confirm receipt of information, ensuring clear and efficient communication among officers. In the context of law enforcement operations, using a dedicated code helps maintain brevity and clarity in radio transmissions, which is crucial in time-sensitive situations. The ability to quickly acknowledge the receipt of messages promotes smoother coordination during operations and enhances overall situational awareness. The other options represent different meanings; for instance, 10-25 typically refers to a request for a telephone call, while 10-23 denotes that an officer is on the scene, and 10-29 usually indicates a check for wanted persons or stolen property. None of these codes relate specifically to confirming message receipt.

## 3. What does 10-40 indicate?

- A. Silent run**
- B. Traffic stop
- C. Correct time
- D. Assistance needed

The code 10-40 refers specifically to a "Silent run." This term is used in law enforcement to indicate that an officer is responding to a situation where they need to maintain discretion and avoid drawing attention, often when they are approaching a potentially dangerous or sensitive situation. In practice, this could mean turning off sirens and flashing lights while traveling to the scene so as not to alert suspects or compromise the safety of officers and the public. Understanding this code is crucial for ensuring proper communication and operational effectiveness during certain policing scenarios.

**4. Which code indicates that an officer is unavailable for communication?**

- A. 10-6**
- B. 10-5**
- C. 10-3**
- D. 10-7**

The code indicating that an officer is unavailable for communication is indeed 10-7. In law enforcement communication, this code specifically denotes that an officer is out of service, which can occur for various reasons, such as taking a break or being engaged in a specific task that requires their full attention. When an officer is coded 10-7, this signifies to other officers and dispatch that they should not attempt to contact this officer unless absolutely necessary, as they are unable to respond. Understanding this code is essential for effective communication and operational efficiency within a law enforcement agency, as it helps manage personnel availability and ensures that communication lines are clear for those who are actively engaged in responding to calls or other duties. This level of clarity is vital in maintaining a smooth workflow and ensuring that all officers remain coordinated throughout their shifts.

**5. If an officer states "10-58", what are they referring to?**

- A. Meal**
- B. Traffic Stop**
- C. Enroute to**
- D. Car calling car**

The code "10-58" refers specifically to "Meal." In law enforcement communication, the use of 10 codes allows officers to relay information quickly and efficiently while reducing the chance of miscommunication. When an officer uses "10-58," they are indicating that they are taking a meal break, which is important for other units to know in order to account for the officer's availability. This could affect responses and deployment of resources in the area. The other codes listed do not correspond to "10-58." Each 10 code has a designated meaning, and in this case, "10-58" is universally recognized within the context of law enforcement communication as referring to meal breaks specifically.

**6. What does code 10-21 allow communication for?**

- A. Telephone call**
- B. Detaining subject**
- C. Check for wants**
- D. Unnecessary use of radio**

Code 10-21 is used in law enforcement communication to signify a "telephone call." This code helps to streamline communication among officers and dispatchers by providing a succinct way to request or initiate a phone call. By utilizing this code, law enforcement personnel can quickly convey that a conversation needs to take place over the phone, rather than using radio communication, which can be reserved for more urgent matters or direct communications that require immediate attention. The significance of using specific codes like 10-21 is to enhance clarity and efficiency in communication. This is particularly important in the field of law enforcement, where clear and concise communication can be critical during operations, ensuring that personnel understand the need for a phone call without needing lengthy explanations.

## 7. What is the meaning of 10-46?

- A. Traffic light out
- B. Begin tour of duty
- C. Assist motorist**
- D. End tour of duty

The meaning of 10-46 is to "Assist motorist." This code is commonly used in law enforcement communications to indicate that an officer is providing assistance to a driver or a person in need of help with their vehicle, such as a breakdown or accident. This term is essential for maintaining safety on the roads and ensuring that individuals experiencing vehicle issues receive the necessary support. Using this code allows officers to communicate effectively and swiftly about their current actions, which is vital in emergency response scenarios. Options indicating traffic lights, tours of duty, or similar functionalities do not align with the standard use of 10-46, which is specifically designated for assisting motorists. The clarity provided by this code streamlines officer responses and enhances coordination during on-road activities.

## 8. In law enforcement, what does the 10-52 code signify?

- A. Estimated time of arrival**
- B. Traffic Stop
- C. Meet Party At...
- D. Can you copy

The 10-52 code is used in law enforcement to communicate information about an estimated time of arrival. This designation helps officers coordinate their responses and manage their schedules effectively by providing a clear, succinct way to convey timing information over radio communications. In high-pressure situations, such clarity is essential for ensuring that all units are aware of when to expect assistance or when they can assist others, which enhances overall operational efficiency. Other options, while relevant in law enforcement communication, each represent different specific codes that do not relate to estimated time of arrival. Understanding the context and purpose of each 10-code is critical for effective communication across different law enforcement agencies.

## 9. What does 10-41 signify in law enforcement communication?

- A. Beginning tour of duty**
- B. Ending tour of duty
- C. Information
- D. Assist motorist

The designation 10-41 in law enforcement communication signifies "Beginning tour of duty." This code is used to indicate the start of a shift or patrol period for officers. Understanding this code is crucial for effective communication among law enforcement personnel, as it helps coordinate responsibilities and ensures a smooth transition between shifts. In the context of law enforcement operations, identifying when personnel are starting their duties allows for better planning and resource allocation within the department, enhancing overall operational efficiency. Other codes, such as those representing the end of duty or requests for information, serve different purposes and are not interchangeable with the meaning of 10-41.

**10. What does code 10-49 mean?**

- A. Beginning tour of duty**
- B. Traffic light out**
- C. Ending tour of duty**
- D. Need fire department**

The correct interpretation of code 10-49 is related to situations involving traffic. Specifically, it signifies that a traffic light is out, indicating a potential hazard on the roadway that could require traffic management or police intervention to ensure safety. This code is vital for law enforcement officers to communicate effectively about traffic situations that may affect public safety. On the other hand, the alternative choices refer to other operational statuses or requests that don't align with the specific meaning of code 10-49. For instance, codes that indicate the beginning or ending of a tour of duty focus on personnel management and shift changes rather than traffic issues, while a request for fire department assistance relates to emergencies that necessitate fire services, which is not the focus of code 10-49.

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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.**

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