



COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICER  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING

# GENERAL STANDARD 002

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### CORE SUBJECTS

#### STANDARD

All Correctional Peace Officer training will be evaluated taking into consideration the basic principles of Authority, Communication, Ethics, and Safety.

#### COMPONENTS

The components of this standard are as follows:

1. Authority –The understanding and ability of how and when to use or not use vested authority including force options but also including situational awareness and de-escalation techniques.
2. Communication – The ability to effectively communicate either in writing, orally or with body language.
3. Ethics – The ability to do the right thing including following legal requirements and departmental values while demonstrating a high professional standard of behavior.
4. Safety – Professional behavior that provides for personal safety but also the ability to provide protection and safety of others under dangerous and stressful conditions.

#### AUTHORITY

California Penal Code 13601 (a)(1)

California Penal Code 13601 (d)

California Penal Code 13603 (b)

#### BACKGROUND

There are core subjects that are fundamental principles of behavior and decision making necessary to becoming a successful and productive correctional peace officer. These skill sets are usually not taught in single presentations but are infused throughout all training. A successful correctional peace officer must be able to master these principles and perform accordingly on the work site.

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These critical principles of work performance are not independent of each other but are instead always linked. A failure to adequately apply one will inevitably result in misuse of others. A misuse of authority is unethical behavior. A simple failure of communication in a critical situation can result in an unnecessary safety risk to everyone involved. A successful correctional peace officer operates within these four principles of work performance whenever possible

## **REFERENCES AND CITATIONS**

DOM 32010.4 Training Defined

Government Code Sections 19995 – 19995.5