

**Special Police Commissioned Officer (SPO)
Entrance - Level Training Objectives**

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| SPO - 1 | Identify the requirements for receiving a Special Police Officer Commission in the State of Maryland. |
| SPO - 2 | Identify the requirements for maintaining a Special Police Officer Commission in the State of Maryland. |
| SPO - 3 | Describe the potential consequences if a Special Police Officer performs official duties without a valid Commission from the Maryland State Police. |
| SPO - 4 | Given various criminal situations demonstrate ability to identify elements of a given crime, utilizing the annotated code of Maryland and/or the Digest of Criminal laws. |
| SPO - 5 | Identify the legal limits of detention of a suspect. |
| SPO - 6 | Identify elements of a lawful arrest. |
| SPO - 7 | Demonstrate understanding of constitutional rights against self incrimination by recitation and explanation. |
| SPO - 8 | Identify why special police officers, both on and off duty, should exemplify the highest ethical and moral standard. |
| SPO - 9 | Describe the procedure to apply for an arrest warrant. |
| SPO - 10 | Identify the limits of a plain view search. |
| SPO - 11 | Identify the conditions under which a legally authorized consent search can be made. |
| SPO - 12 | Identify the limits of a probable cause search. |
| SPO - 13 | Identify the conditions under which a search involving exigent circumstances can legally be conducted. |
| SPO - 14 | Identify the limits of a search incidental to an arrest. |
| SPO - 15 | Identify consequences of conducting an illegal search. |
| SPO - 16 | Explain why "chain of custody" must be maintained. |
| SPO - 17 | Identify legal ramifications that are attached to a special police officer and agency through the use of force. |
| SPO - 18 | Identify the circumstances under which reasonable force can be used. |
| SPO - 19 | Identify preventive patrol methods, i.e., check of business premises, fluctuating patrol patterns, and maintenance of visibility. |
| SPO - 20 | Given various written, verbal or visual descriptions, assess locations and/or situations that exist in a duty area warranting frequent checks by a special police officer. |
| SPO - 21 | Identify factors that indicate criminal or suspicious circumstance/person(s). |
| SPO - 22 | Identify objectives of a field interview, i.e., identification, information and prevention. |
| SPO - 23 | Identify the tactical responsibilities of the first responding special police officer for a crime in progress incident. |
| SPO - 24 | Identify circumstances and procedures for responding to and handling bomb threats. |
| SPO - 25 | Given various situations identify the proper manner to respond to crime in progress. |
| SPO - 26 | Identify responsibilities of a special police officer who discovers or is first to respond to a crime scene. |
| SPO - 27 | Describe procedures to identify suspects. |
| SPO - 28 | Successfully complete a first aid training course with CPR & AED. |
| SPO - 29 | Explain effective communication skills necessary to deal with various types of persons, i.e., hostile, angry, hysterical, intoxicated, mentally ill, young, elderly, racist |
| SPO - 30 | Identify interview techniques for person(s) in various situations. |
| SPO - 31 | Describe the relationship between successful prosecution and incident reports. |
| SPO - 32 | Demonstrate ability to prepare complete field notes. |
| SPO - 33 | Demonstrate completion of acceptable incident report for various offense/incident situations. |
| SPO - 34 | Complete a statement of charges. |
| SPO - 35 | Explain the process to obtain an arrest warrant. |
| SPO - 36 | Identify examples for the following forms of crime prevention: mechanical devices, control of conditions, redirection of individuals, and public awareness. |
| SPO - 37 | Identify commercial security hazards and recommendations appropriate for security hardware and/or preventive action(s) |
| SPO - 38 | Identify the duties of a special police officer when intervening in an interpersonal conflict. |
| SPO - 39 | Identify alternative actions a special police officer has in resolving a conflict situation, i.e., arrest, separate, mediate, refer. |
| SPO - 40 | Identify techniques that can be used to defuse the crisis stress symptoms of a victim. |
| SPO - 41 | Identify the role of a special police officer in handling civil disturbances, i.e., labor disputes, social gatherings, civic events, political demonstrations, picket activity. |
| SPO - 42 | Identify a special police officer's responsibility at the scene of a dispute, i.e., keep the peace, determine if a crime has been committed, provide safety to individuals and property. |
| SPO - 43 | Identify the procedures that a special police officer should/may employ when encountering an individual with a disability. |
| SPO - 44 | Identify the principles of an effective and safe search of an individual. |
| SPO - 45 | Identify the techniques to minimize the possibility of a special police officer entering an ambush situation. |
| SPO - 46 | Identify safe and effective procedures for a frisk or pat-down of an individual. |

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| SPO - 47 | Identify safe and effective position(s) to assume while interviewing a suspicious person. |
| SPO - 48 | Identify the basic principles of weaponless defense. |
| SPO - 49 | Demonstrate the safe and effective use of handcuffs. |
| SPO - 50 | Demonstrate proper procedures of a thorough search of an individual. |
| SPO - 51 | Demonstrate the techniques for using company approved impact weapons. (Only if Issued) |
| SPO - 52 | Identify procedures for searching vehicles before and after transporting prisoners. (Only if Policy Allows) |
| SPO - 53 | Explain procedures for safely placing, securing and removing a prisoner in a vehicle. (Only if Policy Allows) |
| SPO - 54 | Identify the general structure of the Maryland court system. |
| SPO - 55 | Identify the situations when a special police officer may testify in court, such as: arraignments, bond review, trial, appeal. |
| SPO - 56 | Identify techniques/principles for case preparation and courtroom presentation testimony. |
| SPO - 57 | Identify the elements of terrorism. |
| SPO - 58 | Identify the indicators of terrorist activities. |
| SPO - 59 | Determine if a group of individuals meets the legal definition of "gang" or the working definition of "gang." |
| SPO - 60 | Identify gangs currently active in Maryland. |
| SPO - 61 | Explain the importance of considering gang affiliations when encountering a suspected gang member. |