Tennessee Private Protective Services
Suggested Training Curriculum Outline

(T.C.A. 62-35-101 et., seg.)
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Pursuant to and in conjunction with Title 62 Chapter 35, Section 118, of the Tennessee Private Protective Services Licensing and Regulatory Act, enclosed is a suggested topical curriculum outline to be used in formulating the course training or incorporated into your existing program to fulfill the requirements of state law.

This is to be considered as a guide for the minimum training requirements. You may choose to expand the scope and time requirements of this outline. However, the instruction given must be at least, but not limited to, the subjects and time set fourth.

Training security officers is your responsibility. Because of the importance of this responsibility, we encourage you to call our office at 615/741-6382 if you have any questions or concerns.

Reminder:
In addition to the required general training for security guard/officer applicants who will carry a baton, stun gun, chemical spray, night stick, or other less than lethal device, appropriate training specific to such device must be conducted by a certified trainer who is CERTIFIED to instruct for such specific device.

It is the employers’ responsibility to keep training records of their employees for each specific device. The security officer shall also have in his/her possession a certification card issued by an instructor/trainer who is certified to instruct/train in the legal use of such specific device and shall exhibit such card upon demand.
**SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR GENERAL TRAINING**

*(Four Hours)*

**Orientation (One Hour)**

Pursuant to **T.C.A. 62-35-118(a)(1)**

A. Tennessee Private Protective Services Licensing and Regulatory Act and Administrative Rules  
B. Role of a Security Officer  
C. Attitude and Conduct of Security Officers

**Legal Powers and Limitations of a Security Officer (One Hour)**

Pursuant to **T.C.A. 62-35-118(a)(2)**

A. Authority - Reference Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62-35  
B. Criminal And Civil Laws and Liabilities - Reference Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 & 40

**Emergency Procedures (One Hour)**

Pursuant to **T.C.A. 62-35-118(a)(3)**

A. General First Aid  
B. Emergency Evacuation and Notification Procedures

**General Duties (One Hour)**

Pursuant to **T.C.A. 62-35-118(a)(4)**

A. Patrol Procedures (Foot and Vehicle)  
B. General Security Terminology – to include access control, etc.  
C. Report Writing

**Examination - Seventy percent (70%) required.**  
-Minimum of twenty-five (25) questions relating to the above listed topics.
SUGGESTED TRAINING FOR ARMED APPLICANTS
(Eight Hours – Classroom Training)

Classroom Training - Pursuant to T.C.A. 62-35-118(b)

Complete a minimum of eight (8) additional classroom hours of firearms training, administered by a certified trainer/instructor, and passes an examination concerning at least the following subjects:

A. Legal limitations and liability issues in the use of a Firearm – 4 Hours
   Pursuant to T.C.A. 62-35-118(b)(1)(A)

   1. Explain and define Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62-35
   2. Explain and define Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40;
   3. Explain and define relevant Federal laws and regulations of possession and ownership of firearms and ammunition;
   4. Explain and define Tennessee’s self-defense laws; and
   5. Explain and define Tennessee Law regarding the use of deadly force.

B. Handling of a Firearm - 3 Hours
   Pursuant to T.C.A. 62-35-118(b)(1)(B)

   1. Proper firearm carry procedures and holsters;
   2. Safe retention procedures;
   3. Basics of marksmanship;
   4. Firearm nomenclature; and
   5. Firearm operation and function.

C. Safety and maintenance – 1 Hour
   Pursuant to T.C.A. 62-35-118(b)(1)(C)

   1. Safe firearm handling;
   2. Firearm storage at home, work and transporting; and
   3. Cleaning and care of a firearm.

Examination - Seventy percent (70%) required.
-Minimum of fifty (50) questions relating to the above listed topics.
SUGGESTED TRAINING FOR ARMED APPLICANTS

*(Four Hours – Range Training)*

Range Training - Pursuant to T.C.A. 62-35-118(b)

Complete a minimum of four (4) hours of marksmanship, survival and stress fire training administered by an instructor/trainer who is certified to instruct such topics with each specific firearms used in training, and achieve a minimum of 70 percent on any approved silhouette target course.

A. Handgun Range Qualifications shall include a minimum of the following:

1. Fire Range Safety
2. Loading and Unloading Handgun
3. Drawing and Holstering the Handgun
4. Minimum Course of Fire
   a. The minimum course will be dry fired first
   b. Revolvers use double action only
   c. Semi-Automatic subject to handgun function
   d. 50 Rounds minimum
      ▪ Three-(3) yard line, 25 rounds
      ▪ Seven-(7) yard line, 20 rounds
      ▪ Remaining 5 rounds fired from distance to be determined by the Instructor/Trainer

B. Shotgun Range qualifications shall include a minimum of the following:

1. Firing Range Safety
2. Loading and Unloading Shotgun
3. Minimum Course of Fire
   a. The minimum course will be dry fired first
   b. Ten (10) rounds, minimum
      ▪ Seven (7) yard line, 5 rounds
      ▪ Fifteen (15) yard line, 5 rounds
4. Ammunitions shall be 8 or 9 pellet, 00 Buckshot only.

Examination - Seventy percent (70%) required.
- Achieve a minimum of Seventy (70%) on any approved silhouette target.