

Sacramento County Probation Department

Juvenile Corrections Officer (JCO) Core Training

Unit 1.0: California Criminal Justice System

Module 1.4: Legal Foundations and Liability

Instructional time: 4 hours

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Objectives:
 - a. 1.4.1 Identify the legal references and sources that impact the work of an officer (e.g., Title 15, Penal Code, WIC, case/statute regulations, etc.)
 - b. 1.4.2 Given a specific code violation, identify the elements, classification, and associated penalties
 - c. 1.4.3 Identify the aspects of civil liability law that influence the officer and department
 - d. 1.4.4 Given a scenario, identify the situation where a duty to inform exists
 - e. 1.4.5 Identify the major areas of officer liability and the possible consequences associated with each
 - f. 1.4.6 Given a description of a crime that has been committed inside a juvenile facility, identify the applicable Penal Code sections related to the crime
 - g. 1.4.7 Identify the legal rights of any juveniles involved in a crime committed inside a juvenile facility
 - h. 1.4.8 Identify the legal categories of minors in the Juvenile Justice System, according to relevant code sections
3. Legal references and sources that impact the work of an officer: Title 15; Title 24; Penal Code, Welfare and Institutions Code, Vehicle Code; Statutes; Case law; Court orders
4. Identify the elements, classification, and associated penalties with the following law violations: PC 211, PC 459, HS 11350, VC 10851, PC 245, VC 2800.1
5. Aspects of civil liability law that influence the officer and department: State, federal, administrative/media, civil actions
6. Personal liability
7. Types of agency liability
8. Major areas of liability of the Juvenile Corrections Officer: Searches, disciplinary procedures, use of force, supervision of youth of opposite sex, medical and mental health care, court orders, confidentiality, special orders, casework, suicide, escape
9. Duty to inform regarding medical needs/issues, mental health needs/issues, child abuse, sexual assaults
10. Legal categories of minors in the Juvenile Justice System: Dependents/WIC 300, status offenders/WIC 601, delinquents/WIC 602, fitness hearing/WIC 707(b), Prop 57
11. Discuss who is not legally capable of committing a crime
12. Major types of institutional holds and their respective documents: Warrants, interagency transfers, jail orders, remand orders, bail documents, courtesy holds, parole, federal
13. Rights of juveniles involved in a crime committed inside a juvenile facility
14. Legal issues inherent in the handling of a crime that has been committed inside a juvenile facility
15. Identify a scenario of a crime committed inside a juvenile facility and name the applicable law violations related to the crime