



Course Title: 7.03 MLEAP Arrests Without a Warrant

Time: 1 hour

Course Description: Law enforcement officers are often faced with a decision whether to apply for an arrest warrant or to arrest without a warrant. Since officers often must make an immediate decision in this regard, they must have a clear working knowledge of the law governing arrest without a warrant. Absent consent or exigent circumstances, a law enforcement officer must have at least a warrant to lawfully enter a dwelling to make an arrest.

This course meets Level 2 MLEAP training requirements.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the definitions of terms related to arrests without a warrant.
- Describe the elements of a formal arrest.
- Understand an officer's authority to make an arrest without a warrant.
- Explain the legal standing to make an arrest without a warrant.
- Describe the authority to arrest for Class D and E crimes.
- Understand how the promptness of making an arrest affects the arrest decision.
- Describe the alternative to making a formal arrest.

Course Outline Sections:

- Arrests Without a Warrant
 - Definitions
 - Exigent Circumstances
 - Probable Cause
 - Reasonable
 - Arrest
 - Felony



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- Misdemeanor
- Felony Fresh Pursuit
- Misdemeanor Fresh Pursuit
- Hot Pursuit
- Elements of a Formal Arrest
 - Authority & Intention
 - Communication
 - Understanding
 - Seizure & Detention
- Authority to Arrest Without a Warrant
- Title 17-A Maine Criminal Code §15
- Promptness of Arrest
- QUIZ: Arrests Without a Warrant