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## **READING LIST ANNOUNCEMENT – PLEASE POST PROMINENTLY**

TO: Tina Hurley, Chair of Massachusetts Parole Board  
FROM: Regina Caggiano, Director of Civil Service  
DATE: December 11, 2024  
SUBJECT: Reading List for Field Parole Officer A/B Examination

## **FIELD PAROLE OFFICER A/B**

### **EXAMINATION DATE – June 7, 2025**

This reading list will pertain to the Human Resource Division Written Examination for Field Parole Officer A/B administered on June 7, 2025.

Candidates are responsible for reading all the texts and other materials listed below and on all pages of this announcement. Please note carefully which edition and/or date of publication is listed for each item. All technical knowledge examination questions will be based on these materials.

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**Basic Interviewing Skills.** (2nd ed.). Gorden, Raymond L. (1998). Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press, Inc.

Chapter 3  
Chapter 4  
Chapter 5  
Chapter 6  
Chapter 7  
Chapter 8

**Criminal Justice A Brief Introduction.** (13<sup>th</sup> Edition). Schmallegger, Frank. (2021). Pearson.

Chapter 5: exclude pg. 132-156 (“Judicial Philosophy and the U.S. Supreme Court” up to “Suspect Rights: The Miranda Decision”) and exclude pg. 158-167 (“Inevitable-Discovery Exception to Miranda” through end of chapter)

Chapter 6: exclude pg. 184-197 (“Terrorism’s Impact on Policing” up to “Police Use of Force”) and exclude 206-209 (“Ethnic and Gender Diversity in Policing” through end of chapter)

Chapter 7: exclude pg. 219-233 (“The Federal Court System” through end of chapter)

Chapter 10: exclude pg. 317-318 (“The Federal Probation System” up to “What is Parole”) and exclude pg. 321-322 (“Federal Parole” up to “Probation and Parole: The Pluses and Minuses”) and exclude 329-340 (“Intermediate Sanctions” through end of chapter)

Chapter 11: exclude pg. 357-370 (“The Federal Prison System” through end of chapter)

*Note: Exclude all Figures, Tables, and “CJ Careers” sections*

## PUBLISHERS OF READING LIST TEXTS

Basic Interviewing Skills. (2nd ed.). Gorden, Raymond L. (1998). Long Grove, IL: [Waveland Press, Inc. \(www.waveland.com\)](http://www.waveland.com)

Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction. (13<sup>th</sup> Edition). Schmallegger, Frank. (2021). [Pearson. \(www.pearson.com\)](http://www.pearson.com)

*Note: Check back on the Civil Service Exams webpage for exam preparation guides coming soon! Click [here](#) to view the examination schedule.*

Please note that the Human Resources Division does not recommend specific retailers for the purchase of reading list texts. For local vendors, contact the publishers at the website listed. Many local retailers will be able to special-order any text not carried in stock.

Any questions regarding the reading list may be directed to Carly Planker at [Carly.Planker@mass.gov](mailto:Carly.Planker@mass.gov). A copy of the reading list is posted on the Human Resources Division's Civil Service Unit website. [Examination Preparation Guides and Reading Lists | Mass.gov](#)