

Law Enforcement Course Descriptions

Interview & Interrogation

This course will treat the following topics in depth: Physiological Responses, Verbal and Non-Verbal Communications, Multiple Suspect Elimination, the Seven Steps of the Interrogation Process, Admissions, Confessions and Written Statements.

Accident Reconstruction

This course will consist of all state-of-the-art accident investigation techniques. Prerequisite of four weeks of basic and advanced accident school required. Topics include trigonometry functions, vector diagramming, momentum basics and 360-degree momentum, translational and rotational analysis, derivation of equations, legal issues and court testimony.

Advanced Defensive Tactics Instructor

This is an advanced course on the most up to date DT techniques, which include handcuffing systems, pressure points, active counter measures, weapon retention and judicious use of force.

Background Investigation

The goal of this workshop is to assist participants within the law enforcement organization to:

- Understand and examine the background investigation process
- Identify a cognitive model of a complete background investigation
- Identify the various sources of information a law enforcement agency should research regarding each candidate, and discuss how to evaluate this data.

Basic Crisis Negotiation

Topics include:

- Fundamentals of Crisis Negotiations
- First Responder Intervention
- Crisis and Suicide Intervention
- Tactical Role of Negotiators
- Abnormal Psychology
- High Risk Indicators in Crisis Negotiations
- Case Studies
- Practical/Role Play Scenarios

Tactical Warrant and Building Search

This course was developed especially for the public safety officer tasked to conduct building searches, and for the officer who has responsibility to conduct narcotic search warrants. This course is facilitated with intensive, hands-on training, that will enhance the investigating officer's ability to execute warrants and building searches safely and effectively. This course is only for participants with the capability and motivation to participate in a stressful environment, both physically and mentally.

Criminal Behavior Profiling

This course is designed for the public safety participant who may be involved with the investigations of violent felony crimes, with emphasis toward identifying and interviewing potential suspects. Course topics include basic human behavior in relationship to the criminally organized and disorganized personality, psychological profiling topics, behavior management and psychodynamics portrayal.

Counseling and Discipline

This course is designed for any level of police supervisor interested in improving their skills in the counseling and discipline areas. The instruction covers contemporary issues affecting the counseling and discipline process, such as Civil Service and related laws, employee assistance programs, progressive discipline, dealing with a problem employee, and work environment topics. Included will be a relaxed and open morning classroom session and afternoon role-plays which are realistically designed to enhance the skills taught earlier in the day.

CPR/First Aid Course

This public safety course is a one-day training program to re-certify public safety professionals as basic life support and first aid providers. This course is designed to meet the needs of public safety professionals who respond to or are confronted with cardiac, respiratory and first aid emergencies. Course topics include:

- The role of the healthcare provider and the community
- The information and techniques needed for adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- The anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems
- Risk factors for heart disease and stroke
- Signals and actions for survival against sudden death
- Injury prevention in the pediatric age group
- Safety factors in training and actual rescue
- Ethical and legal considerations in CPR
- Bandaging, splinting and bleeding control

Clandestine Drug Lab Enforcement

This course will assist law enforcement agencies to implement a multi-agency response for planning, organizing, and managing their clandestine laboratory response programs. Through a series of lectures and case studies, course participants will learn about the dangers of clandestine drug laboratories and the importance of a multi-agency approach to these problems.

Topics include:

- List of common chemicals and precursors (and their risks) found at clandestine laboratory sites
- Current issues and trends in clandestine laboratory investigations
- Regulations that affect clandestine laboratory enforcement and clean up actions
- Identify key components of a clandestine laboratory program
- Identify the agencies (and their roles) needed for a comprehensive clandestine laboratory program

Critical Issues in Law Enforcement

The course goal is to identify the enormous social, economic, and political pressures law enforcement organizations are experiencing to change. Topics include: supplying the executive and command staff with the ability to develop a vision of the future for their organization through the analysis of current change; to assist the command staff in the development of organizational values; to demonstrate techniques by which a command staff can understand, develop, and implement changes within an organization; to require the command staff to develop a list of recommendations for change and the means to accomplish the required changes within the organization.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

This course presents the basic information for law enforcement participants involved in traffic safety enforcement assignments to successfully deal with regulations concerning commercial motor vehicles. Students receive a broad base of information concerning the registration, operator licensing and safety requirements of the vehicles.

Commercial Vehicle Weight Enforcement

This course presents the basic information for law enforcement participants involved in traffic safety enforcement assignments to successfully deal with regulations concerning the weight of commercial motor vehicles.

Computer Technology & Investigations

This course gives law enforcement and corporate security investigators review of computer architecture and file systems and then expand to more sophisticated information regarding the methods of investigating crimes involving computers. There will be a computer seizure and forensic evidence recovery.

Topics include:

- Targets and vulnerabilities of computers and systems
- Computer forensic report examples
- Methods for seized computer evidence recovery
- Legal safeguards for seizing data with evidentiary value
- Where and why to search, search protocols and equipment
- Internet criminal activities and investigation methods
- Computer underground and organizational structure

Developing Major Criminal Investigations

This course is for the experience criminal investigator in the developing and managing major case investigations. The course goal is to provide the investigators with PROVEN professional techniques which will include: development, evaluation, corroboration and documentation of information, telephone analysis and applications; surveillance techniques and equipment; legal issues and recent court decisions; case assessment and planning; preparing eavesdropping warrants; and preparing search warrant affidavits.

Objectives: (partial list)

- Demonstrate the ability to write a pen register application and an eavesdropping warrant
- Have a working knowledge of various types of surveillance and equipment
- Investigators must pass a written and practical of performance skills exam to successfully complete the course

Enhanced In-Service Training

This contemporary issues course provides an opportunity for the public safety professional to intensively confront the operational, administrative, leadership, and training issues of the day, in the time-compressed decision-making environment of the public safety agencies. A subject matter expert/instructor will present the topics identified by the participants as the most urgent to be explored and analyzed. The students will be encouraged to exchange ideas on how the public safety community should best respond to the variety of issues discussed in class. Some examples of topics to be confronted are: domestic violence update, legal issues update, child abuse/neglect and juvenile procedures, among others.

Enhanced In-Service Supervision

This contemporary issues course provides an opportunity for the public safety manager to intensively confront the operational, administrative, leadership, and training issues of the day, in the time-compressed decision-making environment of the public safety agencies. A subject matter expert/instructor will present the topics identified by the participants as the most urgent to be explored and analyzed. The managers will be encouraged to exchange ideas on how the public safety community should best respond to the variety of issues discussed in class. Some examples of topics to be confronted are: civil service law issues, leadership management principles, juvenile procedures, domestic violence and legal updates, among others.

Emergency Response - Terrorism

This course addresses the special needs of responders to incidents, which may have been caused by terrorist action. The response to terrorism program adds specialized information concerning:

- Current definitions of terrorism
- A history of terrorism
- Agents utilized by terrorists
- Suspicious circumstances
- Self-protection at potential terrorist scenes
- Crime scene considerations
- Specialized incident command issues

Edged Weapons Workshop

This course is designed to make participants aware of possible weapon control tactics that they may wish to develop for their organization. This is an instructor-oriented course based on several instructional systems of unarmed defense techniques. Topics include: developing a pre-planned practice response to a sudden edged weapon assault; physical controls; follow-through strategies.

Fundamentals of Probation

This is a basic school for New Probation Officers. This is a program of information and education to those who have chosen the field of Probation Officers as their vocation. We provide professional training in subjects ranging from Penal and Criminal Procedure Law, to Conflict Management, Juvenile Procedure Law and the supervision of probationer.

Management of Internal Affairs

The Managing the Internal Investigation Seminar is a unique program specifically designed for law enforcement supervisors and investigators who may be required to conduct an internal investigation of misconduct or malfeasance by members of their department. This program will address the moral, ethical and procedural issues associated with conducting internal investigations. Facets of the program will also illustrate how operational, administrative and legal issues may affect investigative outcomes. Significant laws pertaining to civil service and union rights will be presented. In addition, a component analysis of management of force and investigating officer involved critical incidents will be presented.

Basic Demolition Training

This course is a foundation for learning basic safety, calculation of net explosive weight, firing system construction, and utilization of small explosive charges. This course is a pre-requisite for more advanced training in demolition.

Advanced Demolition Training

Takes off from the fundamentals of the basic course and teaches a broad range of charges construction including target assessment, charge selection, charge calculation, and safe application of a full range of explosive charges. Instruction will be tailored to the needs of the students based on the barriers most likely confronted with in the line of duty.

Advanced Firearms Training

Pre-requisite is a basic weapons familiarization

- **Advanced pistol shooting** begins with a comprehensive review of firearms safety. Students are taught basic techniques for shooting stationary targets close, and then at distance. Students are then moved to multiple targets while stationary, single targets while moving, and finally multiple targets while moving. Students will culminate the course by completing a comprehensive exam and stress shooting exercise.
- **Advanced rifle shooting** begins with a comprehensive review of firearms safety. Students are taught basic techniques for shooting stationary targets close, and then at distance. Students are then moved to multiple targets while stationary, single targets while moving, and finally multiple targets while moving. Students will culminate the course by completing a comprehensive exam and stress shooting exercise.

Close Quarter Battle

Pre-requisites of advanced pistol and rifle course, mechanical breaching course, and basic foot patrolling course. Small teams will learn the basics for entering rooms, identifying threats, and eliminating threats. Target discrimination is highly emphasized in this course. Students who cannot adequately discriminate between threat and non-threat will be dropped from the course.

Target Interdiction Course

Pre-requisite of Advanced Rifle Course

This course is designed to be the foundation of sniper team development. This is a two week course that teaches students how to interdict targets, with precision weapons, from fixed (and concealed) positions, at long ranges, in varying weather and light conditions. Students must have moderate skills in mathematics to calculate ballistic arc, speed, and range adjustments.

Advanced Entry Techniques

- **Mechanical** is a comprehensive course, with practical exercises for mechanically breaching doors, walls, and windows. Student will become intimately familiar with a range of breaching tools; learn to identify the weakest points in a barrier, and how to attack the point so that an assault force can enter.
- **Explosive** is a comprehensive course, with practical exercises for explosively breaching doors, walls, and windows. Student will become intimately familiar with a range of explosive charges; learn to identify the weakest points in a barrier, and how to attack the point so that an assault force can enter. Advanced demolition training is a pre-requisite for this course.

Surveillance Systems

- **Basic Surveillance Systems** is a course designed to give the student a basic appreciation of the full range of surveillance systems available for security and detection.
- **Advanced Surveillance Systems planning** teaches design and application of surveillance systems. Students will select a facility, select one or more types of detection systems, and then design a plan that will achieve the security objectives of that facility.
- **Surveillance Systems Defeat Course** is taught in conjunction with movement techniques and teaches identification of surveillance system vulnerabilities, and how system defeat can be performed to support the movement of a small team.

Movement Techniques

- **Basic Foot Patrolling** develops capability for a small team of officers to safely move as a unit from a position of safety, through an area of risk, to a point of entry or an assault position.
- **Vehicular Assaults** develops capability for small teams to conduct rapid movements from a position of safety, through an area of risk, to a point of entry or assault.
- **Clandestine Movement** develops capability for small teams to clandestinely move from a position of safety, through an area of risk, to a point of entry or assault position.

Legal Issues Update

This course is presented by the Monroe County District Attorney and select members of his staff. Topics include recent legal developments in Criminal Procedure Law and Penal Law. Time has also been built in for questions from participants.

Multi Media Instruction

This course is for certified BMP instructors. The goal is to familiarize instructors in contemporary multi-media methods to further professionalize and enhance their presentations.

Topics include:

- Use of computers, the Internet and presentation software
- Video and audio enhancement
- Writing training articles and research skills. Each participant will be required to develop a ten-minute presentation or write a five-hundred word article for publication utilizing multi-media methods learned in this course.

Reactive Patrol Tactics

Reactive Patrol Tactics is a dynamic hands-on two-day program designed to train officer safety tactics under realistic conditions. Practical applications of building search, suspicious and high-risk encounters will be instructed, simulated and evaluated during full spectrum simulation exercises. Officers will participate in firearms and defensive tactic stimulus response scenarios that will incorporate the use of simulation as well as other non-lethal weapons and tactics. Participants must be in good physical condition as much of the instruction occurs in dynamic exercises requiring running, jumping and self-defense during controlled encounters.

Tactical Warrant and Building Search School is highly recommended as a prerequisite for attending.

Public Information Officer

The Public Information Officer Workshop course was designed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in response to the need to provide law enforcement officers with the ability to address the need to provide accurate and timely release of information during both routine and crisis situations.

Participants will learn:

- Duties and responsibilities of a PIO
- Media preparation planning and legal communications
- Components of news releases, news conferences & interviews
- Media relations during crisis situations
- Release of information when the news is bad

Sexual Abuse

This one-day session is primarily designed for law enforcement personnel, especially those who investigate child abuse and sex crimes. The course will include a slide presentation detailing examples of physical and sexual abuse.

Overview of topics:

- Legal issues
- Sex investigations
- Child victim interviews
- Mandated report requirements

Accident Special Concerns

This is a course with a prerequisite of basic and advanced accident investigation. Topics include tire failure analysis, photography and videography, seatbelt investigations, airbags, report writing, visibility issues, pedestrian impact, motorcycles, bus and large truck issues, speed from crash, energy equations, autopsies and injury identification.

Suicide Intervention

The training objective is to assist Law Enforcement and Corrections professionals to experience positive outcomes when encountering individuals who are engaged in suicidal behaviors.

Topics include:

- Theoretical overview of suicidal behaviors and characteristics
- Prevention methods that can be applied to reduce the risk of suicide
- Situation role-plays

Defensive Tactic Instructor

This is a defensive tactic instructor course which includes techniques and mechanics of arrest, control tactics, searching, handcuffing, pressure points, and come-a-longs. Successful completion of this program will prepare an instructor to present in-service and recruit defensive tactic program. Participants should be in good physical condition and prepared for this physically demanding course.

Weapons Familiarization aka Street Weapons (Security)

The trainee will be able to:

- Identify four common weapon types that an officer may be exposed to
- List orally or in writing the definition of deadly and dangerous weapons as described in the law

Weapon Retention Instructor

This course consists of intensive "hands-on" training designed to defeat common handgun and long gun attacks. It is an excellent addition to any prior defensive tactic or firearms instructor certification.

Basic Criminal Investigations Course

This in-service course is intended to instruct officers in the critical task of solving crime. The curriculum consists of core subjects that include police and society, the process of investigation, legal issues, crime scene matters, physical evidence, documentation, interviews and interrogations, specific incidents, sources and resources of information.

Crime Scene and Evidence Specialist Course

This in-service course is intended to instruct officers in the critical duties necessary to record and document crime scene conditions and perform evidence collection. Its application is targeted at officers who will be the first arriving officers and those responsible for complete crime scene analyses. Specific skills that are emphasized include basic photography, diagramming, measurements, latent fingerprint processing, and retrieval of physical evidence.

On Scene Motor Vehicle Collision Investigation Course

This program is designed to equip a police officer with the capability to process a traffic accident scene by preserving and collecting the available data. Additionally, the student learns the ability to perform basic speed calculations.

Advanced Motor Vehicle Collision Investigation Techniques

This program is designed to assist an accident investigator in becoming proficient in the examination and interpretation of crash data. The course includes lecture and project work dealing with thrust diagrams, collision analysis, impact and airborne speed determinations and time position diagrams. Successful completion of the Accident Scene Investigation Course with a passing grade of at least 80% is required.

DWI Detection / Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course

This program is designed to increase the police officer's ability to detect the alcohol impaired motor vehicle operator. The course instructs the officer in ways of building a strong common law case emphasizing the administration of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) developed by NHTSA.

Drugs That Impair Driving Course

This NHTSA course is designed to provide police officers with the ability to recognize drivers under the influence of drugs other than alcohol, and to take the appropriate action when they encounter same. The course expands on the use of standardized field sobriety tests and how they are affected by different drugs.

Crime Scene Photography Course

This course instructs officers in the use of cameras for the documentation of crime scene scenes and physical evidence. Students learn camera functions, the use of films and lighting, and how to make evidentiary photographs. The course is presented in the classroom and in practical workshops.

Fingerprint Procedures & Practices Course

This introductory course is for those officers who work at crime scenes identifying, developing (powder and chemical), and photographing latent fingerprints. Experts for the field present the course through a combination of lecture and hands-on training.

Domestic Violence Instructor Course

This program enables officers to make presentations at basic and in-service programs on the causes of domestic violence and the strategies that can be used to address it. The course also addresses the legal, social and moral aspects of abuse as it relates to spouses, children and the elderly.

Highway Drug Interdiction Course

This course focuses on techniques of drug interdiction and their applications to patrol stops, search techniques and drug courier techniques. The course also includes instruction on narcotics identification and search and seizure procedures.

Law Enforcement Bicycle Patrol Course

This course gives law enforcement personnel the skills required to conduct patrol and enforcement activities utilizing the modern mountain bicycle. The participants will practice techniques appropriate for urban, residential and rural environments. Students will also learn the proper care, maintenance and selection of equipment, physical conditioning and defensive tactics. The program includes both classroom and field exercises.

Instructor Development Course

This course will give officers the ability to research, prepare and communicate knowledge in the field of law enforcement. Lesson focus on setting instructional objectives, factors that influence adult learning, communication skills, the instructional process and methods of evaluating course effectiveness.

Radar Operator Course

Officers attending this course, which is based on NHTSA curriculum, are instructed in vehicle speed estimation, RADAR theory and operation of RADAR instruments. The training incorporates classroom instruction and practical field work.

Recognition Expert (DRE) Program

This NHTSA program utilizes intensive classroom training and practical field work to instruct officers in the evaluation procedure for subjects arrested for driving while ability impaired where drug influence is suspected. Candidates should be actively involved in DWI enforcement.

Public Safety Supervision

This course in Public Safety Supervision is a balanced lecture and role play agenda on the authority, and responsibilities of first line supervisors. It focuses on the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for functioning effectively and professionally for the public good. The course also provides an opportunity in role playing exercises. Special emphasis is placed on incident management, leadership skills, communications and resource development.