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Course Outline for AJ 64

PATROL PROCEDURES

Effective: Fall 1994

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 64 — PATROL PROCEDURES — 3.00 units

Responsibilities: techniques of observation, community relations and methods of police patrol. Emphasis on legal and practical aspects.

3.00 Units Lecture

Grading Methods:

Letter Grade

Discipline:

	<u>MIN</u>
Lecture Hours:	54.00
Total Hours:	54.00

II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1

III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. identify central issues and strategies used in patrol activities;
2. explain the legal aspects of patrol procedures;
3. discuss how to organize and analyze data for the effective deployment of traffic and plain-clothes patrol units;
4. list effective techniques for handling complaints;
5. discuss techniques for applying human relations strategies to the tasks and procedures of patrol and traffic operations;
6. explain aspects of effective court demeanor.

V. CONTENT:

- A. Planning for patrol operations
 1. Applicable legal status
 2. Purpose and types of patrols
 3. Mechanics of patrol, including law enforcement communications systems
- B. Patrol tactics
 1. Conceptual approaches for traffic services
 2. Analysis of special traffic problems
 3. Responding to emergency calls
 4. Handling calls and requests for service
 5. Field policies, procedures and mechanics of arrest
 6. Field interview and interrogation
 7. Field note taking
 8. Photographing and sketching a crime scene
 9. Arrest procedures
- C. Community relations
 1. Psychological aspects
 2. Effective communication techniques
- D. Civil disturbances
 1. Types
 2. Tactics
 3. Techniques of control
 4. Courtroom demeanor and testifying

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Discussion** -
- B. **Demonstration** -
- C. **Lecture** -
- D. **Guest Lecturers** -
- E. **Audio-visual Activity** -
- F. Role playing

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Answer selected questions at the end of chapter readings B. Write a brief analysis of field conditions in a specific community C. Complete a set of field notes in response to a videotape presentation of a contested traffic stop D. Write a brief research report on an issue in patrol procedures

VIII. EVALUATION:

A. **Methods**

1. Exams/Tests
2. Quizzes
3. Class Participation

B. **Frequency**

1. Frequency of Evaluation
 - a. Attendance and participation will be evaluated daily
 - b. Quizzes, role-playing exercises, and written analyses and notes will be graded throughout the semester as they occur
 - c. The research paper will be due near the end of the term, and the midterm and final will be administered at the appropriate times

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. Dempsey, Tom *Contemporary Patrol Tactics.*, Prentice Hall Publishing, 0.
2. Adams, Thomas F *Police Field Operations.*, Prentice Hall Publishing, 0.
3. Champion and Hooper *Introduction to American Policing.*, McGraw Hill Publishers., 0.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: