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## Course Outline for AJ 9975

### TACTICAL COMMANDER

Effective: Spring 1999

#### I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 9975 — TACTICAL COMMANDER — 1.11 units

For supervisory and command level officers who have tactical responsibility. Covers the employment of SWAT teams, snipers, negotiators, containment, command posts, and other special operations, resources for barricaded suspects, hostage situations, counter-sniper, and high-risk warrant service operations. A California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified course designed for full-time peace officers with the rank of Sergeant or above.

0.56 Units Lecture 0.56 Units Lab

#### Grading Methods:

#### Discipline:

	<b>MIN</b>
<b>Lecture Hours:</b>	10.00
<b>Lab Hours:</b>	30.00
<b>Total Hours:</b>	40.00

#### II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 3

#### III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

#### IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

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

1. Define and discuss the elements involved in critical incidents;
2. Explain tactical operations management and command protocols;
3. Describe the duties and responsibilities of a tactical commander;
4. Explain the role of a command post and the duties of its personnel;
5. Successfully complete individual and team field problems;
6. Describe field operation procedures;
7. Explain the nature of joint operations, including the chain of command;
8. Perform the duties of a tactical commander within a law enforcement agency.

#### V. CONTENT:

- A. Course introduction and training protocols
- B. Definition and characteristics of critical incidents
  1. Planned
  2. Crime in progress
- C. Past and current problems in conducting tactical operations
  1. Command and control
  2. Field operation procedures
  3. Policy and procedural issues affecting tactical operations
- D. Tactical operations management
  1. Command and control procedures
  2. Field operation procedures
  3. Policy and procedural issues
- E. Command protocol
  1. Command team
  2. Chain of command
- F. Duties and responsibilities of commander
  1. Incident commander
  2. Tactical commander
  3. First supervisor on scene
- G. Command posts
  1. Definition and functions
  2. Command operations center
  3. Tactical operations center
  4. Command post staff
  5. Command post equipment
- H. Command post control of on-scene personnel

1. Specific operational control procedures
2. Duties and responsibilities of officer and tactical team
- I. Communication systems
  1. Command post communications
  2. Back-up communication plan
  3. Communication operations, security, and equipment
- J. Joint operation/mutual aid operations
  1. Policy
  2. Operational control
- K. Situation assessment
  1. Tactical information
  2. Operational information
  3. Command post processing of information
- L. Tactical planning
  1. Emergency plans
  2. Deliberate plans
  3. Planning procedures
  4. Courses of action, level of force
- M. Execution procedures
  1. Definition
  2. Specific operational procedures
- N. Rules of engagement
  1. Definition
  2. Deadly force
  3. Exigent circumstances
  4. Threat conditions
  5. SOP/Missions executions guidelines
- O. Post operations procedures
  1. Incident and tactical commanders
  2. Subordinate leaders
- P. Tactical operation checklist, operation order
- Q. Briefing procedures and practical problems
  1. Planned operation
  2. Crime in progress

#### VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Lecture** -
- B. Role playing and simulations
- C. **Discussion** -
- D. **Demonstration** -

#### VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- A. Lecture 1. "Field Operation Procedures" 2. "Rules of Engagement" B. Role playing and simulations 1. "Situation Assessment and Information Processing" 2. "Crime in Progress"

#### VIII. EVALUATION:

- A. **Methods**
  1. Class Participation
- B. **Frequency**
  1. Frequency of Evaluation
    - a. Daily evaluation of attendance and participation
    - b. Written examination at mid point and end of course
    - c. Critiques at conclusion of event or as needed

#### IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. A Tactical Commanders Manual will be provided by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department

#### X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: