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Course Outline for AJ 9969

FIREARMS INSTRUCTION

Effective: Spring 1999

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 9969 — FIREARMS INSTRUCTION — 2.22 units

Designed to train individuals to be firearms instructors. Covers basic firearms knowledge, teaching techniques and lesson planning, range preparation, combat shooting techniques and safety. A California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified course designed for full-time peace officers.

1.11 Units Lecture 1.11 Units Lab

Grading Methods:

Pass/No Pass

Discipline:

	<u>MIN</u>
Lecture Hours:	20.00
Lab Hours:	60.00
Total Hours:	80.00

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. discuss the role of firearms instructor within a law enforcement agency;
2. explain various teaching methods for adult learners;
3. explain firearms safety and liability;
4. supervise firearms students;
5. analyze and discuss shooting problems;
6. explain and demonstrate effective techniques for using hand guns and long guns;
7. supervise both stationary and moving range exercises;
8. serve as a firearms instructor with a law enforcement agency.

V. CONTENT:

- A. Role of the firearms instructor
 1. Development and administration of training programs
 2. Departmental firearms policy and regulations
 3. Record keeping
 4. Information expert
- B. Training the trainer
 1. Philosophy of adult learning
 2. Lesson planning
 3. Training aids
 4. Coach-pupil techniques
- C. Liability issues
 1. Statistics
 2. Court decisions
 3. Firearms instructor liability
 4. Applicability to training
- D. Firearms safety
 1. Basic safety rules
 2. Range and home safety
 3. Transportation and storage of weapons and ammunition
- E. Nomenclature and function
 1. Revolvers
 2. Shot guns
 3. Automatic weapons
 4. Carbines
- F. Shooter problem analysis
 1. Target reading techniques

- 2. Shooter analysis
- G. Basic firearms instruction
 - 1. Stance
 - 2. Grip
 - 3. Trigger finger placement
 - 4. Sight alignment and picture
 - 5. Breath and trigger control
 - 6. Follow through
 - 7. Positions
- H. Semi-automatic pistols
 - 1. Nomenclature
 - 2. Operating principles and safety devices
 - 3. Loading and unloading
 - 4. Drawing and holstering
 - 5. Firing
 - 6. Field stripping and maintenance
 - 7. Malfunction clearing
- I. Combat shooting techniques: hand gun
 - 1. Basic procedures
 - 2. Moving and firing
 - 3. Combat movement course
 - 4. Shooting at moving targets
- J. Combat shooting techniques: shot gun/carbine
 - 1. Carrying positions
 - 2. Combat loading
 - 3. Shooting positions
 - 4. Disabling
 - 5. Range
- K. Post shooting trauma
 - 1. Psychological effects
 - 2. Physiological effects
- L. Mind set
 - 1. Rings of survival
 - 2. Mental color code
- M. Student courses of fire
 - 1. Design
 - 2. Performance of range duties
 - 3. Video tape and critique
- N. Plainclothes officer training
 - 1. Holsters
 - 2. Draw
 - 3. Range
- O. Carbines
 - 1. Carbines versus shot guns
 - 2. Handgun and rifle chambering
 - 3. Role in law enforcement
- P. Disguised weapons
 - 1. Types
 - 2. Identification

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Demonstration** -
- B. **Lecture** -
- C. Range activity
- D. **Discussion** -

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

A. Lecture 1. "Firearms Safety" 2. "Shot Gun Nomenclature" B. Demonstration 1. "Target Reading Techniques" 2. "Shooting Positions: Kneeling High and Low, Roll Over Prone, Barricade"

VIII. EVALUATION:

A. **Methods**

- 1. Class Participation

B. **Frequency**

- 1. Frequency of Evaluation
 - a. Attendance and participation is evaluated daily
 - b. One written examination midway through the course, one at the end
 - c. Oral critiques after each activity
 - d. Range qualification test at beginning of course

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

- 1. All course materials are prepared and distributed by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS:

- A. Clothing suitable for outdoor firing range, ear and eye protection, blank VHS video tape, ballistic vest, off-duty concealment holster and weapon, duty weapon, two speed loaders with pouches for revolvers, three magazines with pouches for semi-automatics, support equipment for duty weapon, agency shotgun or patrol rifle or carbine, 1,000 rounds of ammunition for duty hand gun, 200 rounds of bird/trap loads, 25 rounds of agency buck shot, and 25 rounds of rifled slug.