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Course Outline for AJ 9969

FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

Effective: Spring 2019

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AJ 9969 — FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR — 2.50 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.

1.50 Units Lecture 1.00 Units Lab

Grading Methods:

Pass/No Pass

Discipline:

- Administration of Justice

	MIN
Lecture Hours:	27.00
Expected Outside of Class Hours:	54.00
Lab Hours:	54.00
Total Hours:	135.00

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:

- Discuss the role of firearms instructor within a law enforcement agency
- Explain various teaching methods for adult learners
- Explain and demonstrate firearm safety
- Instruct and supervise firearms students
- Analyze, discuss and correct shooting problems;
- Explain and demonstrate effective techniques for using handguns and long guns
- Demonstrate both stationary and moving range exercises
- Supervise both stationary and moving range exercises
- Explain legal (vicarious) liability
- Serve as a law enforcement agency firearms instructor.

V. CONTENT:

- Role of the firearms instructor
 - Development and administration of training programs
 - Departmental firearms policy and regulations
 - Record keeping
 - Information expert
- Training the trainer
 - Philosophy of adult learning
 - Lesson planning
 - Training aids
 - Coach-pupil techniques
- Liability issues
 - Statistics
 - Court decisions
 - Firearms instructor liability
 - Applicability to training
- Firearms safety
 - Basic safety rules
 - Range and home safety
 - Transportation and storage of weapons and ammunition
- Nomenclature and function

1. Handguns
2. Shotguns
3. Selective fire weapons
4. Patrol rifles
- 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: Shotgun/Patrol Rifle
 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. Patrol Rifles
 1. Patrol rifles versus shotguns
 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. "Firearm Nomenclature"
- B. Demonstration
 1. "Target Reading Techniques"
 2. "Shooting Positions: Kneeling High and Low, Prone, Barricade"

VIII. EVALUATION:

Methods/Frequency

- A. Class Participation
 - Daily safety checks
- B. Class Performance
 - Daily range fire with various weapons
- C. Final Performance
 - Passing standard firearm course of fire

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, 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 and patrol rifle, 1,000 rounds of ammunition for duty handgun, 200 rounds of bird/trap loads, 25

rounds of agency buck shot, and 25 rounds of rifled slug, 200 rounds for agency rifle.