



Course Name: CJS-224 Police Operations

Date Updated: 4/2022

Credit Hours/week: 3 hrs./wk. – 3 cr.

BEGINNING: SPRING 2022

Catalog Description: This course provides the student with an opportunity to observe and interact with the fundamentals of police operations. The student is provided with a basis for resolving everyday operational dilemmas from a proactive and reactive perspective. The course emphasizes the need for officers to think critically and to be creative as they interact with citizens in their communities.

Prerequisite: None

Text: Police Field Operations, Second Edition, Birzer and Roberson.

Supplementary Material: None

Syllabus:

Text Sections	Topics
	OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION PAPER TOPICS
Chapter 1 and 15	Police Patrol: The Backbone of Policing, Ethics and Police Operations
Chapter 2	Chapter 1 Quiz, Police Field Procedures
Chapter 3	Chapter 2 Quiz, Police Operations in a Community Policing Environment
Chapter 4	Chapter 3 Quiz, The Crime Scene and Preliminary Investigations
Chapter 5	Chapter 4 Quiz, Interview and Interrogation
Chapters 6 and 14	Chapter 5 Quiz, Handling Calls for Service, Handling Terrorism and Natural Disasters
Chapter 7	Last Day for Paper Topic Approval, Chapter 6/14 Quiz, Forensics
Chapter 8	Chapter 7 Quiz, Legal Constraints That Impact Police Operations
Chapters 9 and 10	Chapter 8 Quiz, Police Reports and Other Correspondence Police Communications, Police Communications
Chapter 11	Chapter 9/10 Quiz, Gangs and Drugs
Chapter 12	Chapter 11 Quiz, Police Operations in Culturally Diverse Communities
	Chapter 12 Quiz
	Oral Presentations
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Statement of Expected Course LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate an understanding of the philosophical and historical evolution of the criminal justice system.
- Discuss and analyze the basic terminology, definitions, theories, classifications, and foundation of law enforcement agencies.
- Formulate and employ research techniques in the study of criminal justice.
- Critically analyze and evaluate the various components of the U.S. system of criminal law.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the legal constraints on police operations.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the components of a department's operational division.

Course Objectives: We will endeavor to work our way through the text, as well as supplemental materials, in an effort to gain a better understanding of the operational division of municipal law enforcement agencies, particularly those in New Jersey.

We will attempt to do this in such a manner as to allow us to apply newly gained knowledge as we continue through the semester. We will work to improve your reading, writing, and critical thinking skills through the analysis and critique of current issues and trends in the field of police operations.

Method of Instruction: The State of New Jersey is comprised of numerous State, County, and Municipal law enforcement organizations, this course will focus upon those components that are common amongst them. Therefore, all students should have thoughts and opinions about the material we will be discussing. Class sessions will be conducted in an open discussion style. All students are encouraged to offer input to all classes so we can benefit from the life experience and ideas that we possess. Please check the class schedule and ensure that you read the appropriate chapter(s) relevant to the class so that we can discuss the issues set forth by each chapter.