COMMON COURSE OUTLINE: Course discipline/number/title: LAWS 2101: Crime Scene Processing

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 2
2. Hours/Week: 2
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): Sophomore in Law Enforcement program, Law Enforcement Certificate student or approval by another Minnesota Professional Peace Officer Education Program Coordinator; completion of psychological exam and completion of a physical exam.
4. Co-requisites (Course discipline/number): Completion or concurrent enrollment in LAWE 2110, LAWE 2119, LAWE 2122, LAWE 2140, EMC 1121.
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

This course covers a study of responsibilities and duties of officers conducting a preliminary investigation of a crime scene. Topics include recognition, preservation, and recovery of physical evidence, crime scene photography, sketching and recovery of latent fingerprints. This course focuses on lab activities allowing students to develop skills relative to crime scene processing and evidence collection and presentation. Completion Requirements: A minimum of a “C” grade will be required to pass this course.

B. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): October, 2015

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Introduction to Crime Scene Processing
2. Evidence packaging and preservation
   a) Identification of evidence
   b) Proper packaging
   c) Proper storage
   d) Chain of custody
3. Photographing and Sketching the crime scene
   a) Evidence selection
   b) Series of pictures
   c) Proper photographic equipment
   d) Documentation of pictures
   e) Measurement techniques
   f) Scale diagrams
   g) Methods of triangulation
   h) Drawing your diagram
4. Latent fingerprint identification and collection
   a) Types of fingerprints
   b) Classification of fingerprints
   c) Locating latent prints
   d) Lifting latent prints
   e) Proper documentation
   f) Taking suspects fingerprints
5. Basic interview and interrogation techniques
   a) Interview techniques
   b) Interrogation techniques
   c) Dealing with deception
   d) Body language
6. Practical application in a basic crime scene

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL):
1. Students should be able to properly identify evidence
   a) Identify evidence
   b) Package evidence
   c) Understand chain of custody
2. Students should be able to document a crime scene
D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): Continued. . .
   a) Document with photographs
   b) Document with a scale diagram

3. Students will demonstrate a basic knowledge of fingerprints
   a) Identification of prints
   b) Locating latent prints
   c) Lifting latent prints

4. Students will demonstrate a basic knowledge of both interview and interrogation techniques.

5. Students will apply all the learned techniques to a practical crime scene exercise.

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA

F. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING:
   1. Written exam(s) and practical exam for:
      a) Fingerprint identification
      b) Evidence packaging
      c) Interview and Interrogation
      d) Photo and Sketching

G. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S) ADDRESSED:
   ☑ Communication
   ☑ Critical Thinking
   ☑ Global Awareness/Diversity
   ☐ Civic Responsibility
   ☐ Personal/Professional Accountability
   ☐ Aesthetic Response

H. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): Tuition differential will be applied to the credits associated with this class.