

Course discipline/number/title: POFS 2102: Traffic Enforcement

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

1. Credits: 3
2. Hours/Week: 6 lab
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): Program Approval
4. Other requirements: Peace Officer or Criminal Justice Major
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

B. COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course covers instruction and practical experience in radar operation and DUI detection, testing, and processing. Students demonstrate their ability in simulated situations through the use of appropriate methods and by preparing concise, accurate reports. Elements of traffic offenses are analyzed and applied to hypothetical situations. Students learn the basic theory and use of radar and current trends in violations and arrest. Students learn the performance and limitations of patrol vehicle under different conditions. In order to enroll in this course a student must have approval by a Minnesota Professional Peace Officer Education Program Coordinator and successful completion of psychological and physical exams. Completion Requirements: A minimum of a "C" grade will be required to pass this course.

C. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): February, 2023

D. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:

1. Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)
 - a) Minnesota DUI laws and regulations
 - b) DUI recognition
 - c) Universal field sobriety tests
 - d) Control drinking sessions
2. Radar Operation
 - a) Concepts of radar operation
 - b) Proper use and operation of the radar
3. Conducting searches and seizures
4. Conducting traffic stops
 - a) Misdemeanor unknown risk, Felony
5. Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO)
 - a) Civil Liabilities
 - b) Vehicle operation
 - c) Evasive driving techniques
 - i. Skid Pad
 - ii. Serpentine
 - iii. Controlled Braking
 - iv. Evasive Maneuvering
6. Report Writing

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:

1. Recognize vehicle operators who are under the influence of alcohol and or drugs.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of DUI laws and the application of field sobriety tests.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the Doppler radar.
4. Operate the radar from both stationary and moving modes.
5. Demonstrate vehicle stopping techniques.
6. Demonstrate techniques for searching suspects and vehicles.
7. Explain the civil liabilities associated with emergency vehicle operation.
8. Demonstrate proper vehicle operation in a variety of settings by utilizing different evasive techniques.

F. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA



- G. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING: Methods may include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Written exam(s) and practical exam for:
 - a) SFST/DUI
 - b) Radar Operation
 - c) Accident investigation

- H. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S). This course contributes to meeting the following RCTC Core Outcome(s):
Critical Thinking. Students will think systematically and explore information thoroughly before accepting or formulating a position or conclusion.

- I. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): None