A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 3
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course examines the history of the United States Constitution and the role it plays in our democracy. Learners will be exposed to the Constitutional limitations over private citizens and police procedural handling of criminal cases. Learners will receive instruction on government authority as it relates to stop, detain, question and search. Learners will be exposed to the rules of evidence, criminal defenses, forfeitures, service of civil process, civil liability, and courtroom testimony.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 10/13/2023 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Understand the history of the United States Constitution.
2. Understand the history of the Bill of Rights.
3. Explain the reasonable suspicion standard.
4. Understand the history of Terry v. Ohio and its progeny.
5. Define an understanding of probable cause standard.
7. Understand the laws pursuant to audio and video surveillance.
8. Understand the laws governing the search of electronic devices, and social network accounts.
9. Define the 5th and 6th Amendment to the Constitution.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Explain provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights that impact law enforcement.
2. Explain criminal procedure and rules of evidence.
3. Explain legal foundation for peace officer use of force.
4. Explain the relationship between source of law, application of law and interpretation of law to law enforcement decision making.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus
G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted