LENF 2621: Traffic Law/Traffic Stops

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 2
Lab Hours/Week: 1
OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:
This course requires both of these prerequisites
LENF 2608 - Highway Safety/Accident Investigation (Number of Years Valid: 5)
POLS 2402 - Constitutional Law

Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course includes lecture and lab exercises. The lecture sessions introduce the students to Minnesota traffic laws, motor vehicle registration laws, and drivers licensing laws. The lectures prepare the students to participate in weekly lab exercises that include motor vehicle traffic stops dealing with the weeks lecture issues. The students conduct traffic stops, apply verbal and written warnings, and complete traffic citations. The course also emphasizes interviewing and human relations skills. All simulated traffic stops are based upon a reasonable, articulable basis. Prerequisite: LENF2608 and POLS2402.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/11/2005 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Knowledge of definitions regarding traffic law.
2. Knowledge of the Minnesota statutes chapter 169.
4. Knowledge of the Minnesota statutes chapter 171.
5. Knowledge of the statutory requirements regarding officer's legal rights to stop a vehicle (Reasonable Factual Basis).
6. Knowledge of the need for officer safety procedures regarding traffic stops.
7. Being able to conduct a traffic stop:
   A. Safety
   B. Legal
   C. Proper explanation to violator
   D. Radio Procedures
   E. Proper completion of citation
   F. Proper explanation of citation to violator.
8. Practical evaluation of a traffic stop.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. The learner will demonstrate an understanding of the Minnesota Traffic Code (169) and the Statutes related to Impaired Driving (169A).
2. The learner will demonstrate an understanding of the Minnesota Statutes related to vehicle licensing (168) and Statutes related to Driver Licensing (171).
3. The learner will demonstrate his/her ability to conduct a traffic stop and effectively enforce Minnesota traffic related laws. The learner will perform the tasks describe as warn, cite, and arrest.
E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies
   None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted