

## ***Reserve Officer Training Program***

### ***Course Objectives***

#### Report Writing (4 hrs)

- Discuss the general principles of good report writing and statement taking.

#### Evidence and Property Management (1 hr)

- Describe procedures for safeguarding, securing, and maintaining a proper chain of custody with respect to property, contraband, or evidence that is seized.

#### Search and Seizure (8 hrs)

- Residences
  - Explain the circumstances and procedures for lawfully entering and/or searching a person's home, to include entry for the purpose of arrest.
- Stop, Arrest & Search of Persons
  - Explain the circumstances and procedures for lawfully stopping, arresting and/or searching a person.
- Vehicle Stops & Searches
  - Explain the circumstances and procedures for lawfully stopping and/or searching a vehicle, including vehicle occupants.

#### Radio Procedures (1.5 hrs)

- Describe the basic workings of the statewide digital communications system.

#### Juveniles (4 hrs)

- Recognize the juvenile criminal process and procedures for law enforcement in the Juvenile Justice System.
- Recognize the statutes, codes, terminology and definitions associated with the Juvenile Justice System.

#### Self-Defense (8 hrs)

- Identify and explain the Force Continuum and have a working knowledge of the application of force based on the resistance encountered.
- Perform an established set of defensive tactics and handcuffing techniques.
- Identify possible disarming actions and techniques and perform established weapon retention and disarming tactics.
- Identify the level of force used against a law enforcement officer in a disarming attempt and identify the proper level of response.

#### Domestic Violence (4 hrs)

- Determine the predominant aggressor during a DV incident and identify when a DV incident requires mandatory arrest.
- Discuss South Dakota domestic violence and elder abuse laws, protection and stalking orders, and available community resources.

#### Criminal Law (4 hrs)

- Discuss the five basic premises of criminal law, the major defenses against criminal charges, and South Dakota classes of crimes.

#### Community Policing (2 hrs)

- Explain the structure and components of community oriented policing

#### Communicable Diseases (4 hrs)

- Explain the procedures and precautions a law enforcement officer should follow to protect themselves against exposure to communicable diseases.
- Describe how communicable diseases are spread and summarize the major legal issues relating to infection control that LE agencies need to address

#### First Responder (4 hrs)

- Explain the legal/ethical issues of emergency care and describe the procedures for assessing injuries/prioritizing care/providing first aid.

#### Firearms (20 hrs)

- Explain the four basic (cardinal) rules for firearms safety.
- Identify nomenclature of a pistol, revolver and ammunition.
- Successfully complete the state firearms course of fire by firing a qualifying score.

#### Vehicle Pullover (6 hrs)

- Explain the procedures for conducting a safe and legal known (high) risk traffic stop.
- Explain the procedures for conducting a safe and legal unknown risk traffic stop.

#### Officer Survival (4 hrs)

##### Below 100

- Explain the concept of Below 100, to include the leading cause of police line-of-duty deaths and the five actions every officer can take in order to reduce police line-of-duty deaths.

##### Tactical Assessment

- Explain how an officer can make an accurate threat assessment by learning to quickly recognize and predict common resistive behavior and cues.

##### Tactical Deployment

- Identify common tactical tendencies/errors of policing and explain how police officers can avoid those errors.

#### Use of Force/Civil Liability (2 hrs)

- Explain general liability issues attached to the performance of law enforcement duties.
- Properly articulate/construct use of force incidents guided by the four Graham Factors and the two deadly force standards for fleeing felons.

#### Traffic Law (4 hrs)

- Use the South Dakota Criminal and Motor Vehicle Law Manual to locate common traffic offenses, determine whether or not a specific offense was committed, and identify the prescribed punishments for the offense.

Ethics (2 hrs)

- Explain the importance of character and ethics in law enforcement and describe the causes and impact of unethical behavior by law enforcement officers.
- Describe the methods (models) of ethical decision making that help law enforcement officers make the proper decision when faced with an ethical dilemma.

CPR Certification (3.5 hrs)

ICS 100, 200, 700 (2 hrs)

Department Discretion (12 hrs)