PATROL OPERATIONS
Lesson Plan
Instructor Guide
COURSE TITLE: Patrol Operations

BLOCK:

DPS ACCREDITATION #:

COURSE LEVEL: 100

INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL:

1. This course will introduce the student to the various methods of conducting police patrols such as vehicle, foot, aircraft, bicycle and boat.

2. This course will prepare the student to respond to incidents which are the most frequently encountered for the patrol officer.

3. This course will prepare the student towards understanding, responding to and handling a variety of situations including role of patrol, patrol procedures, patrol activities and incidents, vehicle stop techniques, roadblocks and barricades, crimes in progress, crowd control and civil disorder, crime.

Introduction/Learning Objective(s):

1. LEARNING OBJECTIVE(S):
2. Define the term police patrol.
3. Identify the four patrol functions and responsibilities.
4. Identify the four most frequent incidents officers encounter during patrol.
5. Identify the four methods of patrol.
6. List the seven methods of patrol.
7. List three techniques to help maintain good community policing program without compromising patrol or enforcement actions.
8. Identify two elements of ethics that impact the patrol function.
What is Patrol
1. Purpose is to protect life and property
2. It is the backbone of the police agency because….
3. Provides high level of visibility
4. Give the impression that law enforcement is everywhere.
5. Crime deterrence and prevention
6. Apprehension of suspects during the commission of a crime
7. Taking initial reports and conducting follow-up investigations
9. Motor vehicle collision investigation

Class discussion of their experience or perceptions of law enforcement personnel being everywhere

Protection
1. Proactive patrol
2. Apprehension
3. Reduced response time to calls for service due to your omnipresence in the field.

Render Service(s)
1. Render motorist assist
2. Directions
3. Welfare checks
4. Funeral escorts
5. Event crowd control

Call(s) for Service
1. Law enforcement personnel on patrol are faced with innumerable types of incidents; the following are examples of those most common encountered.
2. Suspicious persons calls
3. Burglary
4. Domestic violence
5. Motor vehicle accidents
6. Disturbance of the peace
7. Larceny
8. Civil Standby(s)

**Basic Preventive Patrol Procedures**

1. Conduct frequent checks of businesses & residential premises
2. Frequent contacts with the public
3. Varying patrol patterns

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:**
- CLASSROOM LECTURE
- DISCUSSION
- ROLE PLAY

**HANDOUTS:**

**COURSE DURATION:** 8 hours

**CURRICULUM REFERENCES:**

**SAFETY CONSIDERATION:** NONE

**EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES NEEDED:**
- COMPUTER, AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS; WHITEBOARD

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT CADETS AND RECRUITS

**COURSE PREREQUISITES:** NONE

**INSTRUCTOR CERT.:**

**INSTRUCTOR RATIO:** 1 / 40

**EVALUATION STRATEGY:** NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION EXAM

**AUTHOR & ORIGINATION DATE:**

**REVISION / REVIEW DATE(S):** July 10, 2014

**REVISED / REVIEWED BY:** NMLEA STAFF