

## **Course Objectives/Course Outline**

### **Spokane Community College**

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**Course Title: Intro to Traffic**

**Prefix and Course Number: CJ 108**

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**Course Learning Outcomes:**

**By the end of this course, a student should be able to:**

- Outline the history of traffic law and define its purpose
- Identify the various types and methods of traffic enforcement
- Discuss how discretion, ethics and professional conduct effect traffic enforcement investigations and the relationship with the community
- Identify and discuss current issues affecting law enforcement's ability to conduct traffic enforcement
- Identify the scope of a law enforcement officer's role in the field of traffic laws and safety

**Course Outline:**

**I. The Growth and Development of Motor Vehicles**

- The Internal Combustion Engine
- Economic Changes and the Auto Industry
- The Automobile and Law Enforcement
- The Motorcycle and Traffic Enforcement
- Modern Traffic Enforcement

**II. The Purposes and Methods of Traffic Enforcement**

- Managing the Traffic Enforcement Function
- Selective Traffic Enforcement
- Special Categories of Violators
- Strategies and Tactics in Achieving Enforcement Objectives
- Guidelines for Traffic Stops

**III. Discretion, Ethics, and Professional Conduct**

- Ethics and Integrity in Traffic Enforcement
- Ethical Dilemmas
- Understanding Police Discretion
- Factors That Affect Traffic Affect Traffic Law Enforcement

**IV. Traffic Law**

- Legal Liability
- State of Mind and Violations of the Law
- Traffic Law Definitions with Key Terms
- Miscellaneous Traffic Rules

**V. Alcohol: Background of the Problem and the Struggle Against Impaired Driving**

- Important Facts about Alcohol and Impaired Driving
- What is Alcohol and How Does It Work?
- The Background of Alcohol and Drinking
- The Legal Aspects of Driving Under the Influence

- Driving Under the Influence Statutes
- Penalties and Consequences for DUI Violations

## **VI. Crash Investigations**

- Responding to a Crash Scene
- The Nature and Extent of the Problem of Traffic Crashes
- Common Types of Crashes
- Legal Requirement for Reporting Crashes
- The Process and Levels of Traffic Crash Investigations
- Fact Gathering at a Crash Scene
- Locating and Securing Drivers and Passengers
- Information on the Roadway

## **VII. Special Issues and Trends in Traffic Safety and Enforcement**

- Technology in Traffic Enforcement
- Speed Measuring Devices
- Problems and Limitations of Radar
- Radar Training and Certification
- Legal Issues Concerning LIDAR
- Automated Enforcement
- Innovative Approaches to Traffic Enforcement
- Data-Driven Crime Reduction and Traffic Safety
- Recent Trends and Programs in Traffic Enforcement
- Traffic Safety Training and Education
- Partnering with Government, Businesses, Schools and the Media
- Traffic Safety Campaigns and Programs