# Course Objectives/Course Outline Spokane Community College

**Course Title: Police Organization and Management** 

Prefix and Course Number: CJ& 210

**Course Learning Outcomes:** 

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

- Identify and discuss the command structure of modern law enforcement organizations
- Identify and discuss the role and essential functions of law enforcement executives, managers and supervisors
- Identify leadership skills to include communication, problem solving, decision making, and motivating personnel
- Discuss budget systems and management
- Identify and discuss standard methods used to develop personnel
- Discuss standard methods used to identify community needs and the designing of department goals and objectives to meet these needs

#### **Outline:**

- I. The overview of Law Enforcement Organizations
  - a. Evolution of law enforcement
  - b. The three Eras of Policing
  - c. Goals, Objectives, and work plans
- II. The Role of Management and Leadership in Law Enforcement
  - a. Managers and Management
  - b. Authority and Power
  - c. Basic Management Skills
  - d. Management by Objectives
  - e. Total Quality Management
  - f. Essential Functions of Law Enforcement Executives
  - g. Managing vs. Leading
- III. Communication, a Critical Management Skill
  - a. Communication Defined
  - b. The communication process
  - c. Barriers to Communication
  - d. Internal Lines of communication
  - e. External Lines of communication
  - f. Communication and Homeland Security
- IV. Decision Making and Problem Solving
  - a. Decisions
  - b. Modes of Thinking
  - c. Basic Methods for making Decisions or Solving problems
  - d. Delegating
  - e. Participatory Decision Making

## V. Time Management

- a. Planning and Organizing Time
- b. Goals and Time management
- c. Organizing Time
- d. Scheduling
- e. Time Abusers
- f. Controlling Productivity

## VI. Budgeting and Managing Costs Creatively

- a. Budget Defines
- b. Purposes of a Budget
- c. The Budgeting Process
- d. Budget Categories
- e. Presenting the Budget for Approval
- f. Managing Costs Creatively
- g. Creative Ways to reduce Cost
- h. Increasing Revenue
- i. Grants

#### VII. Hiring Personnel and dealing with Unions

- a. The importance of Hiring
- b. Recruiting
- c. The Selection process
- d. Assessment Centers
- e. Human Resource Centers
- f. Employment Criteria
- g. Affirmative Action
- h. Labor Law and Unions

#### VIII. Training and Beyond

- a. Training as a Management Function
- b. Failure to Train Litigation
- c. Training vs. Education
- d. Principles of Learning
- e. Effective Trainers
- f. Instructional methods
- g. Training Standards
- h. Academy training for New Recruits
- i. Promoting
- j. College education

#### IX. Promoting Growth and Development

- a. Job descriptions
- b. The Work Place Culture
- c. The Socialization Process
- d. Interpersonal relationships
- e. Managers and Empowerment
- f. Stages of Growth
- g. Cultural awareness and Sensitivity

#### X. Motivation and Morale

a. Officer retention

- b. Motivation defined
- c. Motivational Theories
- d. External, Tangible Motivators
- e. The Law Enforcement career as a Motivator
- f. Promotions and Morale
- g. Morale Issues

- XI. Discipline and Problem Behaviors
  - a. Discipline defined
  - b. Positive Discipline
  - c. Knowledge of rules
  - d. Clarity of Role
  - e. Common Problem Behaviors
  - f. Negative Discipline
  - g. Punishment
  - h. Comprehensive Discipline
- XII. Complaints and Grievances, Conflict, and Stress
  - a. Complaints defined
  - b. Grievance process
  - c. Conflict in the Workplace
  - d. Defining Stress
  - e. Ways to deal with Stress in the work force