

## Course Objectives/Course Outline

### Spokane Community College

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**Course Title: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Police Operations**

**Prefix and Course Number: CJ 249**

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**Course Learning Outcomes:**

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

- Understand basic police operations conducted in the field, which includes but not limited to; patrol, traffic, investigations, and calls for service
- Practice and demonstrate safe call response to simulated calls for service
- Demonstrate a general knowledge of the Incident Command System and apply emergency management skills to Sit Sims
- Understand reasonable suspicion and probable cause as it relates to making field arrests.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of field interviews, completing basic initial reports, arrest reports, and search warrants
- Practice and demonstrate dispatch skills and officer safety issues as it relates to the field

**Outline:**

**I. Station Preparation**

- A. Bulletins, Warrants, Information, Crime Trends, and Briefings
- B. Equipment and Patrol Vehicle

**II. Pro-active Patrol**

- A. Know the patrol area
- B. Elements of the patrol area
- C. Elements of criminal behavior – DOA
- D. Desire
- E. Opportunity
- F. Ability
- G. Patrol can only affect the Opportunity

**III. Preventive Patrol (Crime Prevention)**

- A. Seek out the conditions
- B. Check your high crime area

**IV. Aggressive Patrol**

- A. “Systematically unsystematic”
- B. Stay alert and stay alive
- C. Communicate with everyone
- D. Selective emphasis and enforcement
- E. Traffic enforcement
- F. Stopping suspicious persons and vehicles

**V. Call Response and Tactical Considerations**

- A. Know your agency’s policies

- B. Consider all calls legitimate – “There are no routine calls”
- C. Each call should increase your knowledge and ability
- D. Silent and invisible deployment
- E. Cover & Concealment
- F. Time
- G. Distance
- H. Restraint

#### VI. Planning and Approach

- A. Response and Approach
- B. Location
- C. Best Route
- D. Mental checklist
- E. Houses and Buildings
- F. Be alert, slow down and be quiet
- G. Observation and perception – look and listen
- H. Approach from angle or side
- I. Openings – windows and doors
- J. Scan and Assess
- K. Officer conduct and demeanor
- L. Watch the hands

#### VII. Justification to Stop and Interview

- A. Voluntary conversation
- B. Field Interview
- C. Gather and develop information
- D. Identify people and suspects
- E. Develop informants
- F. Deter crime
- G. Laws of Arrest review
- H. Terry vs. Ohio – Reasonable Suspicion
- I. The right to frisk and search for weapons
- J. Suspicious Persons

#### VIII. Planning the Contact

- A. Justification and legality
- B. Notify dispatch, Pick the location
- C. Approach and Position
- D. Get out of the car
- E. Positioning
- F. Scan the area
- G. Approach from the rear or side
- H. Watch and control the hands
- I. Consider having the suspect sit down
- J. Use “Contact and Cover” guidelines

#### IX. Arrests

- A. Dangerous part of the job
- B. Ten Deadly Errors
- C. Ten Safe Practices
- D. Four Elements
- E. Intent – announce it

- F. Authority – demonstrate it
- G. Seizure – do it safely
- H. Realization – make sure they know it
- I. Location
- J. Manpower
- K. Custody
- L. Release

X. Handcuffing and Searching

- A. Securing hands
- B. Temporary restraints
- C. Guidelines and options
- D. Cuffing multiple suspects
- E. Three basic searches
- F. Guidelines for searching
- G. Search techniques
- H. Transporting Prisoners
- I. Liability and responsible
- J. Guidelines

XI. Foot Pursuits

- A. Extremely dangerous
- B. Right and down
- C. Anticipate and discourage – positioning

XII. Traffic Stops

- A. Introduction to vehicle stops
- B. Traffic enforcement
- C. “Routine traffic stop”
- D. Foundation for other crimes
- E. Guidelines

XIII. Tactical Considerations

- A. Notify dispatch and final location
- B. Direct the violator
- C. Multiple occupants
- D. Illumination
- E. Vehicle positioning
- F. Inline and off-set options
- G. Utilizing back-up
- H. Approaching the Vehicle
- I. Exit the patrol vehicle quickly
- J. Scan and observe

XIV. Contacting the Violator

- A. Continue scanning the occupants
- B. Flashlight use

- C. Ask driver to shut off the ignition
- D. Use "tactical communication" techniques
- E. Return to vehicle to cite or check information
- F. Have the violator remain in their vehicle
- G. The second contact is very dangerous

#### XV. Felony Stops

- A. Definition
- B. Safety Concern
- C. Felony stop procedures
- D. Coordinate and direct
- E. Following distance
- F. Be in control
- G. Prepare your equipment
- H. Notify dispatch
- I. Watch the occupants
- J. Positioning your vehicle
- K. Use "tactical communication" techniques
- L. Consider using the PA equipment
- M. Keep commands simple
- N. One officer gives commands
- O. Avoid profanity and slurs

#### XVI. Removing Suspect(s) and Taking them into Custody

- A. One at a time
- B. Remove from same side
- C. Hands overhead
- D. Facing away
- E. Kneel out and prone
- F. Bluff out remaining persons
- G. Maintain position
- H. Contact and cover
- I. Weapons out
- J. Handcuff then search
- K. Clearing the Vehicle
- L. When to clear vehicle
- M. What side to clear from
- N. Contact and cover guidelines
- O. Searching the Suspect Vehicle

#### VXII. Building Searches

- A. Checking Buildings
- B. Advise dispatch
- C. Know the usual appearance
- D. Consider lookouts
- E. Watch for escape or attack
- F. Owner response
- G. Openings
- H. Entry
- I. Top down
- J. Use of shotgun

- K. Searching from bottom to top
- L. Other equipment
- M. K-9 unit
- N. SWAT

XVIII. Disturbance calls

- A. Should not be handled alone
- B. Be observant
- C. Carry your baton
- D. Take Control
- E. Bar fights
- F. Gang fights
- G. Family Fights / Domestic Disputes
- H. Most volatile
- I. Entering residence
- J. Utilize communication
- K. Parties
- L. Neighborhood disputes
- M. Landlord / tenant

XIX. Dangerous Persons

- A. Intoxicated persons
- B. Mentally disturbed persons
- C. Wanted persons - serving warrants
- D. Suicidal Persons
- E. Disorderly behavior
- F. Confrontation
- G. Back-up
- H. Arrest

XX. Incident Command System

- A. Any call can escalate
- B. Inherent high-risk situations
- C. Risk Assessment
- D. Command post considerations

XXI Street Gangs

- A. Motorcycle Gangs
- B. Street Gangs
- C. Ethnic Groups
- D. Dynamics
- E. Strategies
- F. Political Groups
- G. Militant right-wing groups
- H. Militant left-wing groups

XXII. Practical Scenarios

- A. Traffic enforcement
- B. Building search

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- C. Felony contact
- D. Field interview
- E. Domestic violence
- F. Crime and Arrest Reports
- G. Search Warrants