Police Service Aide Foundations



Course Description: This 104-hour course is designed to provide the foundational knowledge and meet the statutory requirements for non-sworn employees of sheriff's offices or police departments to safely and properly investigate, enforce, and provide support for traffic-related incidents. The program will include CJSTC Courses: Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for Civilians, Parking Enforcement Specialist for Civilians, and Traffic Control Officer for Civilians.

Course Objectives: At the end of this program, students should be able to:

- Determine what constitutes a crash scene, and how and why a crash scene is protected.
- Conduct interviews with people who were involved in or witnessed the crash.
- Conduct a traffic crash investigation.
- Examine and/or review the crash scene.
- Complete a diagram/sketch.
- Complete the Florida Traffic Crash Report.
- Prepare for and present a case in a court of law.
- Be able to define traffic control devices and signals.
- Identify when traffic direction and control is appropriate.
- Use safety precautions when directing traffic.
- Know basic conduct considerations for officers directing traffic.
- Explain F.S. 316.640

Who Should Attend:

- Police/Community Service Aides
- Other non-sworn employees with traffic investigation/control or parking enforcement responsibilities

Instructor: Officer Joseph J. Mercogliano retired from the Plantation Police Department in 2023 after 34 years of service and is currently a Reserve Police Officer with the agency. He has been an Adjunct Instructor at Broward College since 2003 and holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Nova Southeastern University.

Fees: \$450 Agency checks payable to Broward College/IPS, credit card, or money order. Cash and personal checks are not accepted.

End of Course Examination: CJSTC Rule 11b35.001 9(b): A student enrolled in a Commission-approved Advanced or Specified Specialized Training Program Course shall achieve a score of no less than 80% on the written end-of course examination. A student enrolled in a Specialized Instructor Training Course shall achieve a score of no less than 85% on the written end-of-course examination, exclusive of demonstration of any proficiency skills.

Attendance: Attendance at the initial class is mandatory. All students must adhere to the attendance requirements of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Rules, Policies and Procedures of the Institute of Public Safety

Dress Policy: Your department's authorized training uniform. Law enforcement personnel not in uniform that are carrying exposed firearms must prominently display agency ID and/or badge at all times while on college property.



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