

# *Reserve Officer Training Program*

## *Course Objectives*

### Report Writing                      4 hours

- At the end of the training session, each student will be able to describe the importance of well written reports by:
  1. Listing five out of seven of the audiences who may read the reports
  2. Listing the six questions to be answered when making a report complete

### Evidence Collection                      2 hours

- At the end of the training session, each student will be able to realize the importance of proper collecting and preservation of evidence.

### Search and Seizure                      8 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to understand that generally searches require a search warrant based on probable cause that property can be found in a particular place. Also understand the use of hearsay for search warrants.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to know the expectations to the search warrant requirement.
  1. Search incident to arrest
  2. Consent
  3. Stop and frisk (Terry Search)
  4. Plain feel
  5. Plain view
  6. Inventory search
  7. Probable cause & exigent circumstances
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to understand the application of the basic search warrant expectations as they apply to automobiles.
  1. Carrol doctrine
  2. Automobile search instant to arrest (Belton search)
  3. Consent searches
  4. Plain view
  5. Inventory search

Radio Procedure                      2 hours

- At the end of the training session, each student will be able to have a basic understanding of radio procedures, know basic radio techniques, and identify units by their call sign.

Juveniles                                      4 hours

- At the end of the training session, each student will be able to be familiar with current philosophies, trends, practices, and terminology relative to youth and juvenile crime.
- At the end of the training session, each student will be able to be familiar with the proper procedures and policies dealing with juvenile crime and related investigations.

Self Defense                                      8 hours

- At the end of the training session, each student will be able to identify and explain the Force Continuum and have a working knowledge of the application of the force based on the resistance encountered.
- At the end of the training session, each student will be able to know and be able to properly perform an established set of defensive tactics and handcuffing techniques.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to identify possible disarming actions and techniques and perform established weapon retention and disarming tactics.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to identify the level of force used against a law enforcement officer in a disarming attempt and identify the proper level of response.

Domestic Violence                                      4 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to identify the state laws pertaining to domestic abuse and identify the civil and criminal liabilities regarding domestic abuse.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to identify the appropriate behavioral response in dealing with victims of domestic abuse and appropriate response style to handle domestic abuse.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to identify the availability of community resources for domestic violence and understand the rights and protection of the domestic violence victim.

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to know how to properly load and unload a police shotgun, list the different types of ammunition used as well as know the shooting positions used with the police shotgun.

### Vehicle Pullover                  6 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to assess the risks involved when stopping a vehicle.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to identify risks involved when stopping problem vehicles, demonstrate ability to handle high-risk stop situations, and know the steps involved in handling a high-risk stop.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to recognize and evaluate cover, concealment, and demonstrate the correct use of cover and concealment in a hostile situation.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to understand the need for maximizing officer safety when confronted by a felon by:
  1. Identifying the proper positioning of a felon at gunpoint to assure officer safety
  2. Demonstrating how to properly command a felon into a prone position
  3. Identifying the correct positioning for handcuffing a felon
  4. Identifying the correct method of assisting a handcuffed felon to his/her feet and transporting him/her

### Accident Investigation      2 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to discuss common definitions of roadway and vehicle damages.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to discuss the crash investigation process.

### Officer Survival                  4 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to identify the major points of officer survival.
- At the end of the training session, each student will be able to recognize the five levels of awareness and the associated color.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to be aware of tactics regarding use of cover, firearms readiness, verbal challenges and weapon transition.

Criminal Law 4 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to recognize the necessity to know elements of crimes as well as the two classifications of crimes and their punishments.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to know what constitutes probable cause and reasonable suspicion.

Community Policing 4 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to define community policing and its key elements and explain the changes in policing that have led to an interest in community policing.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to discuss the differences between traditional policing and community policing.

First Aid 8 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to understand how communicable diseases are spread and know infection control procedures to follow when collecting evidence or making an arrest.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to understand the legal and ethical issues of emergency care as well as the proper emergency care, assessment, and moving of a patient.

Firearms 20 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to recognize the need for strict rules when dealing with firearms as well as understanding range concepts.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to properly disassemble, clean, oil and reassemble a duty weapon(s).
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to know the fundamental steps of good shooting along with the practical aspects of "weak hand" shooting.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to successfully pass range exercises and courses of fire by demonstrating proper combat load, drawing weapon, assuming proper stance, grip and body configuration, and firing a qualifying score.

Use of Force 2 hours

- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to understand levels of force.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to identify the elements of a justifiable shooting.
- At the end of this training session, each student will be able to be familiar with the South Dakota Laws of Arrest which allow use of force.

Traffic Laws 4 hours

- At the end of this session, each student will have a knowledge on use of SDCL volumes and locating laws.
- At the end of this session, each student will have a working knowledge of the most commonly violated laws in Chapter 32.
- At the end of this session, each student will distinguish the levels of penalties of violations and crimes.

Ethics 2 hours

- At the end of this training session, each officer will be able to understand the history of police corruption and need for ethics training in law enforcement, as well as understanding and being able to define the meaning of ethics.
- At the end of this training session, each officer will be able to know how to make the proper decision when faced with an ethical dilemma as well as understand some causes of poor ethical decision making by officers.

Department Discretion 12 hours

These hours of instruction are left up to the discretion of the department to instruct on whatever topics they feel most relevant to their particular agency.