COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: LAW 1520 Minnesota Criminal and Traffic Statutes
CREDITS: 4 (Lecture 4/Lab 0)
PREREQUISITES: None

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
This course covers the Minnesota Criminal Code, to include Chapter 609, as well as selected statutes used more frequently by law enforcement officers. It also covers the Minnesota Traffic Statutes, and the elements of traffic offenses. Included are definitions and terms. This course covers instruction in Minnesota automobile insurance law (Chapter 65B), motor vehicle registration law (Chapter 168), traffic law (Chapter 169), and driver’s license law (Chapter 171). These statutes are analyzed and applied to hypothetical situations. Included are definitions and terms.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Minnesota Criminal Code (MN Chapter 609)
   A. General principles
      1. Scope and intent
      2. Definitions
      3. Elements of Crimes in Chapter
      4. Criminal Justice terms
   B. Definitions
      1. Crime
      2. Petty misdemeanor
      3. Misdemeanor
      4. Gross misdemeanor
      5. Felony
      6. Conviction
      7. Dangerous weapon
      8. Bodily harm
      9. Substantial bodily harm
     10. Great bodily harm
     11. Mental state
     12. Assault
     13. Threaten and harass
     14. Coercion
     15. Criminal Intent
     16. Criminal Conduct
     17. Repeat Offenders
     18. Citizen’s Arrest
     19. Good Samaritan
   C. Sentencing
1. Guidelines
2. Consecutive
3. Concurrent

D. Peace Officer Conduct and Duties
1. Crime Victim Notification
2. Crime Victim Reparations
3. Use of Force
4. Officer Rights

E. Domestic Assault
1. Definition and Terms
2. Levels of offense
3. Enhancements
4. Arrests
5. Domestic Court Orders
6. Domestic Abuse Act

F. Predatory Offenders
1. Definitions and Terms
2. Risk Levels
3. Community Notification

G. Crimes of Violence
1. Definitions and Terms
2. Physical Assault
3. Harassment
4. Stalking

H. Endangered and Missing Children
1. Definitions and Terms
2. Reporting
3. Exploitation

I. Sexual Assault
1. Definitions and Terms
2. Elements
3. Human Trafficking
4. Vice

J. Crimes against public safety and health
1. Dangerous weapons
2. Machine guns and short barreled shotguns
3. Environment, criminal penalties
4. Set guns
5. Exposure to unused refrigerator
6. Unlawful deposit of garbage
7. Unlawful smoking
8. Sale of tobacco to children
9. False fire alarms

K. Americans with Disabilities Act
1. Definitions and Terms
2. Officer Responsibilities
L. Crisis Intervention
   1. Definitions
   2. Emergency mental commitment
   3. Emergency admission
   4. Procedures for commitment

M. Data Practices Act
   1. Definitions and Terms
   2. Levels of Data
   3. Peace Officer Responsibilities

N. Gangs and Drugs
   1. Definitions and Terms
      a. Organized Crime
      b. RICO
      c. Vice Crime

O. White Collar Crimes
   1. Definitions and Terms
   2. Fraud
   3. Identity Theft
   4. Computer crime
   5. Computer damage
   6. Computer theft
   7. Unauthorized computer access
   8. Telecommunications fraud
   9. Racketeering
   10. Criminal forfeiture

P. Firearms; dangerous weapons
   1. Definitions
   2. Certain persons not to have pistols
   3. Carrying weapons without permit
   4. Transferee permit
   5. Reporting of suspicious wounds
   6. Gunshot wounds, peace officer discharging firearms
   7. Security guard, discharge of firearms
   8. Possession of firearm by nonresident alien
   9. Interference with use of public property
   10. Tear gas
   11. Intentional release of harmful substance

Q. Public misconduct or nuisance
   1. Adulteration
   2. Unlawful assembly
   3. Riot
   4. Terroristic threats
   5. Disorderly conduct
   6. Vagrancy
   7. Public nuisance
   8. Concealing identity
9. Interference with privacy
10. Harassment; restraining order
11. Stalking

R. Gambling
1. Definitions
2. Acts relating to gambling
3. Other acts relating to gambling
4. Operations permitted
5. Lawful gambling

S. Crimes against reputation
1. Criminal defamation
2. False information to news media

T. Crimes relating to communications
1. Emergency communications; kidnappings
2. Emergency telephone calls and communications
3. Obscene or harassing telephone calls
4. Letter, telegram, or package opening

U. Miscellaneous crimes
1. Falsely impersonating another
2. Use of police radios during commission of crime

V. Minnesota controlled substance laws

W. Minnesota liquor laws

X. Miscellaneous statutes
1. Explosive and incendiary devices
2. Fireworks
3. Police communication equipment
4. Innkeeper Statutes
5. Smoking in designated nonsmoking rooms
6. Indecent exposure
7. Animal Cruelty

Y. Minnesota Traffic Code
1. basic organization
2. purpose
3. principles

Z. Traffic Violation Deterrents
1. Patrol
2. Special Details

ZZ. Profiling

ZZZ. Traffic Related Statutes
1. Automobile insurance (Chapter 65B)
2. Motor vehicle registration laws (Chapter 168)
   1. General motorist
   2. Commercial Vehicle
3. Motor Vehicle Operations (Chapter 169)
4. DUI/DWI laws (169A)
5. Drivers’ licenses (Chapter 171)
COURSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:
1. Students will identify the basic organization, purpose, definitions and principles of the Minnesota State Statutes.
2. Students will identify the elements of crimes as stated in the Minnesota State Statutes.
3. Students will identify Minnesota State Statutes relating to weapons, chemical agents, electronic control weapons, and interference with public property.
4. Students will identify the elements of the Minnesota Traffic Enforcement Code and Driving While Impaired crimes.
5. Students will identify special Minnesota peace officer duties associated with specific statutes.
6. Students will evaluate situations to determine proper application of Minnesota State Statutes.

HCC COMPETENCIES MET:
Working productively and cooperatively.
Communicating clearly and effectively.
Thinking creatively and critically.
Social responsibility.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS:
Examination of your performance is directly related to the performance objectives. Each student is expected to prepare for class, attend lectures, participate in class activities, participate and implement input into class Discussions, complete examinations and hand in outside assignments when due. Attendance is crucial in this class.

METHODS FOR EVALUATING STUDENT LEARNING:
Examination of student performance is directly related to the performance objectives. Classroom participation and exams are translated to points/percentages.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
We cannot plan, and subsequently establish training for every conceivable eventuality or situation which an officer will confront. However, we intend to increase awareness of risks and show various tactics at a basic entry level with the understanding that procedures may change from department to department.

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