COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: Basic Firearms: LAW 2531  
CREDITS: 1 (0 Lec / 1 Lab)  
PRE-REQUISITE: Enrollment in Law Enforcement Program and instructor approval.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:  
Basic Firearms includes basic fundamentals of handgun shooting. Nomenclature of firearms, use of force, and statutes regulating use of force.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:  
1. Use of force/deadly force  
   A. Minnesota statutes pertinent to subject  
   B. Supreme Court decisions  
   C. Civil liabilities  
   D. Physiological/ psychological effects  
   E. Decision making (use of FATS)  
2. Firearms safety  
   A. General rules  
   B. Specific rules  
   C. Maintenance (care and cleaning)  
3. Shooting principles  
   A. Stance  
   B. Grip  
   C. Sighted/non-sighted  
   D. Trigger control  
   E. Loading/unloading  
   F. Malfunction clearing  
4. Nomenclature  
   A. Revolver  
   B. Semi-automatic  
   C. Shotgun  
   D. Center fire/rim fire cartridge  
   E. Shot shell  
5. Performance courses  
   A. Day pistol combat  
   B. Shot gun familiarization
COURSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:
1. Students will demonstrate safe and tactical handling of the firearm.
2. Students will demonstrate the different shooting platforms.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of case law/statutory law relating to deadly force and the consequences of its use.
4. Students will identify the nomenclature of different firearms and ammunition.
5. Students will demonstrate professionalism and safety while handling a firearm.
6. Students will demonstrate proficiency with a firearm.

MNTC GOALS AND COMPETENCIES MET:
N/A

HCC COMPETENCIES MET:
Working Productively and Cooperatively
Communicating Clearly and Effectively
Thinking Creatively and Critically
Social Responsibility

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS:
Each student is expected to spend at least 4 hours per week preparing for class.
Attendance is critical in this class. Students are expected to practice firearms shooting skills and participate in class discussions and class activities.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SHALL TAKE PLACE USING INSTRUMENTS SELECTED/DEVELOPED BY THE COURSE INSTRUCTOR.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Text and References:
Minnesota POST Learning Objectives, State of Minnesota POST Board.
Firearms Training Standards, Activities Division, National Rifle Association of America, Washington, D.C.
Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Police Training Section.

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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AASC APPROVAL DATE: November 15, 2017
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