COURSE NUMBER & TITLE: LAW 2595: Criminal Investigation
CREDITS: 3 (2 Lec / 1 Lab)
PREREQUISITES: Pre-req or Co-req of Police Report Writing or Instructor Approval

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
Criminal Investigation is a study of the responsibilities and duties of the first officer on the scene conducting a preliminary investigation. This course also includes techniques to investigate the crimes of theft, forgery, auto theft, burglary, robbery, assaults, sexual assaults, arson, bombs, explosives, vice, and death.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Criminal Investigation
   A. Investigation
      1. Theft
      2. Forgery
      3. Auto theft
      4. Burglary
      5. Robbery
      6. Assault
      7. Electronic Crimes
      8. Sexual assault/child abuse/neglect/child sexual assault
      9. Arson, bombs, explosives
     10. Vice
     11. White collar crimes
     12. Human trafficking
     13. Death investigation and notification
   B. Gathering intelligence
   C. Search warrant preparation
   D. Case Documentation
   E. Proper courtroom testifying demeanor
   F. Homeland Security and Terrorism

COURSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:
1. Students will explain the legal and procedural aspects of the investigative process.
2. Students will explain roles and responsibilities associated with law enforcement investigations.
3. Students will compare legal, procedural, and ethical considerations in interrogations and interviews.
4. Students will demonstrate organization and clarity in all associated investigation documents.
5. Students will define key elements for effective interaction with the judicial system.

**MNTC GOALS AND COMPETENCIES MET:**
N/A

**HCC COMPETENCIES MET:**
Working Productively and Cooperatively
Communicating Clearly and Effectively
Thinking Creatively and Critically
Social/Civic 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.

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

**SPECIAL 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.

*Curriculum Committee Approval Date: February 8, 2018*

AASC APPROVAL DATE: February 21, 2018
REVIEW DATE: February 2023