CRJ 310 – Law Enforcement Operations and Management

Course Description

This course gives students an overview of the police and their mission in contemporary society. It examines typical police operations, the management of police organizations, and some of the challenges facing policing today. The course also looks at technology in the service of law enforcement, and explores the future of policing.

Instructional Materials

Peak, K. J. (2014). *Policing America*: *Challenges and best practices* (8th ed.). NJ: Pearson Publishing.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Trace the development of law enforcement organizations and police operations in America.
2. Contrast the organization and administration of federal law enforcement agencies with that of state agencies.
3. Contrast the organization and administration of municipal law enforcement agencies with that of county agencies.
4. Illustrate the nature of police work and describe the training and management of police officers.
5. Analyze the development of community-oriented policing and describe its impact on communities today.
6. Describe the nature and purpose of criminal investigation, including some investigative techniques.
7. Illustrate the constraints on the police in democratic societies to include personal issues and practices, the rule of law, general principles of accountability, ethics, and civil liability.
8. Assess management and leadership challenges in police organizations and recommend solutions that foster an ethical work environment.
9. Enumerate special problems and challenges facing American policing today, including terrorism, gangs, drugs, illegal immigration, and hate crimes.
10. Visualize the future of policing in America and identify some of the forces and technologies shaping that future.
11. Use technology and information resources to research issues in law enforcement operations and management.
12. Write clearly and concisely about law enforcement operations and management using proper writing mechanics.