Course Description

Considers current efforts undertaken by law enforcement personnel to achieve an effective working relationship with the community. Surveys and analyzes various interactive approaches of agencies and the citizenry they serve. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an introduction to current concepts, practices and methods in the field of law enforcement and community relations.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Gain an insight into some of the problems facing successful law enforcement community relations efforts
- Recognize the role that perceptions, beliefs, attitudes and values play in this effort

Major Topics To Be Included

- The role of law enforcement as seen by:
  - Individual law enforcement personnel
  - Law enforcement agencies
  - The public/community
- Historical precedents – equal justice for all?
- Role models for the future
- Public relations vs. community relations. An examination of various law enforcement community relations efforts

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor