

**Northern Marianas College**  
**CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST**

**Effective Semester / Session:** Fall 2016

**Type of Action:**

- New
- Modification
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
- Cancellation

**Course Alpha and Number:** CJ 148

**Course Title:** Traffic Law Enforcement

**Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:**

This course guide is being modified to reflect the change in the course outline, instructional goals, student learning outcomes, assessment measures, and textbook edition.

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## Course Guide

Course: CJ 148 Traffic Law Enforcement

### 1. Department

Criminal Justice

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with the knowledge and skills required to effectively deal with common vehicle violations by being able to recognize violations and to safely and professionally contact the violator. Additionally, the student will be able to apply the steps required at an accident scene that are necessary to protect life and property.

### 3. Description

#### A. Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials

Recommended

National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration. 2013 Edition.

#### B. Contact Hours

1. **Lecture:** 4 hours per week / 60 hours per semester
2. **Lab:** N/A
3. **Other:**

#### C. Credits

1. **Number:** 4
2. **Type:** Regular Degree Credits

#### D. Catalogue Course Description

This course studies the vehicle codes of the CNMI, how to effectively enforce the codes, direct traffic and manage an accident scene. (Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer)

#### E. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course

This is a required course for the Department of Public Safety cadets/students enrolled in the Basic Law Enforcement Certificate Program.

#### F. Course Activities and Design

Lecture and discussion sessions form the basis from which the knowledge and skills are developed during this course.

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**4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment;  
Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)**

Prerequisite(s): Currently employed or a cadet with the Department of Public Safety.

English Placement Level: EN 101

Math Placement Level: None

**5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed**

Cost to the Student: Tuition for a 4-credit course and the cost of the textbook.

Cost to the College: Instructor's salary

Instructional resources needed for this course: N/A

**6. Method of Evaluation**

Student grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

A: Excellent – grade points:	4.0;
B: Above average – grade points:	3.0;
C: Average – grade points:	2.0;
D: Below average – grade points:	1.0;
F: Failure – grade points:	0.0.

NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

**7. Course Outline**

This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

- 1.0 General Provisions;
- 2.0 Registration and License;
- 3.0 Vehicle Inspections;
- 4.0 Rules of the Road;
- 5.0 Accidents and Accident Reports;

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- 6.0 Serious Traffic Offenses and Penalties;
- 7.0 Financial Responsibility Laws;
- 8.0 Driving While Intoxicated Detection;
- 9.0 Standard Field Sobriety Tests; and
- 10.0 Report Writing.

### 8. Instructional Goals

This course will introduce students to:

- 1.0 The familiarization between parked and moving violations;
- 2.0 The interviewing of the driver and striking vehicle operators process;
- 3.0 The introduction to vehicle dynamics, law of motions, and vertex;
- 4.0 The procedures at the scene of an accident;
- 5.0 The identifying of moving driving while intoxicated violations;
- 6.0 The techniques on conducting the standard field sobriety tests;
- 7.0 The familiarization on conducting the breath test;
- 8.0 The process of issuing citations;
- 9.0 The process on conducting driving while intoxicated arrests; and
- 10.0 The basic principles on effective report writing.

### 9. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1.0 Recognize driving behaviors and other indicators commonly exhibited by impaired drivers;
- 2.0 Identify techniques on how to detect impaired drivers;

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- 3.0 Carryout the tasks and decisions involved in driving while intoxicated detection process;
- 4.0 Recognize the magnitude and scope of driving while intoxicated related crashes, injuries, deaths, property loss, and other social aspects of driving while intoxicated;
- 5.0 Identify the deterrent effects of driving while intoxicated enforcement;
- 6.0 Recognize the legal environment relevant to driving while intoxicated enforcement and the use of the standardized field sobriety tests;
- 7.0 Identify clues of alcohol or drug use that may be detected while in contact with driving while intoxicated suspects;
- 8.0 Identify the appropriate procedures for administering the psychophysical tests;
- 9.0 Identify the appropriate procedures for administering the horizontal gaze nystagmus test; and
- 10.0 Recognize the prosecution requirements and their relevance to driving while intoxicated arrests and reports.

## 10. Assessment Measures

Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1.0 Group discussions;
- 2.0 Writing assignments and exercises;
- 3.0 Demonstration;
- 4.0 Assignments; and
- 5.0 Tests.

