Introduction to Public Safety Syllabus

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**Escambia Career Readiness Center**

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**Course Description**

Introduction to Public Safety is an introductory course designed to expose students to a career in public safety. The students will study possible careers, employability skills, and leadership in the public safety profession.

**Expectations/Goals**

Introduction to Public Safety students will learn about careers in public safety. The students will also learn various tasks that are performed by first responders. There topics include emergency response practices, scene safety, radio communications, report writing, and other related topics

**Course Objectives**

* **Safety**: Learn and apply safety concepts.
* **Career Exploration**: Explore career opportunities and requirements in the field of law enforcement and corrections.
* **Workplace Skills**: Practice the skills needed to succeed in the workplace.
* **Leadership Development**: Develop leadership qualities and take advantage of the opportunities provided by Escambia Career Readiness Center.
* **Digital Literacy**: Learn and practice essential digital literacy skills.
* **Physical Fitness**: Work towards meeting and maintaining physical fitness standards for public safety.

**Prerequisite**

There are no prerequisites for this course.

**Required Materials**

* $40/year or $20/semester fee for the Law and Public Safety class (due in the first week of class)
* Pen/Pencil
* Three-ring binder
* Paper
* Proper clothing and footwear for hands-on activities and physical training (PT)

**Anchor Assignments**

**Mathematics:**

* **Crime Statistics Analysis:** Students will learn to interpret and analyze crime statistics, understanding trends and patterns using basic statistical methods.
* **Budgeting and Resource Allocation:** Practical exercises will involve calculating budgets for law enforcement agencies, understanding resource allocation and financial planning.

**Language Arts:**

* **Legal Document Analysis:** Students will read and analyze legal documents, case studies, and court opinions, focusing on comprehension and critical evaluation of legal language.
* **Report Writing:** Assignments will include writing police reports, legal briefs, and essays, emphasizing clarity, accuracy, and proper use of legal terminology.

**Science:**

* **Forensic Science Basics:** Introduction to forensic science principles, including the role of DNA analysis, fingerprinting, and other scientific methods in criminal investigations.
* **Evidence Handling:** Understanding the scientific methods behind evidence collection, preservation, and analysis to ensure the integrity and reliability of forensic evidence.

**Grading Policy**

* Minor (40%): Daily activities and quizzes
* Major (60%): Unit tests and Simulator Labs

Grades will be determined based on the following scale:

* A: 90-100
* B: 80-89
* C: 70-79
* D: 60-69
* F: below 60

**Course Policies and Expectations**

* Students must be conscientious and complete ALL required work on time.
* Students are required to:
  + Take notes during lectures.
  + Participate in class discussions.
  + Watch tutorial videos.
  + Read assigned selections.
  + Respond appropriately to class materials.
* Assessments will be given in various formats, including written, verbal, performance-based, and problem-solving.

**Course Topics Covered**

1. Describe and discuss career opportunities in law enforcement
2. Describe and discuss career opportunities in the fire service
3. Describe and discuss career opportunities in EMS
4. An abundance of guest speakers related to topic
5. Learn about the various types of vehicles used in public safety
6. 911 dispatch familiarization
7. Learn the training necessary to obtain certifications in each profession
8. Learn the importance of scene safety
9. Practice scene size-up and safety procedures
10. Learn about the incident command system
11. Establish mock scenarios and the use of incident command
12. Describe and discuss mutual aid and its use in public safety
13. Learn communication skills necessary in public safety
14. Learn about various equipment and tools used in public safety
15. Learn about radio communication equipment and usage
16. Operate radio communication equipment
17. Learn about landing zones (LZ) and their use in public safety
18. Documentation and incident report writing
19. Mapping and documenting the scene or incident
20. Using technology to document and create scene documentation
21. Learn and discuss how public safety workers handle calls of domestic violence
22. Discuss how first responders handle calls for terrorism
23. Discuss and learn about multi-agency response

**Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO)**

The Law and Public Safety Program has a CTSO called SkillsUSA. This organization allows students to become part of a partnership between students, teachers, and industry, working together to ensure that America has a skilled workforce. Skills USA helps the student excel. We provide educational programs, events, and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation’s classrooms.

**Absences/Excuses**

If a student is absent due to an illness, unable to participate in physical training, and/or absent due to their school having an activity such as sports, clubs, field trips, etc. the student will be required to bring a written excuse from their parent/guardian. It will be up to the student to get notes and the bell ringer activity from other students in the class. Failure to do so will result in a deduction in the student’s final grade.

**Credential Opportunities and Requirements**

During the semester or school year, students will have the opportunity to earn credentials in the following areas:

* APCO Public Safety Telecommunicator
* FAA 107 (Remote Pilot Certification)
* CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)

**Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible to take the final tests for these credentials, students must meet the following criteria:

1. **Maintain an 80% Average**: Students must achieve and maintain at least an 80% average in all coursework related to the credentials. This includes:
   * Vocabulary assignments
   * Chapter quizzes

If a student does not maintain this 80% average, they will not be permitted to take the final test for the credential. Please note that credential options and testing eligibility may change at any time based on guidance from the state department of education.