Police Patrol

Police Patrol is a one-credit course developed to assist students in choosing police patrol as a career. Areas of instruction in this one-credit course are safety, patrol procedures, written reports, traffic control procedures, defensive tactics, physical wellness and job-related health issues, business security, and drug enforcement.

The minimum required content standards for this course may be expanded to accommodate specific community interests and utilize local resources. This course encourages critical thinking, use of the scientific method, integration of technology, development of student leadership skills, and application of knowledge and skills related to practical questions and problems. Safety concepts are integrated into instruction to the maximum extent possible.

Career and technical student organizations are integral, cocurricular components of each career and technical education course. These organizations serve as a means to enhance classroom instruction while helping students develop leadership abilities, expand workplace-readiness skills, and broaden opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Career Opportunities

Students will:

1. Explain career opportunities in law enforcement.

Safety

2. Explain patrol safety precautions, first aid, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques.
   • Explaining various techniques for removing a victim from a dangerous situation

Patrol Procedures

3. Describe duties and responsibilities of patrol officers.
   • Identifying patrol types and zones
   • Identifying procedures for dealing with domestic violence

   • Describing current trends in community-oriented policing

Written Reports

5. Describe the purpose and content of various police reports.
Traffic Control Procedures

6. Explain traffic accident investigations.
   • Describing the positioning of emergency vehicles and personnel during a traffic accident investigation

7. Describe traffic stop procedures.
   • Identifying various traffic violations
   • Explaining the Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)

8. Identify duties involved in directing traffic.
   • Explaining the use of barricades and cones as traffic barriers
   • Demonstrating various hand signals used for directing traffic

Defensive Tactics

9. Describe police defensive tactics for Alabama officers.
   • Describing the use of force continuum in defensive tactics
   • Explaining weapon safety procedures for patrol officers
   • Describing the four elements of arrest

Physical Wellness

10. Explain the importance of physical wellness to a patrol officer.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

11. Describe the transmission and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

12. Examine infection control techniques that can protect patrol officers from STDs.

Business Security

13. Explain the importance of patrol officers routinely monitoring local businesses.

Drug Enforcement

14. Identify techniques of drug enforcement used by patrol officers.
   • Explaining the importance of drug-seeking dogs for police patrol