

Course Information

Course title: **Bias Policing Issues**

Course description: This course examines the issues of bias policing in an effort to identify those actions that may create negative perceptions of the police in minority communities. The course also presents recommendations for evaluating potential problems within an agency and provides a model policy on bias reduction.

Prerequisite(s): Students below the rank of sergeant must be enrolled by a supervisor.

Course Requirements

Introduction: This course is comprised of one training module containing five study sections. The estimated actual time that is required to complete this module is one hour. Students will be awarded 4 hours of in-service credit for successful completion of the course.

Requirements: Students must read the material contained in training module. After the student has read the material in the module, he must take the module quiz. In order to successfully complete the module quiz, the student must score 70%. The student will be given two opportunities to successfully complete the quiz. At the director's discretion, a third opportunity may be granted upon the request of the student's chief, sheriff or agency administrator.

Module 1

Objectives or Goals: The purpose of this training is to provide information regarding the problem of bias-based policing and to assist in the development of an overall strategy for bias reduction.

Topics:

1. Introduction
2. Driving While Black
3. Bias Policing

4. Bias Reduction Model Policy

5. Recommendations for Traffic Stop Data Collection Systems

References

Resources:

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