

SANTA ANA COLLEGE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMIES
COURSE SYLLABUS

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MISSION STATEMENT

Santa Ana College
inspires, transforms, and
empowers a diverse
community of learners

COURSE TITLE: Vehicle Theft for Patrol and Traffic Officers

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Recognize the magnitude of the problem vehicle thefts pose to society in the country and state.
2. Describe the different ways a field patrol officer can concentrate on combating the crime of vehicle theft.
3. Know the resources available to assist a patrol officer in investigating a vehicle theft
4. Use tactics that are consistent with accepted officer safety practices when investigating vehicle thefts.

GRADING:

All testing procedures and protocols are consistent with California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) rules and regulations

POST certified instructors evaluate student performance in all tested exercises.

Scale: 70% or higher – Pass / Lower than 70% - No Pass

SCHEDULED COURSE:

See Santa Ana College 2019-2020 Catalog at sac.edu, or call the CJA Office at 714 566-9200

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Supplied by instructor during the first class meeting

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Vehicle Theft Statistics
 - A. Magnitude of problem
 - B. Recovery statistics
2. Vehicle Identification
 - A. Vin numbers and plate switching
 - B. Laws related to vehicle theft
3. Modi Operandi of vehicle theft
 - A. Motivation and how thefts performed
 - B. Recovering stolen vehicles
4. Identifying stolen vehicles
5. Theft of motorcycles, watercraft, trailers, and heavy equipment
6. Field Tactics
 - A. Officer safety for field officers
 - B. Inspection of vehicles
 - C. Sources of information available to law enforcement officers

Total Course Contact Hours – 16 (2 hours Lecture/14 hours Lab)

LEARNING METHODS TO BE EMPLOYED:

Class discussions, Group Study & Exercises, Handouts, Instructor Demonstrations, Lecture, Reading Assignments, Other: Practical Application Exercises

SKILLS TO BE MEASURED BY:

Multiple Practical Application Exercises

STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONTACT:

From the 2019-2020 SAC Catalog page 61: Students enrolling in district educational programs assume an obligation to obey state law and district rules and regulations governing the conduct of students. Students who enroll in those instructional programs in which the college has affiliations with various outside associations must comply with the college's policies and procedures and also with the outside association's policies and procedures. This includes but is not limited to students enrolled in the programs of Fire Academics, Criminal Justice Academies and Nursing.

ACADEMIC ACCOMODATION STATEMENT:

A student with a disability, who would like to request an academic accommodation, is responsible for identifying herself/himself to the instructor and to the Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS). To make arrangements for academic accommodations, contact the Disables Student Office in Johnson Center, U-103, or phone (714) 564-6264, TTY (714) 564-6284 for a referral to the appropriate DSPS Department.