A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course examines the growth of technology in modern society and how the use of that technology is affecting law enforcement practices in the United States. The course further examines the types of technology, its impact on policing practices, and the impact on the use of technology on civil rights including the public perception of the violation of individual privacy.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/03/2017 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the wide-ranging law enforcement application of technology to include electronic surveillance, forensic science, data collection and management, social media, communications, use of force, uniform patrol, and investigations;
2. Identify the legal and constitutional implications of utilizing technology by law enforcement; Articulate and explain the importance of best practices and agency policies in balancing the use of technology with the public's expectation of privacy;
3. Discuss the debate over use, retention, and the public release of the data gathered through the use of surveillance technology;
4. Describe the role of community participation and oversight in the use of technology in modern policing;
5. Analyze the future potential of technology on law enforcement practices.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice, AND either CJS 200 Literature in Criminal Justice OR CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice required.