Course Objective: This is one of several elective courses comprising the Criminal Justice field of study group in Texas; its purpose is to familiarize you with legal powers and restraints pertaining to law enforcement. This is accomplished through meeting the following unit objective comprising the content of the course.

- Familiarize the student with the history of police authority and responsibility.
- Provide the student with basic constitutional rights and constraints.
- Acquaint the student with the nature and features of Probable Cause.
- Give the student a basic knowledge of the legal aspects and nature of arrest.
- Familiarize the student with the nature and requirements of searches without warrants.
- Cause the student to recognize the types and legal requirements of non-traditional searches.
- Provide the student with an understanding of the requirements and function of Stop and Frisk.

Virtually all of the course content will be delivered through lecture- occasionally supplemented by video. No specific textbook is required. After the completion of each unit, announced examinations will be administered; some unannounced short quizzes may be given over limited specific topics. It is suggested that the student review notes before each class. You will not be formally graded on attendance; missing many classes and lectures will prevent your succeeding in the course. One examination or quiz may be made up at the end of the semester. Be aware that your instructor as a former street-level professional in this field may employ rough language or hold or articulate views and attitudes which may be foreign to you. You will be exposed to this in class. You should not remain in the course if such is not acceptable or if you so not have a serious interest in learning about her realities of the enforcement side of criminal justice. Questions or objections should be taken directly to your instructor for clarification or resolution. As a rule, your instructor will be available to you around the hours of the class-specific information and office location will be given to you during the first week. Also when it is necessary, you are welcome to call him on his mobile telephone (325-277-1422). He is there to help you.

Your course grade will be determined by the following experience-generated realistic percentages: A=85% or above; B=70-84%; C=60-69%; D=50-9% and below is failing. Good grades are relatively not difficult to earn by coming to class and investing some effort.