

Course Description

CJK0402 | Traffic Crash Investigations | 1.00 credit

The student will learn about conducting traffic crash investigations using a systematic approach. The student will learn about responding to, assessing, and protecting the scene, gathering information and evidence, and documenting a crash. For School of Justice students only.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will learn traffic crash management by:

- 1. Defining basic steps of traffic crash management and how to safely approach a traffic crash scene
- 2. Assessing a traffic crash scene and its jurisdiction, responding if there is a fire or hazardous materials, and when to request additional resources
- 3. Securing a traffic crash scene safely considering vehicle position, reflective clothing, warning devices, traffic diversion, and property and evidence protection
- 4. Identifying now the main types of traffic crash injuries and ensure that EMS arrives on the scene
- 5. Describing how to gather information from people at a traffic crash scene
- 6. Discussing how to determine why and how a traffic crash occurred by gathering evidence at the scene
- 7. Describing how to facilitate a driver information exchange and complete the appropriate form at a traffic crash scene
- 8. Identifying traffic violations and issuing citations based on evidence found at the scene
- 9. Discussing how to safely clear a traffic crash scene of debris and vehicles
- 10. Demonstrating how to correctly complete the appropriate traffic crash report forms to document the traffic crash
- 11. Discussing how to manage traffic crashes that shift from a civil to a criminal investigation and crashes with unique circumstances

Competency 2: The student will learn about conducting traffic crash investigations using a systematic approach by:

- 1. Applying the principles of scene assessment, evidence collection, and documentation to effectively
- 2. Democratizing comprehensively investigates traffic crashes

Competency 3: The student will learn about responding to, assessing, and protecting the scene, gathering information and evidence, and documenting a crash by:

- 1. Demonstrating the ability to assess, secure, and document crash scenes and gather relevant information and evidence
- 2. Create accurate and detailed crash documentation in various scenarios

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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