Course Prefix and Number: ADJ 159  
Credits: 3

Course Title: Physical Security

Course Description: Studies the various forms of perimeter barriers which impact upon security operations; examines insurance considerations, underwriters licensing certification, fire prevention and fire code regulations, and the general health and safety requirements for all employees and contact persons within the organization. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: Physical security skills are necessary for public/private partnerships in emergency management and special events. A well-functioning and integrated access control, mass communication, and video system are essential to crime prevention and investigating incidents.

This course is offered as an ADJ elective in the Administration of Justice AAS degree program. The target audiences are students and practitioners in law enforcement and private security.

Course Objectives:  
Upon completing the course, students should be able to  
1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of video, access control, and fire system terminology;  
2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of types of cameras as they relate to lighting choices;  
3. Contribute to the creation of an access control plan;  
4. Explain integration of fire, access control, video, and mass communication;  
5. Discuss the need for effective mass communication and demonstrate a working knowledge of the many ways to accomplish notifications;  
6. Identify the limitations and technical problems of each communication system;  
7. Identify various monitoring choices for all communication systems and the importance of a clearly written monitoring plan; and  
8. Justify the need for security programs to high level business and public sector officials.

Major Topics to Be Included:  
1. Camera types and proper deployment  
2. Planning security applications in varied environments  
3. Making a business case with a clear return on investment  
4. Access control plans  
5. System integration  
6. Mass communication  
7. Fire systems

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