



MINNESOTA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

Course Announcement: “The Street Officer’s Response to Civil and Family Disputes”

Course Description – Civil Disputes

This course addresses many of the calls the street officer responds to which turn out to be civil disputes including landlord-tenant issues, roommate disputes, automobile repossessions, and parties withholding another's property claiming a possessory lien.

Peaceable repossession: What are they? How does the officer responding to this type of call avoid liability under 42 U.S.C. 1983?

Possessory Liens: What is a possessory lien and why should one person be able to keep another's property?

Landlord-tenant disputes: When the landlord is withholding the tenant's property it may be a crime, it may be strictly a civil matter, or it may be their absolute right to withhold the property! How do you know what action to take?

Roommate disputes: When responding to a call of an unwanted roommate, when is he/she a trespasser who can be arrested for refusing to leave and when does he/she have a right to notice? When may court action be required before they must leave?

Service of Process: When the street officer is requested to serve legal papers, what is the officer's responsibility? What should the officer do to document the service?

Course Description – Family Law

This course covers OFP's HRO's and DANCO's. What are they? How does an officer know what to do to avoid liability under 42 U.S.C. 1983. It also covers child custody and visitation disputes, divorce decree enforcement and kids in the middle of a bad situation. When is it a crime, when is it civil? What rights do children have?

Each attendee will receive an electronic copy of:

- A newly developed handbook outlining civil process procedures and relevant statutory references.

PREVENT LAWSUITS THAT OTHER AGENCIES HAVE EXPERIENCED WHEN NOT HANDLING CIVIL DISPUTES PROPERLY!