



MINNESOTA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

Course Announcement:

“The Street Officer’s Response to Civil Disputes”

Course Description:

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.

Course Agenda

Peaceable repossessions

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?

Each attendee will receive:

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