New Occupational Endorsement

Occupational Endorsement
Law Enforcement

Submitted by
TVC Law Enforcement Academy
Tanana Valley Campus
University of Alaska Fairbanks
NEW OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT REQUEST  
(UA Regulation 10.04.02)

I. Cover Memorandum:

A. Name of person preparing request

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B. Brief statement of the proposed endorsement, objectives and abbreviated student learning outcomes assessment and implementation plan.

1. Statement of proposed endorsement

The proposed occupational endorsement for “Law Enforcement” will be available upon the successful completion of the following courses.

- LE F110 Cultural and Behavioral Strategies for Law Enforcement Officers, 1 credit
- LE F115 Enforcement Skills for Law Enforcement Officers, 3 credits
- LE F120 Law Enforcement Operations, 4 credits
- LE F125 Basic Police Procedures, 4 credits
- LE F205 Criminal Law for Police, 4 credits

Total required credits: 16  
Total training hours: 530

Upon completion of the above coursework students will have met the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) requirements in order to become eligible for employment with any of approximately twenty-one State enforcement agencies or forty-three municipal police departments within the State of Alaska. In addition to these agencies, many private security companies give enhanced consideration to hiring a candidate who possesses an APSC certificate.

2. Professional Objectives

The police field is constantly growing with the need for qualified, trained personnel to fill the ranks of police departments statewide and nationwide. There are employment opportunities with police departments, adult probation, juvenile probation, corrections, commercial vehicle enforcement, pipeline security and drug enforcement to name a few. APSC requires all police officers undergo a basic academy prior to or during their first two years of employment. Graduates of the TVC Law Enforcement Academy meet all requirements of APSC for basic police officer.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes Assessment and Implementation Plan**

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C. **Review Signatures of Preparation**

See Attached Letters.

**Signatures for Approval**

______________________________________________________________________________
Date
Program Coordinator, TVC Law Enforcement Academy

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Date
Director, UAF Tanana Valley Campus

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Date
Vice-Chancellor, CRCD
II. Identification of the Endorsement

A. Description of the Occupational Endorsement
   1. Occupational Endorsement title
      “Law Enforcement”

   2. Admissions requirements and prerequisites
      Students accepted into this occupational endorsement must have:

      Documented High School Diploma or possess a GED certificate. Students will have to fill out an application for the TVC Law Enforcement Academy and agree to comply with the rules and regulations established by UAF/TVC and the Academy. Additionally, all applicants must comply with the Alaska Police Standards Qualifications:

      a. U.S. citizen or resident alien demonstrating intent to become a citizen

      b. Must be 21 years of age to be employed as a Police Officer. However, students who are at least 18 years old may be admitted to the training program

      c. Must possess a valid Alaska Driver’s License

      d. Must be free of physical defects that would interfere with the performance of the normal duties of a police officer (including certain vision, hearing, and/or emotional disorders.)

      Alaska Law Enforcement Agencies are prohibited, by law, from hiring or employing any person who has:

      a. Been convicted of a felony

      b. Been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of dishonesty, moral turpitude, or other crime resulting in serious physical injury to another within the preceding 10 years.

      c. Been convicted of two or more DUI offenses

      d. Been convicted (ever) of a crime involving domestic violence.

      e. Been denied police certification, or had police certification revoked by the Alaska Police Standards Council.

      f. Illegally transported, manufactured or sold a controlled substance within the 10 years prior to application or who has used marijuana within the last year prior to application.

      g. Falsely applied for certification, lied, or omitted information from the APSC application.
3. Course descriptions of required catalogue courses. (Occupational Endorsements use existing courses.)

**LE F110 – Cultural and Behavioral Strategies for Law Enforcement Officers – 1 credit**
Introduction to a number of behavioral strategies to facilitate interaction among various cultures to be found in Alaska. It also gives the student a strong concept of police ethics as it relates to everyday performance of police duties. The student receives an introduction to problems and strategies for law enforcement officers in their relationships to their marriages and families. Special fees apply.
Special Conditions: Students must meet basic Police Standards qualifications for police officers.
Offered As Demand Warrants.

**LE F115 – Enforcement Skills for Law Enforcement Officers – 3 credits**
Introduction to the basic skills necessary to use firearms (both pistol and shotgun), operate a motor vehicle under emergency conditions and use Oleo Capsicum (pepper) spray effectively. A continuum on the use of force, judgment in the use of deadly force, physical defense tactics and physical arrest. Special fees apply.
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**LE F120 – Law Enforcement Operations – 4 credits**
Preparation to conduct specific investigations into auto theft, commercial vehicle incidents, domestic violence events, DWI detection, juvenile procedures, care of the emotionally disturbed, report writing and jail procedures. Special fees apply.
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**LE F125 - Basic Police Procedures – 4 credits**
Introduction to conducting investigations, using approved methods, at any major crime scene. Specific skills are presented for use in the investigation of sexual assaults, homicides, arson, gang related activity, death investigations. Skills are taught in: interview and interrogation, crime scene physical collection, hostage situations, accident scene investigation and mapping. Introduction to the danger of blood-borne pathogens and protective measures. Special fees apply.
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**LE F205 - Criminal Law for Police – 4 credits**
Introduction to the more complex issues of criminal law, the Alaska Statutes, constitutional law and court decisions as well as traffic law, search and seizure, rights of defendants and warrant procedures. Special fees apply.
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4. Requirements for the endorsement.
   a. Yearly cycle of courses offered in Fairbanks

   The courses listed below are offered Spring and Fall semesters each year. The Academy has been offered twice each year for seven and a half years to date.
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b. Proposed general catalog layout

Occupational Endorsement: Law Enforcement

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2. Complete the occupational endorsement requirements.
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B. Occupational Endorsement Goals
1. **Brief identification of objectives and subsequent means for their evaluation**

The Occupational Endorsement is intended to provide a program for individuals seeking a career in police work. The program will equip students with basic skills required for the recruit police officer. The success of the program will be evaluated by tracking the number of program graduates who gain employment in the Law Enforcement field and by surveying employers of graduates to ascertain the value of their training to the agency.

2. **Relationship of endorsement objectives to industry needs**

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3. **Occupational/other competencies to be achieved**

Graduates will successfully complete all the coursework in the Law Enforcement Occupational Endorsement and will be able to obtain an Alaska Police Standards certification.

4. **Relationship of courses to the endorsement objectives**

The courses chosen have been certified by Alaska Police Standards Council and have provided qualified recruits for police agencies around the State of Alaska.

C. **Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan, and identify the individual (by position) who will be responsible for directing its implementation.**

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### III. Personnel Directly Involved with Program

**A. List current faculty teaching the required and elective courses and titles, including brief statement of duties and qualifications**

1. See attached Alaska Police Standards form F-20, other instructors may change as need arises.

**B. Administrative, coordinating and classified staff personnel associated with the endorsement**

1. Catherine Baldwin, Administrative Assistant  
   Departmental budget, ordering of program publications, contracts for adjunct faculty, timesheets, travel/hotel arrangements for visiting guest speakers, assist in coordination of graduations, assist Law Enforcement coordinator in all projects.

### IV. Enrollment Information

**A. Projected enrollment**

UAF/TVC Law Enforcement Academy has averaged 18 graduates per class or 36 graduates per year for the last 7 ½ years. There is no reason to expect those numbers to change.

**B. How determined/who surveyed/how surveyed**

The above statistics have been kept since the Academy’s inception.

**C. Maximum enrollment which endorsement can accommodate (endorsement capacity)**

The Academy is capable of hosting 24 recruits per Academy. The largest number hosted thus far is 23 recruits.

### V. Need for Occupational Endorsement

**A. Employment market needs**

There is currently a shortage of qualified police officers across the State. The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development lists “Police and sheriff’s patrol officers” as one of Alaska’s focus jobs for the coming decade—those jobs with the best employment opportunities and, at the
same time, above-average wage potential. The need for such officers is forecast to increase by at least 14 percent due to growing demand and a ‘graying workforce.’

Agencies around the state are advertising across the nation to fill vacancies in their ranks. In the last three TVC academies 15 out of 45 recruits came from outside the State to seek employment with agencies in Alaska. With the advent of a “Tier 4” in PERS, which removes a defined-benefit plan for future police retirees in the State of Alaska, we expect even greater challenges in police recruitment. As one of three training academies in the state, TVC will likely experience these effects as well.

TVC’s Academy and this occupational endorsement enjoy broad support from police departments across the state and from firms hiring security and protective personnel (see attached letters of support).

VI. Other

The UAF/TVC Academy has provided recruits for all the Interior Law Enforcement agencies and to the following agencies across the State:

- Petersburg PD
- Wasilla PD
- North Slope Borough PD
- Whittier PD
- Unalaska PD
- Dillingham PD
- Anchorage PD
- Sitka PD
- Hoonah PD
- Ketchikan PD
- Saint Paul PD
- Kenai PD
- Cordova PD
- Bethel PD
- Fort Yukon PD
- Doyon Universal Services (Pipeline Security)
- NANA Management Services

This is not a complete listing but merely a sampling of agencies served thus far by the TVC Academy, out of nearly 300 graduates.

Importantly, TVC’s Law Enforcement Academy serves a special need for employers of Alaska Native Corporation shareholders. Both Doyon Foundation and NANA target specific scholarships to shareholders taking TVC’s academy because of its accessibility and value for their future employees.

VII. Relation of Endorsement to other Programs within the System

The Sitka Academy has a similar program that is tied to the University of Alaska Southeast. The UAF/TVC Law Enforcement Academy is the only academy in the State to include college credit for the academy.

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VIII. Implementation/Termination

A. Date of implementation

The Occupational Endorsement will be implemented as soon as possible after approval of the endorsement.

B. Plans for recruiting students

The information regarding the Occupational Endorsement will be included in all catalogs (when the new catalog is being updated), information and registration packets. The information will be highlighted at career fairs and on the web-site.

C. Plans for phasing out endorsement if it proves unsuccessful

TVC’s Law Enforcement Academy has a program advisory committee made up of chiefs of police plus employers of security personnel. This committee will be used to monitor the value and success of the program. Should the Law Enforcement Academy Occupational Endorsement prove unsuccessful, the program will be cancelled. The Academy has already proven a success and will continue to provide quality recruits in the absence of the Occupational Endorsement.

D. Assessment of the endorsement.

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## ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

### APPLICATION FOR COURSE CERTIFICATION

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DON P. JOHNSON

**Department/Agency:**
TANANA VALLEY CAMPUS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

**Address:**
1000 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ROOM 109, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99709

**Course Title:**
BASIC POLICE ACADEMY

**Classroom Location(s):**
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**Date(s):**
August 17-November 13, 2009

**Expected Enrollment:**
24

**Total Hours:**
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**Are you inviting officers from surrounding areas?**
Yes

### INSTRUCTOR LISTING

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DON JOHNSON | TVC ACADEMY | FIREARMS PISTOL/SHOTGUN
BENJAMIN HOLSTON | FAIRBANKS POLICE | FIREARMS SHOTGUN
SCOTT A. ADAMS | FPD SERGEANT | FIREARMS PISTOL
KYLE CARRINGTON | UAF OFFICER | SFST, DATAMASTER
KEVIN NELSON | NPPD OFFICER | SFST, DRE, DATAMASTER
CHARLES SCOTT | DOCTOR UAF/TVC | CROSS CULTURAL STRATEGIES
KARLA TAYLOR-WELCH | FAIRBANKS OPA | ROLE OF PROSECUTOR, MIRANDA
RICK RIFLEY | AIRPORT POLICE SERGEANT | HAZ-MAT RESPONSSE
TARA TIPPETT | FPD LIEUTENANT | SAM, SEX. ASSAULT, INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION
RON RICE | CONOCO/PHILLIPS | SEARCH AND SEIZURE
DOUG WELBORN | FPD OFFICER | EVOC

Signature (Department head or academy director)
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- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

**If no, reason:**

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**DO NOT SUBSTITUTE CURRICULUM OR CALENDAR FOR THIS SECTION. ALL INSTRUCTORS MUST BE CERTIFIED OR RECOGNIZED AND THEIR TOPICS MUST BE LISTED ON THIS FORM; CONTINUE ON REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY.**

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2. Send the APSC copies of the verification mentioned above, or a roster including essential course information as well as the names and agencies of successful students. This information will be placed in the APSC's course and officer files. Please tell students you are sending verification to the APSC so they need not do so.
February 9, 2009

Don Johnson  
TVC Law Enforcement Academy  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
1000 University Avenue, Suite 109  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I would like to offer NANA Management Services’ (NMS) unqualified support for the TVC Law Enforcement Academy’s Occupational Endorsement Certification request to the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The TVC Law Enforcement Academy has changed the lives of dozens of NANA shareholders over the past few years.

NMS/Purcell provides security to BP Alaska and ConocoPhillips on the North Slope and to Tesoro on the Kenai Peninsula. These are career security positions with pay and benefits comparable to many police agencies throughout Alaska. Since 9/11 these locations and facilities have been considered “critical” infrastructure with the clients requiring that applicants have a law enforcement background and a minimum of 2-5 years experience. Because Alaska Natives have historically been under represented in the Public Safety profession, the opportunities for these higher paying jobs have been limited.

Shortly after the tragedy of 9/11, NMS presented an Intern Development Plan to the energy producers that included a review of the TVC Academy curriculum. The goal of the proposal was to provide a career path for NANA Shareholders into the law enforcement profession or the energy industry security workforce. Because of the quality of the TVC Academy program the producers agreed to accept the Intern Development Plan. In short, qualified NANA shareholders are selected for the twelve (12) week program based on the same screening criteria that would apply for any police officer. If they successfully complete all segments of the Academy they are then put into a 6 month FTO program on the North Slope. Once they successfully complete that block of training they are immediately put into full time security positions.

Today we have several outstanding NANA Shareholder security officers working on the North Slope and in the Kenai area that graduated from the TVC Academy. The various clients have commented that these employees came to the job well trained and prepared to meet the challenges of security in today’s world.
Without the quality and commitment of your program and staff we would not be able to provide these opportunities for NANA Shareholders. The diligent oversight and constant search for innovations and improvements have kept the program relevant and focused on the challenges of law enforcement and security in the 21st century.

If you would like any additional information I can be reached at (907) 273-2413.

Sincerely,

Ronald Otte
Vice President of Operations, Security Division
January 15, 2009

Don “Dusty” Johnson
Assistant Professor
Tanana Valley Campus Law Enforcement Program
University of Alaska Fairbanks
P.O. Box 758120
Fairbanks, AK 99775

Re: TVC Law Enforcement Academy- Occupational Endorsement

Dear Dusty:

Please forward this letter as appropriate, as I strongly support the efforts of the University of Alaska Fairbanks in seeking to obtain a formal “occupational endorsement” for the Tanana Valley Campus (TVC) Law Enforcement Program.

As you well know, the curriculum of instruction that has been developed for delivery to TVC Academy students either meets or exceeds those standards specified by the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC), as enumerated through 13 AAC 85.005-150, in meeting the requirements necessary for basic police officer certification. As one of only three (3) recognized law enforcement academies in the State of Alaska delivering such comprehensive instruction, the TVC Law Enforcement Program is certainly deserving of a formalized (and recognized) “occupational endorsement.”

The Fairbanks Police Department continues to train many of our prospective recruits through the TVC program, and counts on the program to produce fully-trained and functional police officers. As such, I am fully supportive of your efforts to obtain such an endorsement.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Daniel P. Hoffman, Chief
Fairbanks Police Department
January 14, 2009

Don "Dusty" Johnson  
Assistant Professor  
Law Enforcement Academy  
University of Alaska - Fairbanks  
1000 University Ave., Rm. 109  
P.O. Box 758120  
Fairbanks, AK 99775

RE: Tanana Valley Academy Occupational Endorsement

Dear Dusty:

I am writing in support of the referenced Occupational Endorsement currently being considered for implementation by the University of Alaska-Fairbanks management faculty.

Alaska Police Standards Council regulations specifically require graduation from an APSC-approved, 400+ law enforcement academy in order to be considered for hire as a full-time, paid, law enforcement official in Alaska. We fund academy training for officers who have already been hired by an Alaska police agency. During my 3 1/2-year tenure as Director, APSC has funded costs for 34 officers to attend the TVC academy. We currently have nine officers confirmed on our funding list for the upcoming academy in February 2009.

The Tanana Valley Law Enforcement Academy has in the past and will continue even more so in the future, to be a vital link in providing much-needed, qualified law enforcement personnel statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support of the Occupational Endorsement for the Tanana Valley Law Enforcement Academy program

Sincerely,

Terry Vrabec  
Executive Director

"Public Safety through Public Service"  
Alaska Police Standards Council  
P.O. Box 111200 - Juneau, AK 99811-1200 - Phone (907) 465-4378 - Fax (907) 465-3263
NEW OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT REQUEST  
(UA Regulation 10.04.02)

Request ID: 4

These programs require students to go through a formal admissions process; the timing and fees for such processes will be under the purview of the MAUs. As such, a high school diploma or its equivalency is required—and the student is eligible for federal financial aid. Students are recognized by Banner to be in a specific program (as opposed to non-degree seeking or undeclared) allowing tracking of enrollment, progress and graduation. Students participate in a unit-level graduation ceremony and receive a MAU standardized “Occupational Endorsement.”

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 
Prepared by: Mark Beck

Email: mark.beck@alaska.edu 
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Department: RC Institutional Support 
College/School: UAF Rural College|RC CRA College-Wide Support

Brief statement of the proposed endorsement, industry objectives and abbreviated student learning outcomes assessment and implementation plan:

Law Enforcement Occupational Endorsement-Format 3A attached. The Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan is included in the Format 3A and is not available as a separate attachment. 

**Additional Note for Reviewers: The curriculum listed in the Occupational Endorsement is verified as correct and matches that listed on page 376 of the AY08/09 Catalog, as well as the curriculum approved by Faculty Senate in 2003. The credit distribution for two of the courses is incorrectly stated on page 114 of the AY08/09 catalog. This is being corrected for future catalogs.

Detailed Explanation (Format 3A): OEOFm.pdf

Statement of Endorsement from Industry or Advisory Council Representative: OEOFmStatement.pdf

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan:

Regents Program Approval Summary Form: OEOFmSummary.doc

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