Warrantless Arrest
Search and Seizure
Module #3
Cleveland Division of Police

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Course Hours: 1 hour 40 minutes
Primary Audience: Cleveland Police officers

Module Goal: Through scenario based training, the student will make the decision if it is legally justified to seize an individual and conduct a pat down or search of persons or places within the scenario
REFERENCES

1. Cleveland Division of Police GPO Search and Seizure
2. Cleveland Division of Police GPO Investigatory stops
3. Cleveland Division of Police GPO Probable Cause / Warrantless Arrest
4. Cleveland Division of Police GPO Strip Searches & Body Cavity Searches
5. Cleveland Division of Police GPO Miranda Warning and Waiver
## COURSE MATERIALS

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### Handout #1:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES

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1. Understand how to apply the five search & seizure GPOs

2. Articulate reasonable suspicion for an Investigatory Stop

3. Identify factors that raise the encounter from reasonable suspicion to probable cause for arrest

4. Understand the difference in scope between pat down/frisk and search incident to arrest

5. Ensure officers have evaluated all factors and can clearly identify the level of governmental intrusion allowed
LESSON PLAN

I. Introduction
   a. Instructor introduction
   b. Course Goal

II. Learning Objectives
   a. Understand how to apply the five search & seizure GPOs
   b. Articulate reasonable suspicion for an Investigatory Stop
   c. Identify factors that raise the encounter from reasonable suspicion to probable cause for arrest
   d. Understand the difference in scope between pat down/frisk and search incident to arrest
   e. Ensure officers have evaluated all factors and can clearly identify the level of governmental intrusion allowed

III. Officer Safety Protocol
   a. All instructors will confirm that no live weapons are in the room
   b. Confirm all scenario training weapons are inert
   c. Mandate all students do a visual/manual check to confirm they have no weapons, Taser cartridges, magazines etc.
   d. Inform all students
      i. Touching of the role players will be limited to the requirements of the scenarios
      ii. If the instructor gives the command “STOP TRAINING” the scenario stops immediately
IV. The Scenario and Role Player Script

a. In this scenario, a two person car will be patrolling the zone assigned to them for the shift. While driving the officers get flagged by a frantic individual who state they were just robbed by a person with a gun. The victim reports the suspect stole a watch from them and walked eastbound to the next street. The victim provides you with a suspect description (the description will be the clothing that the role player is wearing that day). This incident occurred about 30 seconds prior to your arrival. After confirming EMS is not needed, you drive the zone car eastbound to the next street to find a person walking eastbound matching the exact description that the victim gave you. 60 seconds total has passed. You get out and approach:

V. Instructions for Role Player #1

a. RP #1 will act suspicious by looking nervous, not making eye contact and walking in different directions (evasive)

b. Interaction with Police- Cooperate with officers as the officers ask questions, Role Player #1 will answer them but will appear anxious. If asked about a robbery Role Player #1 will state they don’t know anything about anyone being robbed. Refuse to answer any other questions. Role Player #1 will have a BLUE GUN concealed in his sock under his pant leg. He or she will have a wrist watch in a side pocket.

VI. Officers desired response when contacting suspect

a. The officer’s full name and badge number

b. The fact that the officer is a Cleveland Police Officer

c. The reason for the stop

d. The fact the stop is being recorded, if applicable

e. Officers will address the suspect with professionalism as they investigate
f. Identify the level of detention
   
   i. Investigative stop, when the officer determines probable cause to arrest, a physical arrest will occur

   g. Identify what the officers can legally do within the confines of the stop
   
   i. When officers have reasonable suspicion for the investigatory stop
      1. Pat down of outer garments for weapons
      2. Seize firearm in connection with evidence
   
   ii. When officers have probable cause to arrest
      1. Search incident to arrest
      2. Question after Miranda has been issued
      3. Handcuff
      4. Place in rear of zone car
      5. Identify when it is appropriate to issue Miranda Warnings
         a. Subject is in custody
         b. Officer is to question or interrogate individual about ANY crime

   h. Once the decision to arrest has been officially made by the officers the scenario will conclude

VII. Debrief of Training

   a. Review of module goal
   
   b. Review of key points of learning objectives
   
   c. Solicit student feedback
### VIII. Scenario Specific Questions

**a. What was your legal basis for the contact?**

i. Investigative stop in connection with a report of an aggravated robbery

1. A victim stated he/she was just robbed by a person with gun
2. Suspect walked eastbound
3. You find individual matching the same description the victim gave you eastbound from the location you were just at
4. Time proximity (60 seconds total has passed)

ii. Physical arrest after probable cause was determined

**b. Did you state the stop was being recorded?**

i. Yes or no? Why not?

**c. At what point did you issue Miranda warnings? Why?**

i. The Miranda warning is required by Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436 (1966), and applies only to sworn police officers who will be questioning or interrogating a subject who is in custody

ii. Officers shall provide Miranda Warning when both of the following criteria are met

1. The subject is in custody
2. The officer is to question or interrogate the individual about any crime

**d. What was your reasonable suspicion for stopping the role player?**

i. Officers shall not rely solely upon an individual geographic location, or presence in a high crime
area without any other specific and articulable facts indicating that the individual has been, is, or is about to engage in criminal activity, as the basis for an investigatory stop

ii. Officers may take into account the race, ethnicity, age, gender or other demographic characteristics of an individual in establishing reasonable suspicion or probable cause only when the characteristics are part of an actual and credible description of a specific subject in an investigation that includes other identifying factors

e. What are you going to do now?

i. When taking a subject into custody, as early as practical under the circumstances, officers shall identify themselves, inform the subject that he/she is under arrest, and state the reason for the arrest

ii. Complete arrest procedure

iii. Complete report, pre-booker, etc.

f. Articulate how you would write this report keeping in mind the reason for the initial encounter

i. The student should provide the instructor the reasonable suspicion for the initial encounter and the probable cause for the arrest

g. If this was a juvenile how would you issue Miranda warnings?

i. Age appropriately, each warning should be read slowly and one at a time

ii. Juvenile will be asked to recite them back to and explain each in their own words to check understanding of the rights.

iii. Officers shall stop questioning when the juvenile has requested an attorney, parent or guardian. Officers may resume questioning when the

RS can be based on appearance, actions, prior knowledge of the person, area or stop, time of day, law enforcement training or experience, LE purpose, source of information

MIRANDA WARNING AND WAIVER (III,B,2)
attorney, parent, or guardian is present; however no parent or guardian may waive the juvenile’s right to counsel

h. Did you attempt to use coercion during the course of the encounter, examples are

i. Threatening to charge a person with crime such as obstruction or disorderly conduct

ii. Threatening a referral to department of children and family services

iii. Threatening to obtain a warrant as means of obtaining consent

iv. Threatening the use of a K-9

i. What if anything would you do differently?

i. Solicit student feedback

j. What is the difference between a pat down search and search incident to arrest

i. **Pat down/frisk** - a limited search during an investigatory stop in which an officer conducts a pat down of the outer clothing of a person for weapons when the officer reasonably suspects that the particular person is armed and dangerous. It is limited to what is necessary to detect weapons and must be based reasonable articulable suspicion that the person is armed. An officer may not manipulate objects that are discovered under the clothing to determine whether they are contraband
ii. Search incident to arrest - A search of an arrested person, their personal effects, or their area of immediate control at the time of search

iii. Custodial searches shall be conducted respectfully and, when possible, be conducted by officers of the same/gender identity as the arrestee

Discussion point for this scenario is how does the search of the suspect and the discovery of the blue gun relate to the strip search GPO. Instructor: This does not fall under the strip search GPO.

IX. Performance evaluations:

A. Did officers properly identify themselves as Cleveland Police? If “No” why not?

B. Did officers state the reason for the search/seizure?

C. Do officers state how the search will be conducted?

D. Did officers state the stop is being recorded?

E. Do officers limit the pat down to outer clothing where a weapon could be concealed?
F. Did officers advise the suspect of his Miranda warnings and receive a verbal affirmation?

G. Was the arrest limited to a reasonable time frame?

H. Did officers act with professionalism during stop?

**Handout #1**

Officers will state specific actions that cause the decision to stop or not

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**Acting with professionalism by providing very clear, calm, and precise commands will increase the likelihood of voluntary compliance from the suspect. Advising and keeping the subject informed of the reasons for the stop also increases the likelihood of voluntary compliance.**

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I. Do officers articulate their reasonable suspicion for the stop?

J. Do officers articulate their probable cause to arrest?

**Officers should be aware of the behavioral responses people, especially youths, may employ that can impact the tenor and evolution of an investigatory stop in unintended ways. Responses may include**

1. **Physical resistance including fleeing**
2. **Verbal challenges**
3. **Outright disregard for police directives**
4. **Resignation to perceived mistreatment**

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X. Handout scenario:

A. The officers not in the scenario will be given a handout describing a search and seizure scenario that they will work on while officers are engaged in the live action scenarios.
XI. Handout Discussion:

A. The instructor will open a discussion with the students on how they would have handled the scenario in Handout #1

B. The instructor will answer any questions on how to handle the handout scenario

C. The instructor will correct any issues officers may have had during the handout scenario

During handout discussion, address issues with questioning juveniles. Discuss the need to make sure the juvenile is provided Miranda right in an age appropriate way and then that they acknowledge understanding of the Miranda rights officer has provided.

Can also take time during discussion to review the above listed issues with dealing with juveniles.
CONCLUSION

A. Summarize material
B. Questions?
C. Answers
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   b. 

2. Do you need Miranda warnings to clarify his statement? Why or why not?

3. If you determine that you will issue Miranda warnings to the subject and a detective arrives on scene later, does the detective need to reissue Miranda warnings before questioning? Why or why not?

4. What are the proper considerations to be taken if you know that “John” is a juvenile?
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   a. The subject is in custody
   b. Officer is to question or interrogate the individual about any crime

2. Do you need Miranda warnings to clarify his statement? Why or why not?
   Yes. If the subject makes a spontaneous incriminating statement you must provide Miranda warning before clarifying the statement.

3. If you determine that you will issue Miranda warnings to the male and a detective arrives on scene later, does the detective need to reissue Miranda warning before questioning?
   Yes. If there is a significant delay (more than 30 min.) between the times Miranda warning is first given.

4. What are the proper considerations to be taken if you know that “John” is a juvenile?
   c. Officer shall explain the Miranda warnings in an age-appropriate manner.
   d. Ask juvenile to explain them back in their own words.
   e. Officer shall stop questioning juvenile upon the request of a parent, attorney, or guardian