

Chain of Command

Facilitator Guide

Session Overview

Discussion – Understanding Chain of Command	10m
GROUP EXERCISE – Class Leadership (5/15/15)	35m
ASSIGNMENT – Chain of Command	05m
End of Session / Break	10m

Total Session Time: 1 hour

Main Topics of Session:

- *Understanding the Chain of Command*
- *Class Pres, VP, & Squad Leader Responsibilities*
- *Learn Department and Academy Chain of Command*

Facilitators Needed: 1 (TAC)

Location: Classroom

Materials Needed:

- *Easels & Writing Materials*
- *ASSIGNMENT[p] - Chain of Command Assignment*

Students Should Already Have:

- *N/A*



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NOTE TO FACILITATOR

Lead a **10-minute** lecture/discussion about Chain of Command. Explain how paramilitary discipline works, and how orders are followed.

Draw upon the experience in the class (those with military experience). Even recruits that come to the academy with a life-time of experience, skills, and even military rank are new in the world of law enforcement.

Draw the ranks from bottom to top on the white board. Make sure to make the point that they are at the bottom of the Chain of Command starting out. In order to move up the ranks and progress in their careers, they must work hard, study, follow the rules, and always maintain their professionalism.

Point out the import role respect has in all of their interactions - with CJTC staff, department personnel & citizens. You never know who will be your supervisor someday.



GROUP EXERCISE - Class Leadership Responsibilities

Time: 30 min (5 prep / 15 work / 15 presentations)

Materials: • Easel Boards & Writing Materials

Instructions: Your squad will have **15 minutes** to decide on the responsibilities of the class Squad Leaders, Vice President, and Class President. Your group will write these on your easel board and be prepared to present your work to the class. Be able to cite examples of each responsibility/task and describe how that recruit in the leadership position would carry out each responsibility.

NTF: Walk around and make sure that the groups are preparing to give realistic academy examples of how they feel a Squad Leader / VP / Pres should act.



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HOMEWORK-ASSIGNMENT - ASSIGNMENT[p] - Chain of Command Assignment

Due: At "Oral Autobiographies" Session (MOD 01 / SES 15)

Instructions: Follow the instructions on the handout. You will list the Chain of Command for your agency, and for this academy class.



BREAK/END OF SESSION

