

100% Online Leadership Practicum

LEARN TO BE A MORE EFFECTIVE MODERN PUBLIC SAFETY LEADER



BECOME A MORE IMPACTFUL LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADER IN JUST 7 WEEKS

Prepare for the complex leadership challenges of today's public safety landscape with a proven 7-week intensive practicum designed for results. Originally developed as part of the nationally ranked MS in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership degree, this freestanding course on **Effective Leadership in Modern Public Safety** is now available for the first time to anyone working in law enforcement, whether in a sworn or professional role. No bachelor's degree is required for enrollment.

Upon completion, you will earn 3 units of graduate level credit and a well-rounded analysis of the dynamic concept of leadership.

DEVELOP IMMEDIATELY APPLICABLE LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN A FLEXIBLE, ONLINE FORMAT

The **Effective Leadership for Modern Public Safety** course provides relevant leadership theories, coupled with real-world case studies from law enforcement, the military, academia, and the private sector. Over the course of 7 weeks, you'll learn to:

- **Diversify** your leadership toolkit.
- **Enhance** your promotional readiness.
- **Drive** organizational change at every rank.
- **Collaborate** across diverse agencies.

Throughout the course, you'll engage in a deep analysis of organizational culture, self-reflection, and practical skill-building to ensure every lesson is immediately applicable to the work you do in your department.

COURSE DETAILS

- Length:** 7 weeks
Format: Online, Fixed-Date
Cost: \$2,187 Total
Start Date: May 5th, 2026

WHY ENROLL IN THIS COURSE?



Sharpen your leadership toolkit to better serve your agency and your community.



Sample the MS-LEPSL program for credit transfer.



Designed for flexibility around a working professional's schedule.



Learn from experienced practitioner faculty who have spent their careers working in law enforcement and the military.



Earn 3 units of graduate-level academic credit from University of San Diego.

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WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

This leadership practicum is designed for forward-thinking public safety professionals with at least one year of professional experience who are ready to move beyond execution and into strategic influence. It is ideal for:

- **Early-career sworn and professional staff** who are looking for front-line leadership training.
- **Mid-career sworn and professional staff** on a trajectory for advancement.
- **Command staff and other seasoned leaders** seeking a rigorous, high-quality "refresher" on modern leadership theories and ethical decision-making.

A short application is required for admission.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS:

Effective Leadership in Modern Public Safety is being offered as a standalone course in direct response to requests from chiefs from across the country who sought a practical, up-to-date leadership development opportunity for their staff. You'll explore:

- **National Best Practices:** Exchange proven leadership strategies and lessons learned with fellow public safety professionals from across the country.
- **Dual-Perspective Mastery:** Every module pairs front-line experience with command-staff strategy, giving you the collaborative tools to lead from any rank.
- **Crisis Leadership:** Leadership post-2020 and navigating the current political landscape.
- **Morale:** Proven methods for maintaining team morale in the face of organizational and regional challenges
- **The Front-Line Leap:** Critical best practices for new supervisors.
- **Organizational Change:** How to drive organizational improvement at every rank.
- **Ethics in Action:** Real-world case studies on the toughest decisions a leader will make.
- **Examine research** and best practices from a variety of fields to develop a thorough and balanced approach to leadership in public safety.

An interactive discussion board facilitates a high-level exchange, enabling you to stress-test leadership theories with a nationwide network of peers facing similar real-world challenges.

FEEDBACK FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

"I found the discussion boards to be extremely valuable to learn more about leadership experiences, both good and bad, that my colleagues have faced. The modules on ethics, organizational culture, and morale were particularly helpful to learn what has proven successful and has been a challenge for other organizations."

"I enjoyed the pace of the course as it allowed me to engage with the material while balancing my professional life. The coursework was well designed and incorporated a variety of learning methods that kept me interested throughout the class. Every aspect of the course felt relevant."

"The discussion boards allowed me to learn from the experiences of my peers and colleagues nationwide. Several writing assignments allowed me to take a deep dive into some of the issues at my own agency, which was educational and enlightening."

"The analysis of actual law enforcement incidents and ethical dilemmas provided direct value to my daily work. Examining both historical and current cases helped develop better decision-making skills for real-world situations I encounter in the field. The discussions with fellow law enforcement professionals about their experiences and approaches to ethical challenges offered practical strategies I can implement in my own department."

"The best part was the learning points gleaned from discussions with the cohort. Of course, the course material was excellent, but there is so much development from seeing what my peers have experienced and gone through."

