

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:** September 1st, 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

"This was my first ever online class, so I was worried about how it would keep my attention. Knowing the format ahead of time eased it but knowing what I now know, I would feel very comfortable taking more classes."

Daniel Mendoza, Colma Police Department

"My overall experience was better than I could have imagined. The course material was relevant and directly correlated to the issues we face in modern day policing."

Christina Maldonado, San Leandro Police Department

"Law enforcement is rapidly evolving, and hearing firsthand insights and experiences from front-line leaders was extremely valuable. I also found the articles accompanying each module to be exceptionally informative and in-depth. Several of them were so relevant and well-written that I have already shared them with members of my shift and command staff for further reading. Overall, this was a fantastic course that provided practical, current, and actionable information. I would highly recommend it to anyone in the law enforcement profession."

Christopher Hart, Paso Robles Police Department

"The course provided a thoughtful balance of leadership theory and practical application, making the material immediately relevant to the challenges faced by today's public safety professionals. One of the strongest aspects of the class was its focus on real-world leadership issues, including organizational change, ethics, morale, and decision-making in complex environments."

Heather Gonzalez, East Palo Alto Police Department

