	MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT
	228.00 DTO TRAINING OFFICER PROGRAM
	Effective Date: August, 2011
	Approved:_____ **Chief of Police**

I. The Detention Training Officer Program is divided into five phases covering approximately fourteen weeks. The current Detention Training Program Manual sets forth the operational policies of the Detention Training Program. Deviation from the Detention Training Program Manual must be approved by the Detention Training Sergeant.

Exclusion of a trainee detention officer from any phase of training will take place only with the approval of the Chief of Police. This will only be considered in the event that:

    1. The newly appointed detention officer was employed with a law enforcement agency immediately prior to his/her employment with the Mesquite Police Department; and,

    2. A public safety need exists which requires his/her expeditious release from the Detention Training Program.

No trainee detention officer may be excluded from the evaluation phase of the Detention Training Program.

II. The Detention Training Program Manual requires that the DTO's and the Trainees utilize their limited time together in the most productive manner possible.

    A. The DTO/Trainee shall not be assigned to the following duty: Expeditor at the Police Information Desk area.

    B. This order does not prevent a DTO from requesting to be assigned the above duty for training purposes.

    C. The Station Sergeant may grant the DTO/Trainee team first preference of assignments in order to maximize the training experience.

    D. The DTO's supervisor may allow the DTO/Trainee team to check out of service up to 45 minutes prior to the end of the regular shift, if needed, for a critique of the shift's activities. This time is to be used for a critique; it does not permit the officers to leave early if the time is not needed for its intended purpose. This order does not preclude a detention officer from being used in case of an emergency or a public safety need.

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