



Course Title: 7.20 MLEAP Roadblocks

Time: 1 hour

Course Description: This course provides the basic concepts, guidelines, and requirements when law enforcement personnel use roadblocks. If the Agency authorizes the use of roadblocks during pursuits, it has written directives and trains appropriate personnel in the use of roadblocks, including when and how roadblocks may be used. Stop sticks or road spikes are not considered roadblocks.

This course meets Level 2 MLEAP training requirements.

Learning Objectives:

- Define Roadblocks and PIT Maneuver.
- Describe the four purposes of roadblocks in Maine.
- Evaluate when to initiate a roadblock.
- Explain the factors when considering a roadblock.
- Demonstrate understanding of the guidelines of establishing a roadblock.
- Evaluate how to select a location when establishing a roadblock.
- Describe the legal considerations for roadblocks.

Course Outline Sections:

- Roadblocks
 - Definitions
 - Roadblock
 - PIT Maneuver (Pursuit Intervention Technique)
 - Purpose of Roadblocks
 - OUI Detection
 - Apprehending Fleeing Felons
 - Crime Investigations



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- Initiating Roadblocks
- Practical Considerations
 - Time sensitivity
 - Resource impact
 - Public safety
- Factors for Establishing a Roadblock
 - Officer safety
 - Clear communication
 - Suspect and vehicle details
 - Reason for apprehension
 - Suspect's movement
 - Blocking escape routes
 - Public safety
 - Adequate staffing
 - Contingency planning
- Guidelines
 - Visibility
 - Blocking the roadway
 - Partial roadblocks
 - Officer safety
 - Positioning
- Selecting a Roadblock Site
 - Safety and convenience
 - Ideal locations
 - Space for investigation
- Understanding Intentional Vehicle Contact
 - Decision Criteria for Using PIT
- QUIZ: Roadblocks