COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: PSM 402--Current Issues in Fire Science Services

I. PSM Mission Statement:
Public Safety Management is a broad based management educational program designed to augment and develop managerial skills necessary for a career in public safety or continued advancement within the field.

II. Course Description:
A review of current problems affecting public safety with particular emphasis on resource allocation, planning, and constraints.

III. Prerequisite:
Public Safety major or consent of department

IV. Text, Reference Material, and Supplies:
TBA

Suggested References:

Text requirements and reference materials selections will be continuously revised and updated to maintain the "current issues" theme of the course. Present text and reference materials include, but are not limited to:


V. Course Content:

**Outcome #1:** 50%

**Cognitive Objective:** This course is designed as a review of contemporary and emerging issues and trends affecting public safety.

**Outcome #2:** 50%

**Cognitive Objective:** Particular attention will be given to the state and local political arenas, preplanning for new and changing areas of responsibility, and personnel concerns peculiar to and created by changing trends in the public safety

**TOPICAL OUTLINE:**

I. State Political Arena
   
   A. Structures and dynamics of state executive agencies  
   B. Public relations and political alliance building strategies and techniques

II. Local Political Arena
   
   A. Structures and dynamics of local government entities  
   B. Public relations and mobilizing public support

III. Disaster Planning
   
   A. Vulnerability studies  
   B. Disaster check lists and personnel resource lists  
   C. Preplanning procedures  
   D. Special equipment and resource needs  
   E. Organizational plans  
   F. Medical triage  
   G. Civil defense liaison and other special purpose  
   H. Communication plans  
   I. Public information plans
IV. Psychological Concerns with Public Safety Personnel

A. Stress
   1. sources
   2. effects
   3. diagnosis
   4. managerial strategies for reducing stress

B. Morale and boredom
   1. managerial strategies to combat boredom
   2. managerial strategies to improve and maintain morale

V. Physiological Concerns with Public Safety Personnel

A. Physical fitness
   1. effects on injury rates
   2. effects on morale

B. Alcoholism and drug abuse
   1. contributing factors
   2. policy development
   3. programs
   4. managerial strategies