

Event 3- Pedestrian Stop
Session 8- Contact and Cover
LD21- Patrol Techniques

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Course Goal: To teach recruit officers how to safely conduct a pedestrian stop on one or more pedestrian suspects or subjects.

Session Goal: To teach recruits the roles and responsibilities of the contact and cover officers and the tactical considerations when conducting a pedestrian stop.

Learning Objectives:

- Distinguish between the roles and responsibilities of contact and cover officers. **[21.I.D]**
- Demonstrate safe and effective tactics for approaching and detaining a pedestrian subject. **[21.II.E]**
- Be able to safely conduct pedestrian stops on one or more pedestrian suspects or subjects while acting as either a contact or cover officer.

Session Time: 1 hour

Resources:

- Department Video 'Contact and Cover'
- Orange handgun for each recruit
- One police vehicle
- One inert handgun
- Blank gun
- Blank rounds
- Eye protection and hearing protection for ambusher

Session Summary: The instructor will start with a facilitated discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the contact and cover officer. Instructors will demonstrate a safe and tactical approach on a pedestrian. Afterwards, the students will demonstrate a safe pedestrian stop. The students will explain the roles and responsibilities of the contact and cover officer.

Outline	Instructor Notes
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<p>I. Distinguish between the roles and responsibilities of contact and cover officers [21.I.D]</p> <p>A. Contact officer [1]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Usually initiates action2. Responsible for conducting the “business of the contact”<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Records necessary suspect or incident informationb. Performs searchesc. Recovers evidenced. Writes traffic or misdemeanor citationse. Handles radio communications <p>B. Cover officer [2]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Responsible for surveillance and control of all suspects<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Neutralizes the possibility of assault, escape or destruction of evidenceb. Frees contact officer to perform a thorough investigation2. Discourages hostile acts, assaults or escape by devoting complete attention to security3. May be required to intervene with appropriate force to protect the contact officer if a suspect reacts violently4. Responsible for surveillance of the surrounding area5. While the contact officer does not rely solely on the cover officer for	<p><i>Will need Law and Radio Communications for Pedestrian training</i></p> <p>[1] Ask- What are the responsibilities of the contact officer?</p> <p>[2] Ask- What are the responsibilities of the cover officer?</p>
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<p>suspects may require the need for multiple contact or cover officers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. If the officers initiating the contact believe they need assistance with the business of the contact, he or she should inform any responding officer(s). <p>2. Particularly true when two or more suspects must be separated and other witnesses individually questioned, or when a potentially hostile crowd may interfere. [5]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Either the primary contact officer or a supervisor should assign contact and cover duties as appropriateb. Assignments should be absolutely clear and as specific as the situation permits <p>3. Additional personnel should automatically assume the role of cover officer unless otherwise instructed</p> <p>E. Single officer patrol units (L Cars)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In most L car instances, the initiating officer is determined to be the contact officer and should always consider requesting an additional unit to act as cover officera. Units responding to such a request should automatically assume the role of cover officerb. Contact officer should relay pertinent information to the responding units <p>F. Communication</p>	<p>[5] Ask- When would the contact officer request additional units?</p>
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<p>1. Upon arrival, the contact officer should advise the additional units of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The reason for the contact and suspected criminal activityb. Observations made or evidence obtainedc. The contact officer's immediate plansd. Any previous knowledge of the suspect(s) and/or an appraisal of their potential for violencee. Whether or not a search for weapons has been conductedf. Any other suspicious persons or activity in the area <p>2. The arriving officer(s) should receive this information and brief the primary officer on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Previous knowledge of the suspect(s)b. Observations made while approaching the scenec. Any significant radio traffic the primary unit may have missed since requesting the additional unitd. Acknowledge their role as cover officers <p>G. Demonstrate safe and effective tactics for approaching and detaining a pedestrian subject [21.II.E]</p> <p>1. The ideal position for a cover officer provides: [6]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Clear and unobstructed view of suspect(s)b. Best peripheral view of the surrounding areas	<p>[6] Ask- What is the ideal position for the cover officer?</p>
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<p>c. Safest possible background behind both the suspect(s) and contact officer in the event of gunfire</p> <p>d. A position controlling the likeliest route of escape</p> <p>2. The cover officer assures control of the suspect(s), and when necessary directs their movements</p> <p>a. The contact officer should avoid moving between the cover officer and the suspect(s) or into a position of vulnerability</p> <p>b. The contact officer should not place the suspect(s) directly between himself and the cover officer</p> <p>c. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the cover officer to warn the contact officer if his or her actions might place them in jeopardy</p> <p>d. Maintain a triangular or “L” shaped configuration on the suspect(s) [7]</p> <p>H. The most hazardous moment of the majority of contacts occurs during the contact officer’s search for weapons or handcuffing</p> <p>1. Definition of roles is most important at this point</p> <p>a. Contact officer conducts the search or cuffing while the cover officer acts as security [8]</p> <p>b. If resistance to searching or cuffing occurs, the cover officer should maintain his position as cover officer unless the resistance evolves into a struggle.</p>	<p>[7] Ask- What type of approach should we make on the suspect and why?</p> <p>[8] Ask- Who conducts the search of the suspect, contact or cover officer?</p> <p>[9] Ask- If there is a one-on-one struggle who should radio for back-up?</p>
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<p>Then the cover officer should react accordingly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">c. Enables both officers to be in a position to deal with any threat, particularly if suspect(s) acquire weapons <p>2. One-on-one struggle [9]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Cover officer should radio for a back-up unit and immediately assist the contact officer <p>3. Multiple suspect struggle [10]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Cover officer retains the responsibility for preventing the other suspects from joining the altercationb. Cover officer should again request a back-up unit or unitsc. Cover officer should place all other suspects in a position of disadvantage, (I.e. kneeling position or prone position) then assist the contact officer in subduing the original suspect <p>4. If the contact officer is unable to control a suspect's physical resistance, the officer may elect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Break contactb. Create distance between the officers and the suspectc. Consider the appropriate use of force option <p>I. Release of additional units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Additional units may be released to go back into service upon the determination of the contact officer after:	<p>[10] Ask- What does the cover officer do if there is a multiple suspect struggle?</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The suspect(s) have been thoroughly searched and the contact completedb. The suspect(s) have been handcuffed and secured in the back of the police vehicle(s) <p>2. Circumstances such as hostile bystanders, or the continued presence of the suspect(s) companions, may dictate that the cover officers remain at scene until the contact officer is completely through with the contact</p> <p>J. Tactical considerations prior to initiating pedestrian stops [21.II.E]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. The person's appearance<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Does the person fit the description of a person wanted for a known offense?b. Does the person appear to be suffering from a recent injury or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicants?2. The person's actions<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Is the person running away from an actual or possible crime?b. Is the person behaving in a manner indicating possible criminal or aggressive behavior (posturing or "staring down")?3. Prior knowledge of the person<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Does the person have an arrest and/or conviction record?b. Has the officer had prior contact with the person for any type of offense, serious or otherwise?	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">c. Is the prior offense similar to the current offense that has just occurred, or which is suspected to be about to occur? 4. The area where the stop is to be conducted<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Is the person near the area of a known offense shortly after it occurred?b. Is the area known for criminal activity (a high crime area)?c. If so is it the kind of activity the person is thought to have committed, be committing, or about to commit? 5. Time of the day<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Is it a very late at night?b. Is it unusual for people to be in the area at this particular time?c. Is it the time of day during which particular types of criminal activity like the kind suspected, usually occurs? 6. Additional/Back-up unit<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Is there a need for an additional/back-up unit?b. Should the stop be delayed until the additional/back-up officer(s) arrive?	
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