



Basic Dispatch Academy LD – 101 The Criminal Justice System

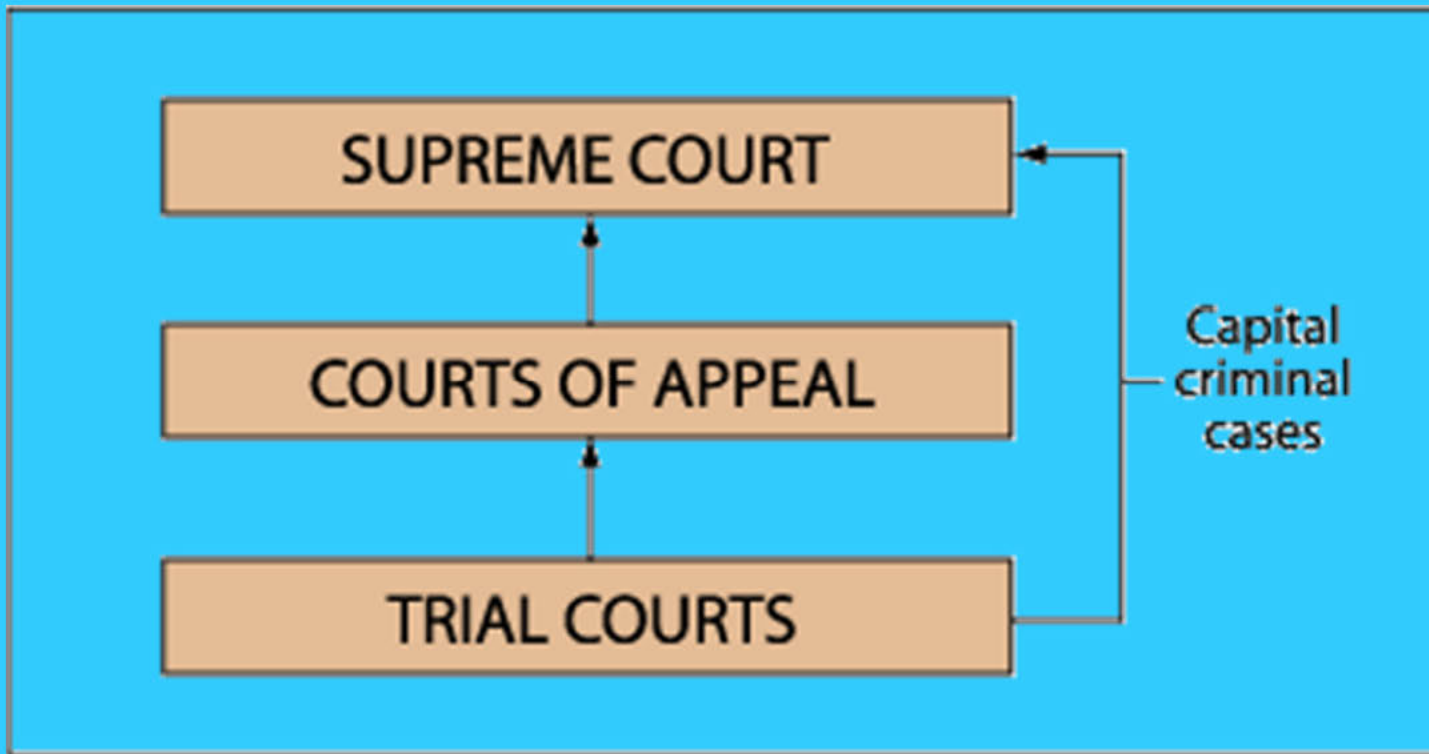
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Criminal Justice Systems

Course Objectives

- 1 – The Court System
- 2 – Law Enforcement Agencies
- 3 – Corrections
- 4 – Dispatchers Role in the CRJ System
- 5 – The Dispatcher's Impact
- 6 – Learning Activity.

THE CALIFORNIA COURTS



Trial Courts

- Usually called Superior Courts:
- Superior Courts have many Sub-divisions
 - Criminal
 - Civil
 - Juvenile
 - Family
 - Traffic
- Maintained at the county level
- Receive evidence and consider cases at hearings and trials
- Handle criminal and civil matters.

State Appellate Courts

- Maintained in six Appellate Districts
- Have jurisdiction over all cases appealed from the Superior Courts
 - except death penalty cases
- Designed to relieve the Supreme Court of the heavy case load of appellate litigation.

California Supreme Court

- One Chief Justice and six Associate Justices
- Has statewide appellate authority
- Discretionary jurisdiction to hear cases pending or decided by the Courts of Appeal.
- Must hear direct appeals from Superior Courts in death penalty cases (automatic appeals).

Federal Court System

- Federal Trial Courts

In various districts (we are in the 9th)

- Federal Appeal Courts
- U.S. Supreme Court.

Local Law Enforcement

- Municipal Police
 - All L/E functions in the city limit
 - Typically does not handle civil matters
- County Sheriff Department
 - L/E functions in unincorporated areas
 - No traffic investigations (CHP)
 - Serves civil notices and orders
 - Protects jails and courts
 - Act like Municipal police in contract cities
- District Attorney
 - Prosecutes most cases in the county.

State Law Enforcement

Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Attorney General
 - Principal law enforcement officer of the state
 - Represents state in civil and criminal actions
 - Chief administrative officer of DOJ
 - Legal advisor to state agencies
- Bureau of Criminal Identifications (B of I, CII)
 - State repository for fingerprints
 - Assigns ID number to every person arrested in the state
 - Provides lab and criminalist aid to small departments
 - Provides investigative assistance when requested
 - Investigates narcotic violations
 - Maintains an automated criminal history database .

State Law Enforcement

CHP

- Primary purpose is to provide safety to motorists on the highways of California
- Jurisdiction is principally on the highways (Criminal & Traffic)
- Maintain traffic safety education programs
- Aid local agencies in training traffic personnel
- Aids local agencies in relation to criminal activity by apprehending suspects, providing field support, establishing road blocks, etc.
- Also involved in:
 - Accident investigation
 - Commercial Enforcement
 - Commercial scales
 - School bus accidents and inspections
 - Licensing of smog, light and brake stations.

Federal Law Enforcement

FBI

- Primary investigative agency of the federal government (not a policing agency)
- Has a local San Jose office
- Investigates federal law violations:
 - Espionage laws
 - Sabotage and internal security laws
 - Subversive activities
 - Interstate flight to avoid prosecution.

Federal Law Enforcement

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

- Investigates dangerous drugs, narcotics, and marijuana law
- Works with local L/E agencies:
 - Maintains a local office in San Jose
 - Operates a multi-agency task force.

Federal Law Enforcement

Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
(ATF)

- Federal alcohol & tax laws
- Federal firearms laws
- Federal gun control laws
- Import laws.

Federal Law Enforcement

U.S. Marshall's Office

- Transport and guard federal prisoners
 - Serve federal warrants of arrest
 - Serve federal civil processes
 - Provide protection in civil rights matters
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- Local office in San Jose to serve the Federal Court House Downtown.

Federal Law Enforcement

Immigration & Naturalization

- Border Patrol
- Registration of Immigrants
- Deportations
 - Some violent felons
 - ICE Raids occur locally.

County Jails

- Typical Functions
 - Booking
 - Pre-trial detentions
 - Detention of misdemeanor convicts
- Our Local Facilities
 - Main Jail
 - Intake
 - High risk prisoners
 - Medical / Psychiatric
 - Elmwood
 - Medium security.

State & Federal Prisons

- Felony convicts typically go to state or federal prisons
- The state prison system is run by the California Department of Corrections
 - California Adult Authority
 - California Youth Authority
 - Victim Witness Protection Program

NOTE: California DOC is not the same as Santa Clara County DOC .

Probation vs. Parole

- Probation
 - County operated
 - Misdemeanants
- Parole
 - State operated
 - Ex-Felons
 - Parole (and conditions) is granted by DOC or the Community release board

The primary role of supervised release programs is to protect the community from future criminal acts of people who have been convicted of a crime.

Dispatcher's Role in the CRJ System

- You are often the first point of contact with the public
- Your questions may provide P/C or R/S for officers taking action in the field
- Your documentation of callers allegations will precipitate officers initial actions
 - You must be accurate.

The Dispatcher's Impact

- Traits of Timely & Effective Dispatching:
 - Effective questioning
 - Communicating relevant information
 - Utilizing research tools
 - Always developing your skills & experience
- Errors, Omissions, & Negligence
 - Inappropriate or untimely communications including:
computer, phone, or radio.

Dispatcher's Role in the CRJ System

Courtroom Prep & Testimony

- Court Notice/Subpoena
- Civil vs. Criminal
- Agency Policy
 - Clothing
 - Notifications
- Prepare Before Court
- Testifying Do's & Don'ts.

Courtroom Behavior

Preparation

- Review notes
- Review with D/A
- Review with Officer
- Familiarize yourself with the courtroom
- Understand courtroom procedures

Do's & Don'ts

- Don't chew gum
- Don't read the paper
- Do address the judge as "Your Honor"
- Do answer truthfully
- Don't use police jargon
- Don't Slouch
- Do give Yes or No answers when possible
- Don't give opinions unless asked to
- Do be aware of your body language.

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